



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Scheduled City Commission Workshop on September 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was broadcast via video conference call. All members of the public may participate in the meeting and via video conference call.

A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Becky Haas, Mayor
Terry Gaul, Commissioner P1
Barry Beard, Commissioner P2
Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager "ACM"
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary

Agenda item A1. Call to Order, Quorum Determined and Meeting Declared Open.

- Mayor Haas declared the meeting open at 4:31 p.m.

Agenda item A2. Public comments (Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per item. No Deliberations with the Commission. Time may not be given to another speaker.)

- None

Agenda item A3. Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget, per section 7.05 of the City Charter and section 102.006 of the Local Government Code.

- None

Agenda item A4. Review and discuss Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget changes and Set date for the adoption of Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget as September 18, 2023 in accordance with section 102.007 of the Local Government Code.

- Finance Director Preza provided a presentation that was based on feedback from the City Commission members during the August 22nd meeting. He elaborated on the budget adoption process. CM Vela mentioned that having the option of an FTE provides flexibility. Commissioner Gaul inquired about the City Commission's role in filling the DCR position, to which CM Vela replied that they wouldn't be involved. Commissioner Gaul expressed the need to understand the DCR position's scope compared to the Economic Director position before supporting it. Some City Commission members suggested that budget approval could be contingent on the DCR position. Commissioner Beard voiced concerns about the City Commission voting on a DCR position.
- Commissioner BeMent made a motion to set a date for the adoption of Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget as September 18, 2023 in accordance with section 102.007 of the Local Government Code. Commissioner Drozd seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda item A5. Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, 551.074, Personnel Matters and 551. Attorney Consultation.

- Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 4: 48 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

C1. Reconvene into Open Meeting, and take action on items, if necessary.

- Commissioner BeMent moved to approve the City Attorney's contract as amended. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- Commissioner BeMent moved to approve the City Manager's contract as amended and include provisions for a sick leave allowance. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C2. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED:



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary