



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special City Commission Session on October 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Becky Haas proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:32 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 called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Agenda Item A2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

Agenda Item A3. 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 A4. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2023-28, authorizing the issuance of City of Richmond, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A.

- FD Isaias Preza stated the bond revenue will fund Mandola and Veranda In-City development reimbursements, PD renovations including administration roof replacement, and funding for phase II of Morton Street parking. Joe Morrow with Hilltop Securities addressed the City Commission stating they sold the city's Certificate of Obligations this morning in a competitive sale. He went on to cover details of the pricing book and stated S&P confirmed the city's outstanding rating of AA-. He then received questions for clarification from members of the City Commission.
- Commissioner BeMent moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-28 an Ordinance of The City of Richmond, Texas, Authorizing the Issuance of City Of Richmond, Texas Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates Of Obligation, Series 2023A. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Nays: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

- Please note there are a few placeholders for bond insurance provisions to be inserted when available from Build America Mutual.

Agenda Item A5. Review and discuss revising rules of Commission.

- City Attorney Smith provided information on suggested revisions to the Rules of received during a training session with chairs and vice-chairs of boards and commissions, specifically Sec. C.4, D.3., D.6, and F.2. There was discussion with the City Commission that covered recommended revisions to the Rules of Commission. Members of the City Commission asked questions and provided feedback such as simplifying language, so rules are not repeated, amendment of motions and adding language as it relates to the amendment of motions to cover the second, including language regarding adjournment relating to processes, and including staff in the protection of decorum. Further discussion covered Sec. I.1, Citizen Participation at Meetings and reading or not reading written submittals during the Public Comments section, however including a summary such as for/against is favorable.

Agenda Item A6. Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 Consultation with an Attorney; 551.074 and 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.

- Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 5:19 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

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

- A. Del Webb Reuse Agreement/sidewalk.
- B. Project Italy.
- C. Project Firehouse.

- Reconvened into Open Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

- Commissioner BeMent moved to authorize staff to draft a response to DelWebb on the reuse water issue. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

- Commissioner Drozd moved to authorize staff to draft a response to DelWebb on the sidewalk issue. Commissioner BeMent seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

- Commissioner Drozd moved to authorize staff to execute the parking and bay lease agreement otherwise known as Project Italy. Commissioner BeMent seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

- Commissioner Drozd moved to authorize staff to execute a Letter of Intent on Project Firehouse. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

C2. Adjournment.

- With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

Becky Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary