



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND  
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on January 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.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

- A1. Call to Order, Quorum Determined and Meeting Declared Open.
- Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- Mayor Haas proceeded to skip to agenda item A8.
- A8. Update on the Police Department receiving the Re-accreditation Award from the Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.
- Agenda item discussion overview. David Gott, the Chief of Police for Hedwig Village, representing the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA), will attend tonight's meeting to present the award.
- A9. CONSENT AGENDA
- Commissioner BeMent selected item A9 (5)- Tax Assessor for discussion.
  - Commissioner Beard selected items (4) Muni and (6) PW for discussion.
  - Commissioner Gaul selected items A9 (5)- Tax Assessor and (12)- Indigo for discussion.
  - Commissioner BeMent- (5)- General questions on dates of collection. There was a delay in property tax statements sent out. FD Preza stated he would provide information at a later date on how state law interacts with the timeline.
  - Commissioner Beard- (4) Muni-Commended the department on a reduction in outstanding warrants. He went on to point out the difference between the municipal judge and magistrate rate- magistrate rate is a daily rate. (6) PW- Discussion on the Richmond Pkwy extension related to detouring and traffic. Additional discussion on GLO projects and the Comprehensive Master Plan Survey. ACM mentioned they have a scheduled meeting with the county today, during which they will discuss the Richmond Parkway project and the traffic signal at 762 and Golfview, managed by TxDot. Additionally, there was further conversation about treating the Downtown sidewalk project as an independent agenda item due to its variety of options and associated costs.

- **Commissioner Gaul- (12)- Indigo-** Discussion on process and noted that this should be a separate agenda item.
- A10. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2024-01, calling a general election for the purpose of electing a Commissioner to Position 1 and electing a Commissioner to Position 3.
- Discussion on polling sites.
- A11. Review and consider taking action on Quarterly Monthly Financial Report and Quarterly Investment Report.
- Commissioner Gaul noted a discrepancy on the calculations of page 4 of the Quarterly Financial Report. FD Preza indicated he would have that corrected before the evening meeting.
- A12. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2024-02, adopting text amendments to the Unified Development Code to include certain changes to sign requirements and standards. The specific sections to be amended include:
1. Division 4.7.202, *Message Centers*
  2. Division 4.7.300, *Permanent Signs*.
  3. Table 4.7.302, *Nonresidential, Public/Institutional, and Mixed-use Use Sign and Use Types*.
  4. Chapter 6, *Administration*.
  5. Chapter 7, *Measurements and Words*.
- Planning Director Garcia stated that he would provide information on the motivation behind the changes in the evening meeting.
- A13. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 470-2024, approving a Chapter 43 Development Agreement with Williams Way Partnership, LTD.
- The City Commission and staff engaged in a conversation regarding the decision to opt for an 8-year agreement instead of a 20-year one.
- A14. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2024-03, to annex a parcel of land located at 22011 Southwest Freeway containing 2.422 acres land in the J Kuykendall, Abstract No. 49, Fort Bend County, Texas into the City Limits of Richmond, and A portion of US 59/ I-69 from present City limits at FM 762 to the western City Limits of the City of Sugar Land.
- General discussion. CM Vela indicated that this allows for our boundaries to be contiguous.
- A15. Review and discuss a possible text amendment to prohibit Drive-in/Drive-through facilities in OT, Olde Town and DN, Downtown.
- Only discussion. No recommendations from staff.
- A16. Update on traffic signal box art wrap project.
- The City Commission unanimously expressed enthusiasm for the traffic signal box art wrap project.
- A17. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 467-2024, appointing board members to the Development Corporation of Richmond.
- General discussion for clarification on what position is vacant.

- A18. Review and consider creating an ad hoc committee to discuss George Park as a City Amenity.
- The conversation revolved around defining the objectives of the ad hoc committee, determining its staffing,
- C2. Adjournment.
- With no further business to discuss, Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

APPROVED:



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary