



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on January 29, 2024, 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- via zoom

- A1. Call to Order, Quorum Determined and Meeting Declared Open.
 - Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- A2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the Texas Flag.
- A3. Public comments.
 - None
- A4. Presentation on Traffic Signal Box Art Wraps.
 - Carmen Flores from Catapult Gallery Academy showcased the art designs for the Traffic Signal Boxes. 14 traffic boxes will be decorated with unique wraps. After her presentation, the City Commission members unanimously expressed their support for the project, commending the initiative as an excellent idea and recognizing the effort put into it.
- A5. Review and discuss Overlay Districts, such as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and Public Improvement Districts.
 - FD Preza delivered a presentation about Overlay Districts, including Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) and Public Improvement Districts (PID), detailing their functions, and discussing their pros and cons. The City Commission and staff engaged in a conversation about the types of improvements allowed, sought clarification on the benefits, expressed concerns over the limited advantages for the city, and discussed criteria for choosing between a TIRZ or PID over annexation or Municipal Utility District (MUD) infrastructure. CM Vela emphasized the need for dialogue and stated more information will be provided at the following meeting.
- A6. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 468-2024, request to consent of creation of Fort Bend County Water Control and Improvement District No. 11.
 - The owners of an approximately 1,616.989-acre tract situated north of US 90A and west of State Hwy 99 have submitted a request to the City, seeking approval to establish Water Control and Improvement District No. 11. Included in the submission is Resolution No. 468-2024, which outlines the request for consent to form the Fort Bend County Water Control and Improvement District No. 11, subject to certain conditions. However, the owners have expressed a preference for the creation of the district without any conditions. After extensive discussion, Commissioner Beard moved to approve Resolution No. 468-2024, request to consent of creation of Fort Bend County Water Control and Improvement District No. 11 without Exhibit B. Commissioner BeMent seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- A7. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 469-2024, request to consent to create Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 263.
- The owners of the approximately 1,616.989-acre tract located north of US 90A and west of State Hwy 99 have petitioned the City for consent to establish Municipal Utility District (MUD) 263, as discussed by City Attorney Smith in the context of Resolution No. 469-2024. This resolution, which seeks consent to create Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 263, does so without conditions. During the meeting, there was extensive discussion about the long-term interests of the city, including the drafting of a Letter of Intent (LOI) that would outline a path forward with a Development Agreement and SPA component without committing the city to consent. Following thorough discussion, Commissioner BeMent proposed to postpone the agenda item to the February 19, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- A8. Review and discuss adding training for boards and commissions within the Rules of Commission.
- During the Commission meeting on January 22, 2024, there was discussion about introducing a training requirement for boards and commissions into the Rules of Commission. City Commission members showed support for this proposal, highlighting the advantages of extra training. CM Vela mentioned her desire for boards and commissions to submit an annual report detailing their specific objectives, ensuring alignment and clear communication across the board.
- A9. Review and discuss presentation of downtown sidewalks from Kimley Horn.
- Katie Johnson, representing Kimley-Horn, presented to the City Commission about the downtown sidewalk project, outlining three potential improvement options aimed at enhancing the area's aesthetics and walkability, along with ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She detailed the specifics and associated costs of each option.
- A10. Review and consider approving Resolution No.471-2024, approving Interlocal Agreement for overlaying and resurfacing streets and roadways.
- This Agreement aims to enhance the condition of specific streets and roadways under Local Government jurisdiction through overlay and resurfacing techniques. The project will focus on various locations within the city limits of Richmond, including Chateau Place, Avenue C, Newell, Jefferson, Lettie Street, South 3rd, South 4th, Main Street, Long Drive Ct., Long Drive, Collins Road, Dowling Drive, and South 5th. Following discussion, Commissioner Gaul moved to approve Resolution No.471-2024, approving Interlocal Agreement for overlaying and resurfacing streets and roadways. Commissioner Drozd seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- C2. Adjournment.
- With no further business to discuss Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

APPROVED:



Becky K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary