



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND
CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in a Special Scheduled City Commission Meeting on June 24, 2024, 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. 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-not in attendance
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4-not in attendance
Terri Vela, City Manager
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager
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 4:32 p.m.

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

A3. Review and consider the second of two readings of Resolution No. 484-2024, approving the City Hall project and authorizing the expenditure of funds by the DCR for the for the City Hall Project.

- This is the second of two required readings for the DCR interfund loan. No action taken.

A4. Review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 484-2024, approving the City Hall project and authorizing the expenditure of funds by the DCR for the for the City Hall Project.

- Staff indicated that there have been no updates or changes since the June 17, 2024, meeting. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 484-2024 and stated they have discussed this with the city's Bond Council and financial advisors, and had outside council review it, confirming that this is a proper and appropriate action for the City Commission to take. City Attorney Smith provided clarification on the process due to some concerns. Commissioner Gaul moved to approve Resolution No. 484-2024, approving the City Hall project and authorizing the expenditure of funds by the DCR

for the City Hall Project subject to the DCR Board's further review of the document. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

A5. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2024-08, budget amendment for FY 2024.

- Staff discussed the various funding sources, including the General Fund, Utility Fund, DCR Interfund Loan, and Surface Water Interfund Loan. They evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of each option and reviewed the loan structure in detail. Commissioner Beard moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-08, budget amendment for FY 2024 subject to the inclusion of the Utility Fund. Commissioner Gaul seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

A6. Review and discuss proposed rate model changes within the Utility Master Plan.

- Matt Garrett from NewGen Strategies and Solutions presented on the proposed rate model changes within the Utility Master Plan. His presentation covered the study objectives and key assumptions, projected revenue requirements, financial outcomes, impact on bills, regional bill comparisons, and next steps. He addressed questions from the City Commission regarding rates and concerns about implementing changes. A recommendation was made for staff to renegotiate MUD contracts to standardize the agreements.

A7. Review and discuss the Draft of the Richmond Old Town Plan and Implementation Summary.

- During the discussion on the draft of the Richmond Old Town Plan and Implementation Summary, Gary Mitchell from Kendig Keast Collaborative provided an overview and engaged in a conversation about the priority action initiatives within the plan. The discussion included strategies for capitalizing on the riverfront, implementation methods, managing the downtown project, and the associated costs and investments.

A8. Adjournment.

- With no further business to discuss Mayor Haas adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED:



Becky Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary