



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 August 5, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Becky Haas proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:31 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-  
Alex BeMent, Commissioner P4-not in attendance  
Terri Vela, City Manager  
Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Smith, City Attorney

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

- Mayor Haas called the meeting to order at 4:31 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 Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget – Major Revenue and Expenditures.**

- Finance Director Preza presented the Proposed FY 2024-25 Budget covering Major Revenue and Expenditures.

**A4. Review and accept 2024 Certified Appraisal Roll.**

- Staff submitted the 2024 Tax Year Appraisal Roll and New Property Value. After discussion, Commissioner Drozd move to accept the 2024 Certified Appraisal Roll. Commissioner Beard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

**A5. Review and discuss request from the Fort Bend History Association on ownership of McFarland House and the Police Department.**

- A discussion took place about the Fort Bend History Association's proposal to exchange ownership of the McFarlane House and the old Fort Bend County Jail with the city. The Association shared a Strategic Plan outlining their vision for the properties. City staff asked for feedback to draft an agreement based on the input received. During the discussion, it was suggested to include "strawman" language, using hypothetical scenarios to assess

potential outcomes. The conversation also touched on the city's existing financial obligations, including bonds from 1999 used for police station additions. Another suggestion was to allow the McFarlane House to be sold but not relocated. Staff also mentioned they would later provide details on the maintenance costs of the old jail. The discussion further clarified the difference between public and historical use of the properties.

**A6. Update on Hurricane Beryl Debris Removal.**

- Currently, the City of Richmond is about 80%–85% complete with debris removal. As of July 31, 2024, 23,333.10 cubic yards of debris have been collected within the city. Mr. Scott Wiegat with Fort Bend County Road and Bridge gave a brief update and presentation on the current status of debris left in the City stating the first pass in the City of Richmond is done. He reported that the debris removal company AshBritt will be in the County for 90 days and will make multiple passes to ensure all storm debris is removed.

**A7. Adjournment.**

**APPROVED:**

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Becky Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary