COUNTY OF FORT BEND *

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in regular session on September 19, 2011 at 4:30 P. M., with the following members present:

Hilmar G. Moore, Mayor Bill Dostal, Commissioner Gary Gillen, Commissioner

Mayor Moore opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and stated that the agenda would be followed as posted. The Commission recognized Dave Scott and Scott McGuire as outstanding citizens for their assistance with a fire on Clay Road. City Manager Vela introduced the "heroes" and Fire Chief Youngblood spoke about how their assistance kept the fire from spreading to any homes. He then presented them with awards on behalf of the City Commission and the Richmond Fire Department.

The Commission presented employee service awards to Phillip Graham for ten years of service with the City and Chad Petty for five years of service with the City.

Mayor Moore asked for any public comments. There were none.

The Commission reviewed the minutes for the August 15, 2011 meeting. Upon motion from Dostal, seconded by Gillen, the vote was unanimous for approval of the minutes. The monthly Fire Department report, the Police Department report, the Municipal Court report, the tax report and the financial report were reviewed by the Commission. Motions for approval were made, seconded, and all reports were unanimously approved by the Commission.

The next meeting date was set by the Commission for 4:30 p. m., October 17, 2011.

The Commission reviewed a request to waive the street closing fee from Historic Richmond Association for "Miracle on Morton Street". Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Gillen seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve waiving the street closing fee.

The Commission reviewed a request to waive the street closing fee from Shady Oak Christian School for their annual block party. Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Gillen seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve waiving the street closing fee.

Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance to adopt FY 2011-2012 City Budget. Upon motion from Commissioner Gillen, seconded by Commissioner Dostal, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2011-13 with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER1, 2011, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; PROVIDING FOR THE INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance to adopt the 2011 tax rate. The debt service rate of \$0.2398 was unanimously approved and adopted on motion from Dostal and second by Gillen. The maintenance and operation rate of \$0.5467 was unanimously approved and adopted on motion from Dostal and second by Gillen. Ordinance No. 2011-14, adopting a total tax rate of \$0.7865, was unanimously passed and approved with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2011.

Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance amending Water Rate Ordinance No. 2011-08 to increase the ground water reduction fee to seventy-five cents per thousand gallons of water used. Upon motion from Gillen and second by Dostal, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2011-17 with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF RICHMOND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08 ESTABLISHING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS AND ORDERING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO RENDERING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICE.

The Commission reviewed the Groundwater Reduction Plan Budget for FY 2011-2012. Upon motion from Gillen, seconded by Dostal, motion carried and the vote was unanimous for approval of the GRP 2011-2012 Budget.

Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance to regulate wrecker services replacing Ordinance No. 2011-12. Upon motion from Gillen, seconded by Dostal, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2011-15, with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF WRECKERS IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS, DEFINING CERTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF WRECKERS; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OR REVOCATION OF PERMITS; PROVIDING PENALTIES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; SEVERABILITY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Mayor Moore introduced an ordinance to regulate taxi cab services, repealing Ordinance No. 2000-10. Upon motion from Dostal, seconded by Gillen, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2011-16, with a heading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS REGULATING AND GOVERNING TAXICAB BUSINESSES, VEHICLES FOR HIRE, TAXICABS, TAXICAB DRIVERS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-10, REPLACING SAID ORDINANCE WITH THIS ORDINANCE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAXICAB ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR TAXICAB BUSINESS, TAXICAB, AND CABDRIVER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SAID PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION OF TAXICAB BUSINESSES, TAXICABS, AND CABDRIVERS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Mayor Moore introduced a resolution to regulate taxi cab permit fees. Commissioner Dostal made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Gillen seconded and Resolution No. 11-2011 was passed and approved by unanimous vote.

The Commission discussed nomination of a candidate for Fort Bend Central Appraisal District Board. No action was taken.

The Commission reviewed final recommendation of award of construction contract for Lamar Drive – Phase 3. Upon motion from Gillen, seconded by Dostal, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to award the contract to Gonzales Construction for \$2,003,089.72.

The Commission reviewed the preliminary plat for Riverway Reserves, 35 acres. Commissioner Gillen made a motion to approve the plat, Commissioner Dostal seconded and the vote was unanimous for approval of the preliminary plat for Riverway Reserves.

The Commission reviewed the final plat for Scheigert's Estate in River Forest Estates. Commissioner Gillen made a motion to approve the plat conditionally, Commissioner Dostal seconded and the vote was unanimous for conditional approval of the final plat for Scheigert's Estate.

The Commission reviewed appointment of a board member to the City of Richmond Development Corporation. Upon motion from Dostal, seconded by Gillen, motion carried and the vote was unanimous to appoint Manuel Zamora.

Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session under Section 551.71 of the Texas Local Government Code to discuss legal matters.

The Commission reconvened in Open Session. There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

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