

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on April 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Before the meeting was called to order, the City presented a proclamation and held a reception for Ms. Mildred I. Walker, a longtime resident and a citizen that has provided countless hours to the City of Richmond.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Glen Gilmore, Commissioner - Absent
Jesse Torres, Commissioner
Terri Vela, City Manager
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary
Gary Smith, City Attorney

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Presentations with Employee Recognition for Service with the City. Eduardo Garcia for 5 years of service with the Street Department and Melissa Novicke for 20 years of service with Human Resources. Neither of them was present to receive their plaques.

The Mayor read Proclamations for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month which is May, 2016 and the Lemonade Day which is celebrated on May 1, 2016. No one was present to receive the Proclamations.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Public comments. She asked for any public comments. There were no individuals signed up to speak, therefore the item was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding agenda item A4, the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Torres pulled the item 7, Public Works Report. Commissioner Torres commented on the great job Public Works had done during the

clean-up and shredding event that was held on April 16, 2016. Commissioner Torres attended the event and was impressed. Commissioner Torres assisted with the event along with Ms. Vela. City Manager Terri Vela stated there had been a clean-up event on in North Richmond and Community Wide Shredding. On April 23rd and 30th there will be clean-up events in other parts of the City. Tonnage will be announced at a future meeting. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 7 with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda item 7 with Mayor Moore seconding the vote. Both items were approved unanimously.

Agenda item A5 was introduced to review and consider taking action on modifying **Resolution No. 127-2016**, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County to include additional funding for Saturday and Sunday Hours for Early Election. City Manager Vela explained the City had received a petition to add additional hours to the early voting schedule to include Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st at an estimated cost of \$800.00. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Resolution No. 127-2016, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with the additional hours and estimated costs. Mayor Moore seconded the motion and with two votes was approved.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6, to review and consider taking action on **Ordinance No. 2016-11**, providing for a joint Runoff Election on June 11, 2016, if necessary. City Manager Vela stated if the need arises for a run-off election, the City will be combined with Missouri City and Sugar Land which have already established a need for a run-off election. Having an Agreement in place is beneficial to avoid any delays in having to wait for a Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-11, Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Fort Bend County. The Mayor seconded the motion and with two votes, it was approved.

Agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on the Engineer's Recommendation of award of the Construction Contract for a High Speed Pump (HSP) and Ground Storage Tank (GST) for the Surface Water Treatment Project. City Manager Vela stated that Black Castle Engineering has been recommended for the project by the City Engineers. Lawrence Turner, Kelly Kaluza & Associates was present to answer questions. Commissioner Torres asked if they had worked with Black Castle before and the answer was no but references had been checked. Mr. Turner believed they were a good company for the job. Their bid came in at

\$2,385,106.84. Commissioner Torres made the motion to award the Construction Contract for a High Speed Pump and Ground Storage Tank for the Surface Water Treatment Project to Black Castle Engineering. Mayor Moore seconded the motion and there were two votes to approve the recommendation.

City Manager Terri Vela spoke regarding agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on the Fee Waiver for the street closure and park reservation fees for Concert on the Creek. The concert will be May 21st, 2016 from Noon – 6:00 p.m. The concert had been rescheduled from a previous date due to weather. The payment of \$200 had been paid as a deposit (would be returned), \$100 street closure fee and \$10 barricade fee. A fee of \$50 is charged for hanging a banner. The vendor is asking to have the \$100 street closure fee waived. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the Fee Waiver for the street closure and park reservation fees for Concert on the Creek. Mayor Moore seconded the motion and the vote passed with two votes to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced Fire Marshall Albert Cantu to provide an update from the Building and Standard Commission Board. Mr. Cantu gave a brief history of the Board and stated that Norma Cavazos was elected Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cantu described various buildings that are on the dangerous buildings list and their current status. A slide show with pictures of the properties was shown to the Commission. It was reported that 60 violations had been found and Code Enforcement has had an 80% compliance rate in resolving the violations. City Manager Vela complimented Mr. Cantu and stated that these issues take time but there is a process that must be followed in resolving them.

Agenda item A10 was a quarterly update from the Richmond Historical Commission "RHC". Ms. Clair Rogers was present to address the Commission. Ms. Rogers stated the RHC meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. The board discusses the happenings within the historic district such as the cross walk to the fire station, way finding signs and many other topics. They receive updates from Jessica Duet, City Planner and Rob Tobias, Economic Development. Ms. Rogers is with the Fort Bend Museum and she provides them with the happenings at the Museum. The Mayor thanked Ms. Rogers for attending the Commission Meeting and providing an update. No action was required.

Mayor Moore introduced the agenda item A11 to review and consider taking action on the appointment of a City Commissioner, Section 3.05 Vacancies,

Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies. With that, Mayor Moore made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, and Personnel Matters. Commissioner Torres stated that he did not think it was necessary to meet behind closed doors to discuss the City Commissioner appointment. He felt the people present needed to hear the discussion. He “moved” to appoint a replacement in the manner that was used to appoint Barry Beard to the Development Corporation

- Commissioner Torres proceeded to read a prepared statement which led to the nomination of Dr. Charles Yates. Commissioner Torres stated that Yates had voted for both of the Mayor and himself. Mayor Moore stated that Dr. Yates had been appointed to the Charter Review Commission but unnecessarily resigned after the first meeting. She could not support Dr. Yates for this position.
- The Mayor would not second the motion, motion died.
- The Mayor nominated Ms. Mary Gilmore, widow of the late Commissioner Glen Gilmore. Ms. Gilmore was a helpmate to the late Mr. Gilmore who served as the City Manager and Commissioner for many years.
- Commissioner Torres would not second the motion, motion died.
- Commissioner Torres then nominated Alice Bajaro. Commissioner Torres stated that Ms. Bajaro had voted for both the Mayor and himself.
- The Mayor asked if Commissioner Torres seconded the motion regarding Ms. Gilmore, he replied no he would not second the motion.
- There was no second from the Mayor for Ms. Bajaro. Therefore the motion died.
- Mayor Moore nominated Robert Hodge, served on many boards and longtime citizen. Mr. Hodge is a deacon at a local church, organizer of community events and served on both Charter Review Commission Boards.
- Commissioner Torres would not second the motion, motion died.
- Commissioner Torres continued to read the prepared statement of which he stated that the City was unable to agree and had reached an impasse.
- Mayor stated that Ms. Mary Gilmore was a compromise candidate that was on the table.
- Commissioner Torres continued to read the prepared statement regarding the inability to agree due to the City having only two individuals on the Commission and that Candidates Tres Davis and Carlos Garcia were advocates of raising the number of Commissioner for this reason. He went on to read additional comments.

- Mayor Moore declared Commissioner Torres out of order due to the nature of the statement and questioning the motives a Commission Member.
- Commissioner Torres stated that it would be left up to the voters.
- Mayor Moore asked if she had a motion to adjourn.
- Commissioner Torres made the motion to adjourn with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned with two votes.

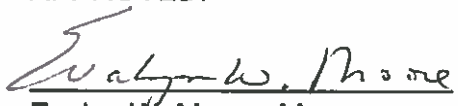
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16.

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor