

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on June 20, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore made three announcements prior to calling the meeting to order.

- The lawsuit with Pecan Grove was settled in favor of the City of Richmond.
- A letter was received from Senator Cronyn recognizing Juneteenth and the importance of that day in our history.
- Announced that Michelle Moore, Communications Specialist worked late on Friday night and made the Fort Bend Herald.
- The City of Richmond recently experienced one of the most devastating floods in its history and is still working to recover. Mayor Moore thanked numerous staff members by name and position. Additional comments were made by Commissioners Jesse Torres and Barry Beard.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Barry Beard, Commissioner
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. Stephen Polinski was recognized for his 20 years of service with the Police Department, but was not present to receive his award.

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 the Consent Agenda. Terri Vela, City Manager made note that the July 18th meeting is to be held at 4:30 p.m. not 4:30 a.m. There were no additional comments, therefore the consent agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Jesse Torres and seconded by Commissioner Barry Beard.

Agenda item A5, a Public Hearing on Rezoning for 512 South 11th Street from General Residential to Olde Town. No comments therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A6 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2016-18, Rezoning for 512 South 11th Street, and General Residential to Olde Town. Jessica Duet, City Planner gave a brief presentation regarding the rezoning for 512 South 11th Street. There was no discussion; Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the rezoning of 512 South 11th Street from General Residential to Olde Town with a second by Commissioner Beard. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 148-2016 authorizing the Development Corporation of Richmond to expend up to \$50,000 on the Wayfinding Sign project, on the first of two readings. Jessica Duet, City Planner addressed the Commission regarding the history of the bid process, 9 locations having been identified for placement and HGAC/grant information. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 148-2016 with Commissioner Torres seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2016-15 numbering the places of City Commissioners. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the Commission regarding the Ordinance and the need for the assignment of positions on the ballot. The numbering will provide for two positions running in one year and two running the following year. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-15 and Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A9 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2016-16 calling a special election for two City Commissioner places on September 10, 2016. Terri Vela, City Manager requested the date be changed on page 3 of the Ordinance to September 10 instead of September 11. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-16 calling a special election for two City Commissioner places on September 10, 2016 with the correction to page 3. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and there were two “ayes” and no “nays”.

Agenda item A10 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 147-2016 authorizing a contract with Fort Bend County for election services for the September 10, 2016 Special Election. Terri Vela, City Manager stated Fort Bend County would be conducting the election as they had in the past using the facilities of the Richmond Water Maintenance Facility and the George Memorial Library as voting locations. This was not a budgeted item; therefore there will be a budget amendment in the future for this expenditure. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 147-2016 with Commissioner Torres seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A11 to review and consider taking action of Resolution No. 146-2016 authorizing the negotiation and institution of proceedings under eminent domain for property at 800 Front Street. This agenda item was tabled until later in the meeting.

Agenda item A12 to review and consider taking action of Ordinance No. 2016-17, repealing the mandatory evacuation of 28 Avenue A. Terri Vela, City Manager spoke regarding the status of 28 Avenue A and the inspections that had been completed. However 18 Avenue is to remain in full force. Commissioner Beard made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Torres. The vote was two “ayes” and no “nays” to approve.

Agenda item A13 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 149-2016, authorizing the reappraisal of properties damaged by the May 2016 Brazos River Flood, authorizing payment of the costs of the reappraisal and authorizing proration of taxes. City Manager Vela spoke regarding the request for the reappraisal. There were 52 properties that were affected by the flood and per calculations the financial impact to the city would be approximately \$3,000. There was a brief discussion with Commissioner Torres making the motion to approve Resolution No. 149-2016 and Commissioner Beard seconding the motion.

Agenda item A14 to Adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, and Real Estate at 5:32 p.m. There were three items of real estate to discuss; detention land of Winston Estate Joint Venture for Lamar Drive Drainage, 800 Front Street Update and Fire Station Appraisal.

The Commission reconvened at 6:52 p.m. into open meeting whereas Commissioner Torres made the motion to give City Manager Vela the authority to negotiate and institution of proceedings of eminent domain for property at 800 Front Street at the appraised value plus 25%. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to authorize staff to negotiate and purchase the last piece of Detention Land of Winston Estate Joint Venture for Lamar Drive Drainage. The motion was not seconded by Commissioner Torres, but was seconded by Mayor Moore and the motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:


Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary