

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on August 15, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

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 - **Absent**
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. Steven Rychlik was recognized for his 10 years of service with the Police Department.

The Water Department was recognized for two awards; Outstanding Public Water System Award and Cross Connection Control Recognition Award. Representatives from the Water Department to accept the award were Scott Fajkus, Mike Moody, Philip Graham, Gabriel Carranza and Elton Bellard.

Mayor Moore announced that the City of Richmond had earned the Scenic City Designation. City Planner Jessica Duet stated the City received the Bronze Certification and it is based on signage and landscaping. The City is graded on the ordinances they have in place. Ms. Duet stated how proud of the City she is for this honor and the Mayor thanked her and staff for the effort in achieving the designation.

Four new firefighters were sworn in by Mayor Moore, which was a new practice that the City is planning to continue. The firefighters were Jacob Winters, Kolby Lee, Paxton Densmore and Antonio Reeder.

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

Agenda item A4, the Public Hearing on Rezoning from General Residential (GR) to Suburban Commercial (SC), property located at 1114 Inwood Drive along north side of Inwood Drive; subject property is abutting single family residential to the north and is adjacent to single family on the west and south. It is abutting vacant property to the east. There were several individuals signed up to speak however City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the audience with the timeline and procedures. City Planner Jessica Duet also addressed the audience and there was a brief comments session from the audience. The Mayor suggested there be a meeting with the citizens to discuss the concerns of those effected in the area. There was no action taken with this item therefore it was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding the Consent Agenda. Consent agenda item a2 Fire Department was pulled for discussion. The Mayor wished to discuss and congratulate the restaurants that had a perfect or near perfect score on the Health Inspection Grade Report that was submitted within the Fire Department Report. Chief Youngblood spoke on behalf of Lori Bownds and how the restaurants are graded and displayed. A grade of 90+ is an A and the establishments with lower grades are visited regularly. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve agenda item a2 with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. Commissioner Beard then made the motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6, Discuss the Proposed Tax Rate and Record the Vote on FY 2016 Proposed Tax Rate and schedule the **Public Hearings for September 1st and September 12th, 2016**. Susan Lang, Finance Director was present to discuss the proposed tax rate and provide the comparisons to last year's tax rate of \$0.755 as opposed to this year proposed rate of \$0.735. The trend has been to lower the tax every year at a 6.5% reduction over the past 5 years. The affirmative votes were taken to accept the proposed tax rate of \$0.7350 as follows:

Mayor Moore - Yes

Commissioner Beard - Yes

Commissioner Torres - Absent or No Vote

The Agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7 the Budget Workshop to Discuss Proposed Revenues for the FY 2016-2016. Finance Director Susan Lang provided an overview of the sources of revenue for the City. Property taxes have dropped to the 3rd source behind Sales Taxes and Mixed Beverage Taxes and Permits and Services Fees which is very good news. The average home values have gone up from \$109,663 to \$116,120 but the proposed tax rate has decreased so the citizens may not see a difference in the net effect. The Standard and Poors Rating is an AA- for the FY. There was no action taken for this item therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on Rezoning the Ordinance No. 2016-19, Rezoning from General Residential (GR) to Suburban Commercial (SC), to rezone 13,720 square feet of property located at 1114 Inwood Drive along the north side of Inwood Drive; subject property is abutting single family residential to the north and is adjacent to single family on the west and south. It is abutting vacant property to the east. Per City Attorney Gary Smith, there is no need to consider rezoning the property therefore no action was taken on this item and the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A9 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 153-2016, consent to annex additional land (120.064 acres) into Municipal Utility District, 134E.

Agenda item A10 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2016-06 the regulating of parking of commercial motor vehicles on City streets. Police Chief Gary Adams addressed the Commission regarding the need for the ordinance due to 18 wheelers being parked in the neighborhoods specifically refrigerator trucks. The Police Department has received numerous complaints. Also the width of the City streets is inadequate. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-06 the regulating of parking of commercial motor vehicles on City streets with Mayor Moore seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

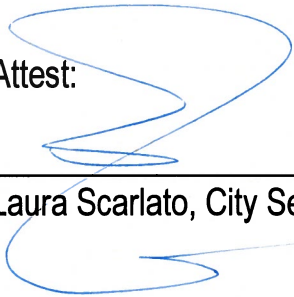
Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A11 an update on FM 359 and US 90A Utility Relocation Contract with final change order reducing original contract amount. Public Works Director Howard Christian spoke to the Commission regarding the reduction. The relocation of the sanitary sewer line didn't need 20 feet of the casing as they had originally expected therefore causing the reduction. Director Christian

reported that Vaca Construction has done a great job. The agenda item was closed as no action was necessary.

Agenda item A12 to review and consider taking action on the Board Appointment for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Beard nominated Michael Scherer to replace Roland Adamson who moved out of the ETJ. Mr. Scherer is a real estate attorney in the community for the past 40 years and has been a valuable resource for the City. Mayor Moore explained what the Zoning Board of Adjustment provides for the City. Commissioner made the motion to approve Michael Scherer and Mayor Moore seconded the vote. There were two "ayes" and no "nays" to approve. The agenda item was closed.


With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Beard made the motion to adjourn with Mayor Moore seconding therefore the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor