

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on September 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor announced that the City has been named Community of the Year by the Texas American Planning Association. The City will receive the award at the annual conference to be held in November in San Antonio, Texas.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:32 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 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 A3, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on the Tax Rate. Finance Director Susan Lang presented the tax rate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing with the tax rate decreasing from \$0.755 to \$0.735 per \$100 or a \$0.02 decrease. Director Lang pointed out the decrease equates to a 6.5% reduction since 2012 and a 2.65% decrease in the tax rate for the current fiscal year. The new effective tax rate will be adopted on September 19, 2016. Mayor Moore stated the Commission is very pleased with the work the Finance team has been doing.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4 the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget, Per Section 7.05 of City Charter. Finance Director Susan Lang spoke regarding the budget that is to be adopted on September 19, 2016. There was a request from Commissioner Beard to receive a detailed breakdown of

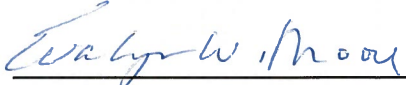
the combined miscellaneous revenues line item. There being no other comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.

Agenda item A5 to review and consider taking action on the Ordinance No. 2016-20, to Amend the Surface Water Fee was introduced by Mayor Moore and presented by Finance Director Susan Lang. The fee increase is necessary in order to maintain the operating budget and pay the debt service payment associated with the construction of the surface water treatment plant. The Fort Bend Subsidence District required the City to reduce its groundwater by 30% by 2016. The \$2.10 fee is to pay costs associated with the unfunded mandate. The \$2.10 fee was projected in the original cash flow analysis for the surface water debt financing schedule. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Ordinance No. 2016-20 to Amend the Surface Water Fee from \$2.00 to \$2.10. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was two "ayes" to approve and no "nays".

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6 to review and consider taking action on the Fire Protection Agreement with Williams Ranch MUD #1. City Manager Terri Vela discussed the requirements for the Fire Protection Agreement and the process that has transpired between the City and the MUD District up to this point. The Agreement was recently approved the TCEQ and subsequently approved by the MUD district therefore it now comes before the City for approval. City Manager Vela stated the agreement provides for \$13.95 per residential unit and is a 15 year contract. There is an annual adjustment of CPI based on the cost of living. The agreement also contains a provision for increase if there is a need to purchase additional equipment by the City or add additional personnel. Ms. Vela noted that the Strategic Partnership Agreement also provides for an 85/15% split of the sales tax with the City receiving 85%. Currently the subdivision has approximately 250 homes with additional sections to be platted. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Williams Ranch MUD #1 and Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Torres made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner Beard seconding therefore the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

  
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary