



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on August 4, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor  
Glen Gilmore, Commissioner  
Jesse Torres, Commissioner

Mayor Moore declared the meeting open.

Mayor Moore indicated there would not be any presentations.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, asking for any public comments. There were three participants that signed up to speak. However, they would be addressing agenda item A4 and would speak to that particular item.

Agenda item A4 was introduced as the 2nd Public Hearing for Annexation of .286 acre, being a 10 foot wide portion of right of way and 5.531 acres of land located at 1717 FM 359, Fort Bend County, Texas.

\* Mr. Tim Austin, attorney for Pecan Grove MUD spoke regarding the Annexation. A show of hands indicated there were also five Pecan Grove board members present. He spoke in opposition of the annexation and indicated the somewhat non-contiguous boundaries and the difficulty for the city to provide public services. He reiterated the concerns for traffic, decreased property values, increase in the tax rate as well as future maintenance of the property.

\* Mr. Jim Ashmore indicated that he thinks the property is a great concept but that the location is not favorable. He pointed out the lack of a hospital nearby and less

expensive shopping for necessities. Mr. Ashmore felt this is not the best chance for the residence to enjoy where they live.

\* Ms. Diana Miller, a Pecan Grove resident for the past 30 years strongly disagrees with this proposal and it saddens her a great deal.

That being all the comments regarding agenda item A4, Mayor Moore closed the item.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A5 to review and accept 2014 the Fort Bend Central Appraisal Districts Certified Appraisal Roll. The total values stated were \$685,937,723 in total market value, \$414,896,088 in total assessed value leaving a total net market value of \$408,242,483. There was no discussion regarding this item, nor was a vote taken. The item was closed.

Agenda item A6 was presented to review and discuss the budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. There will be a one (1) cent decrease in the city's tax rate. There were questions regarding the budget of which Susan Lang, Finance Director addressed. It was indicated there would be three new positions due to the charter or new services added to the budget. The positions are for a City Planner, GIS Technician and a Communications Technician. Mayor Moore pointed out one correction regarding the language on page 15, Subsidence District, paragraph three. There being no further discussion, the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7 to review and consider approving the Support Letter for Fort Bend Green. The Director of Development Corp, Rob Tobias addressed this item before the commission and indicated it was with regard to building a Kayak launch ramp on the Brazos River. There is not a matching requirement contained in the letter, only a language expressing the city's support. The language contained in the letter referring to commitment of "resources and time" as well as "maintaining" the site were requested to be removed by Terri Vela, City Manager and Mayor Moore respectively. The Mayor wished to point out the dangers of the Brazos River and it is her hope that they are taking these dangers into consideration. It is not considered to be a safe reservoir or human friendly. The Support Letter was approved upon the conditions that the language be modified. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion with Commissioner Torres seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda item A8 was introduced to appoint a Municipal Court Judge. Commissioner Torres asked the item be removed and discussed in Executive Session.

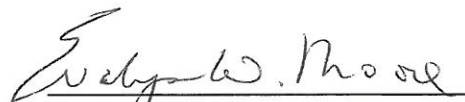
Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session at 5:05 p.m., as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Commissioner Gilmore moved to adjourn to Executive Session, and Commissioner Torres seconded and the motion carried by a vote of two "ayes" and no "nays". Mayor Moore announced that the City Commission adjourns into executive session, authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with attorney, closed meeting.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:13 p.m. and announced there was no action was taken during Executive Session. .

Mayor Moore reintroduced agenda item A8 regarding the Municipal Court Judge. Commissioner Gilmore motioned to appoint Phyllis Ross as the Municipal Court Judge for a term of two years effective August 4, 2014. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the votes were two "ayes" and no "nays" to approve Ms. Ross.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Glen Gilmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jesse Torres seconded and the Commission adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary