



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 8, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Glen Gilmore, Commissioner
Jesse Torres, Commissioner
Terri Vela, City Manager
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore declared the meeting open.

Agenda item A2 being presentations, Mayor Moore indicated there were no presentations tonight.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Public comments. She asked for any public comments. There were two participants that signed up to speak. However they wished to address agenda item A8. There being no other public comments, the item was closed.

Agenda item A4 was introduced by City Manager, Terri Vela which was a Public Hearing for the Replat of the Surface Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Vela explained that the city would also be adopting at a future commission meeting an ordinance to annex the portion of the Surface Water Treatment Plant that is not in the city limits of Richmond but is in the ETJ. There were no public comments so therefore, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

Mayor Moore introduced Agenda item A5 to review and consider approving the minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting on August 18, 2014. Mayor Moore requested two changes to the minutes, those being to change non-exempt to tax-exempt on page three paragraph two regarding agenda item A9 and to move the Mayor's Approval signature and the Attest of the City Secretary to the same page. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2014 with the suggested changes. Commissioner Torres seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6 to review and consider approving the Replat No. 1 for River Pointe Center Reserve "C2" containing 6.685 acres of land, located on Point West Circle and U.S. Highway 59, City of Richmond, Texas. Kelly Kaluza with Kelly Kaluza & Associates reviewed the plat with the mayor and commissioners, making recommendations. Terri Vela, City Manager asked if the city will have to approve a Replat for each tract whereas Mr. Kaluza indicated that this would be the last one and would encompass the entire tract. Commissioner Gilmore motioned to conditionally approve the Replat No. 1 for the River Pointe Center Reserve "C2" and Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. The votes were two "ayes" and no "nays".

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7 to review and discuss FY 2014-2015 Budget for the Expenditures side. Terri Vela, City Manager addressed the mayor and commissioners providing an overview and then turned the presentation over to Susan Lang, Finance Director. An excellent slide presentation was given by Ms. Lang to provide the audience visual aids regarding the Budget. The combined expenditures for the city total \$20m with the two highest expenditures being the General Fund and the Utility Fund. Of that total, the General fund being \$13m and Utilities at \$8m. Ms. Lang then broke the expenditures even further by reflecting Salaries, Material Supplies and Services as well as Capital Outlay. It was noted that the Development Corporation does fund various projects for the City of Richmond. The debt as a percentage of the total budget has been reduced due to repayment and refinancing when the interest rates are low. Of the \$13m, the General Fund consists of the Fire and Police Depts. making up 59% of the total budget. Additional employees will be added this FY, along with investing in fleet, mobile equipment, new computer servers and A/C units, all in various departments within the city. Ms. Lang indicated that a 3% increase in employee investment has been included in her calculations. It was indicated that the Utility Fund Reserves are very healthy along with the Fund Balance for Development Corp. The City of Richmond has a A+ rating with regards to Standard and Poors. The future projects that the City envisions are the Surface Water Treatment Plant, street improvements, a new City Hall and Fire Station #2. Questions were fielded and answered by both Susan Lang and Terri Vela. There was no action required and the item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A8 to review and discuss the Proposed Emergency Service District by Pecan Grove. It was indicated that two speakers would be addressing this item before the mayor and commissioners.

Mr. Howard Katz, with Coveler & Katz indicated he is the attorney representing the Pecan Grove Fire Department. He notified the mayor and commissioners that a petition is being circulated requesting the formal consent for redistricting. Mr. Katz revealed that the Pecan Grove Fire Department is experiencing some financial challenges. He also stated that the proposed district is partially in Houston's ETJ as well as the City of Richmond's ETJ. If the petition meets the requirements and the City of Richmond grants consent, Pecan Grove will be requesting to be placed on the ballot in the May, 2015 election.

Chief Joe Woolley of the Pecan Grove Fire Department stated the map initially included West of Harlem Street but it had been revised to just their current coverage. His desire is to bring the department up to adequate staff with three paid firemen per fire truck and to be able to back up the Richmond Fire Department. Mr. Torres inquired if they had assisted with the two recent fires on September 4, 2014. Chief Woolley responded that they assisted Stafford with a fire in Sealy, Texas.

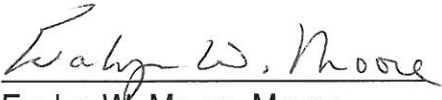
There was no action required for this agenda item and it was closed.

Mayor Moore announced that the Commission would now meet in Executive Session at 5:12 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 5:37 p.m. and announced that no action was taken during Executive Session

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 5:37 p.m.

APPROVED:


Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary