

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on May 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor made the following announcements before the meeting was called to order:

The Richmond State of the City for 2017 will be held June 28, 2017 at Briscoe Manor.

The City of Richmond received an award for being #55 on the list of the best place to buy a home in Texas out of 250 towns according to the LendEDU's newest report.

Finance Director Susan Lang was recognized for her testifying before the Legislature on Senate Bill 2.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor Jesse Torres, Commissioner P1 Barry Beard, Commissioner P2 Carl Drozd, Commissioner P3 – Absent Josh Lockhart, Commissioner P4 Terri Vela, City Manager Gary Smith, City Attorney Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Public Comments. Debrah Cobbin addressed the Mayor and Commissioners and expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and the employees of the City of Richmond for what they do and her continued support for the City.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Second Public Hearing to receive comments for and against the First Amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 215, to provide for the limited purpose

annexation of commercial properties. There were no comments from the public, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A4 to review and consider approving Ordinance No. 2017-09, First Amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 215, to provide for the limited purpose annexation of commercial properties. City Manager Terri Vela stated the property referred to as Veranda provided for a 50%/50% sharing of sales tax between the City and the MUD. The Amendment also provides for the definition of "commercial property". City Manager Vela clarified that the agreement provides for a 30 year term. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Ordinance No. 2017-09, First Amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 215 with Commissioner Torres seconding the motion. There were three "ayes" and no "nays" to approve the Ordinance.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A5 to review and consider approving Resolution No. 182-2017, appointing the Joint Board Member (shared by Rosenberg) to the West Fort Bend Management District Board. City Manager Terri Vela spoke regarding the nominee for the joint position, Mr. Lane Ward. Rosenberg approved Mr. Ward and is recommending his reappointment for his term that is expiring June 1, 2017. Mr. Ward's term would be for the period June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2021. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Resolution No. 182-2017, appoint the Joint Board Member to the West Fort Bend Management District Board with Mr. Lane Ward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Josh Lockhart and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6, Review and consider amending the Rules of Commission. The Mayor stated that additional changes had been made since the Commission had received their packets. City Attorney Gary Smith distributed the changes. City Manager Terri Vela stated the item was not an action item but only for review for the next Commission meeting. There was no discussion and the item was closed.

Agenda item A7 to review and consider approving Resolution No. 183-2017, declaring disaster pay policy for Exempt Employees. Finance Director Susan Lang addressed the Commission regarding this agenda item stating this language had been brought to her attention by the City Manager to have the flexibility to grant extra compensation to exempt employees. FEMA requires it to be in the personnel policy in order to grant compensation. Following a brief question and answer period, Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Resolution No. 183-2017, declaring disaster pay policy for Exempt Employees. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A8 to review and consider amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Finance Director Susan Lang addressed the Commission regarding this item and stated it was not an action item but rather a presentation. Per the City Charter, Section 4.06 Personnel System the City Manager approves the personnel rules and they are presented to the Commission. Following a brief question and answer period, the agenda item was closed as no action was required.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary