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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on July 17, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mayor Moore made the following announcements:

The Water Quality Reports have been mailed out for 2016.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:31 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
Josh Lockhart, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Excuse from Attendance. There were no absences for Regular Commission Meetings to be explained. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Presentations with Employee Recognition for Service with the City.

Elton Bellard was recognized for his 5 years of service with the Water Department.

The Finance Department was recognized for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, FY 2016-17 for the 8th consecutive year. Finance Manager Maritza Salazar and Finance Director Susan Lang accepted the award on behalf of the Finance Department.

An update was given by Officer Josh Dale with the Fort Bend County Narcotics Task Force. The presentation was extremely informative. Officer Dale reported although there are 19 agents, there are only 5 case agents for 800+ square miles in Fort Bend County. Agents confiscated 140,000 pounds of cocaine in Fort Bend County last year. For perspective, Officer Dale stated 2.2 pounds of cocaine equates to \$140,000. In North Richmond, there were 20 search warrants executed and 52 arrests made.

The Presentation of the Wayfinding Sign Program, the locations and style was given by City Planner Jessica Duet. Ms. Duet stated there are 13 locations slated for the Wayfinding Signs and will complement the new branding. Commissioner Beard stated he did not want them all to reference the Justice Center.

The Presentation of Parks and Open master Plan was given by Hunter Rush from MHS Planning and Design, LLC. The original plan was done in 2008 and needs to be updated every 10 years. Approximately 3000 surveys were mailed out to citizens with 250+ returned which is considered to be a good return rate percentagewise. Consistently the survey conveyed that there is a need for additional parks, trails and upgrades to George Park. Commissioner Torres inquired how many children register for baseball at the George Park each year and Commissioner Drozd inquired about the insurance rates for parks and amenities.

The Richmond Historical Commission provided a 2nd Quarter Update to the Commission. It was presented by Representative Claire Rogers.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, Public Comments.

Mr. Kenneth Sielski 604 Fairway Drive, Richmond, TX spoke regarding the water quality and drainage.

Agenda A5 was a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against a request by Sehar Investment Group, L.L.C. to zone 3.6086 acres of land to General Commercial (GC) and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for an amendment thereto, for commercial development. Subject property is located on the west side of FM 359 Road, approximately 2,300 feet (0.4 mi.) south of the intersection with Plantation Drive. It is abutting Jones Creek and single family residential to the west; a drainage canal to the south; and commercial to the north and east (across FM 359 Road). There were no public comments, therefore the public hearing was closed.

Agenda A6 was a Public Hearing to receive public comments for the Parks and Open Space Master Plan. There were no public comments, therefore the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding agenda item A7, the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Moore pulled items A7 (9) (13) (14)
Commissioner Beard pulled item A7 (1)
Commissioner Lockhart pulled item A7 (2) (3).
Commissioner Drozd pulled item A7 (7).

Commissioner Beard moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda items with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

A7 (1). Commissioner Beard requested that page 2, agenda item A2 the word “excuses” be changed to “absences” in the second line of the June 19, 2017 Minutes.

A7 (2). Commissioner Beard commended the Fire Dept. on the inspection letter and read a portion of the letter received from Ernie Null, Compliance Officer with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Commissioner Drozd inquired as to the percentage of calls for home vs vehicles/emergency medical. Chief Mike Youngblood responded that they receive approximately 65% emergency medical responses. Commissioner Drozd also commended the Fire Department on the excellent training the Fire Dept. has been doing this month.

Commissioner Lockhart asked for YTD data be included for Code Enforcement.

A7 (3). Commissioner Lockhart commended Chief Adams for the letter to the editor regarding the railroad tracks and photographers. Chief Adams stated that the tracks are private property and they are making citizens aware of the dangers of being on the tracks and policing as much as possible.

A7 (7). Commissioner Drozd inquired about the Public Works Report page 22, US Highway 90A Storm Drainage issue. Public Works Director Howard Christian addressed the inquiry that TXDOT has been contacted and is addressing the situation.

A7 (9). Commissioner Beard inquired as to if there would be flooding for the section Riverwood Village and people would have to be removed. City Engineer Kelly Kaluza commented this section is not located in the 100 year flood plan therefore this should not be a problem in the future. There was also a request for a street name change for Riversedge Drive.

A7 (13). There were no comments made regarding this item.

A7 (14). Was moved to be discussed later in the meeting.

Commissioner Beard moved approval of Consent Agenda items A7 (1), A7 (2), A7 (3) A7 (7) A7 (9) and A7 (13). Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A8, Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. Section 3.04, Charter “Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem” (4) The Mayor Pro Tem shall be a Commission Member appointed

by the Mayor at the first regular meeting after each election of Commission Members and/or Mayor. Mayor Moore appointed Commissioner Barry Beard as Mayor Pro Tem.

Agenda item A9, to review and consider amending the Rules of Commission, Resolution No. 187-2017. The City Charter was amended to increase the number of Commissioners from two to four, however the Rules of Commission were not fully consistent with the increase in the number of Commissioners. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the Commission regarding this item with the proposed changes and the thoughts regarding the changes. The item was tabled for further discussion.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A10, review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2017-13, amendment to the number of Parks and Recreation Board Members on the Board. The ordinance will reduce the number of Park and Recreation Board members from nine to seven allowing the board to assemble a quorum for meetings. There was no discussion regarding this ordinance. Commissioner Beard made the motion with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A11, to review and consider taking action on the Resolution No. 188-2017, for the reappointment of Parks and Recreation Board Members. The Resolution allows for the renumbering of positions consistent with the reduction of members pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-13 that was voted on in agenda item A10 as well as appointing two members that will expire on July 20, 2017. Barbara Johnson and Pat Pittman positions are expiring. Mayor Moore nominated Pat Pittman and Barbara Johnson for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the reappointment with Commissioner Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A12 to review and consider taking action on the Resolution No. 189-2017, for the appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Board Members. There is one position scheduled to expire on July 20, 2017. The position one is currently held by Mr. Joe Benes. Mr. Benes has requested to be re-appointed to the board to serve a two year term. The other position is number four and is held by J.J. Martinez and he is not seeking to be reappointed. The Mayor made the nomination to reappoint Joe Benes to position no. 1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Board. The vote was unanimous to approve. The Mayor made the nomination to appoint Ralph Gonzales to position no. 4 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Board. The vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A13 to review and consider taking action on Resolution No. 190-2017, the appointment of Development Corporation of Richmond Board Members. Mr. Joe Bonham currently serving as the Vice President of the

Development Corporation would like to continue to serve on the board. Mr. Bonham's term expired on May 17, 2017 and if appointed would serve a two year term commencing July 17, 2017 and expiring July 19, 2019. The Mayor nominated Mr. Joe Bonham to the Development Corporation of Richmond Board. The vote was unanimous to approve. The agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A14, to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2017-14, request by Sehar Investment Group, L.L.C. to zone 3.6086 acres of land to General Commercial (GC) and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for amendment thereto, for commercial development. Subject property is located on the west side of FM 359 Road, approximately 2,300 feet (0.4 mi.) south of the intersection with Plantation Drive. It is abutting Jones Creek and single family residential to the west; a drainage canal to the south; and commercial to the north and east (across FM 359 Road). City Manager Terri Vela spoke regarding this agenda item as well as the City Planner Jessica Duet and a representative of the property. There were several questions from the Commissioners regarding the current fireworks stand and the future uses of the property. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-14, request by Sehar Investment Group, L.L.C. to zone 3.6086 acres of land to General Commercial (GC) and to the extent the zoning deviates from the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan, to provide for amendment thereto, for commercial development. Subject property is located on the west side of FM 359 Road, approximately 2,300 feet (0.4 mi.) south of the intersection with Plantation Drive. It is abutting Jones Creek and single family residential to the west; a drainage canal to the south; and commercial to the north and east (across FM 359 Road). Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion with a unanimous vote to approve.

At this time Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve Consent Agenda item A7 (14) Review and consider taking action on a final plat Jones Creek Business Park, 1 Block, 1 Reserve subject to the conditions set out by the state. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A15, to review and consider taking action on the Resolution No. 191-2017, authorizing actions for annexation of the Fire Station No. 2 Site. City Manager Terri Vela and City Attorney Gary Smith both addressed the Commission regarding this item. The site is located within MUD 121 making it somewhat complicated. The resolution allows for the Mayor to sign a petition for annexation and the City Manager to seek consent from MUD 121 for annexation of the Fire Station No. 2 site. The City Manager will be authorized to take all the necessary steps to complete the annexation of the site without limitations. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Resolution No. 191-2017, authorizing actions for

annexation of the Fire Station No. Site with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Real Estate with Commissioner Drozd seconding therefore the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

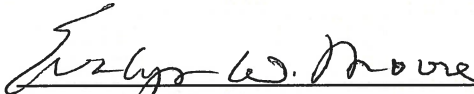
The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 6:31 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session regarding the acquisition of land for the elevated storage tank.

Commissioner Beard made the motion authorizing staff to negotiate the acquisition of land for the elevated storage tank on behalf of the City. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Torres made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner Lockhart seconding therefore the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary