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The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on September 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting being called to order the Mayor stated the City had been preparing for the flood since August 25, 2017 and now was working on recovery. Mayor Moore stated she was really proud of the City and the residents and how they conducted themselves during the event. Commissioner Beard stated he saw acts of heroism from the staff and the employees were truly a selfless group of people. The Mayor and staff performed beautifully. Commissioner Lockhart echoed Commissioner Beard's sentiments but added the employees are so professional and passionate about the City. Commissioner Lockhart stated *"that he could not think of another group I would rather go back into a situation with like this again than the City employees and residents of Richmond"*.

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
Josh Lockhart, Commissioner P4
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary Smith, City Attorney
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Public Comments. Alvin Polasede, 514 Riveredge Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469 spoke regarding the flood event asking questions about permits, costs, rumors of demolition, and levees across the river causing the flooding and various other inquiries.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Budget Workshop on Proposed Expenditures, Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Finance Director Susan Lang addressed the

Commission regarding the expenditure side of the budget providing an overview of total combined expenditures of \$24M, made up of the General Fund at \$16M and Utility Fund at \$8M. Director Lang then broke down the expenditures further by reflecting Salaries and wages; Material Supplies and Services as well as Capital Outlay. Of the \$16M in the General Fund, the City's public safety services are 50% of the budget between Fire and Police Departments. The debt service will be increasing due to the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP). The SWTP was mandated by the Subsidence District as an alternative water source. Director Lang stated that the City may see some Hotel/Motel tax this year. The City has a very strong rating with Standard and Poors at AA-. The future project funding needs include a New City Hall, permanent Fire Station #2 and a master plan update for water and sewer. Following a question and answer period the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, Public Hearing to receive comments for or against amending the Unified Development Code of the Richmond Code to provide for Demolition by Neglect for Historic Landmarks and Properties within the Historic District. There was no one present to comment, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A5 to Review and consider taking action on the Final Plat of Riverside Ranch Commercial Section Two, being a subdivision of 12.1784 acres located in the William Andrews Survey, Abstract No.3, Fort Bend County, Texas. City Attorney Gary Smith spoke before the Commission regarding this agenda item stating this item was tabled from the 08.21.17 Commission Meeting. Following research, Attorney Smith stated it causes no harm to leave the footnote "*No.12. Reserve "A" shown hereon was submitted to the City of Richmond for review on January 7, 2013 for platting review and is grandfathered for the rules in place at that time.*" on the plat. City Manager Terri Vela stated it insures "vested rights" not only for this developer but for any buyer of the property thereafter. However **only** for Reserve "A". Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Final Plat of Riverside Ranch Commercial Section Two, being a subdivision of 12.1784 acres located in the William Andrews Survey, Abstract No. 3, Fort Bend County, Texas with all of the staff recommendations with the exception of #3. (*Which was to remove footnote No.12*) Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A6, to Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2017-22, ratifying the order of the Mayor waiving building permit and inspection fees for repair and restoration of property damaged by Hurricane Harvey and the Brazos River Flood. City Manager Terri Vela addressed the Commission stating the City inspectors are currently evaluating the damage and the electrical outlets of the properties that were affected by the flood event. The Ordinance would waive the permit fees and inspection

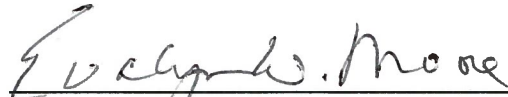
fees for the repair and restoration of damage to structures for a period of sixty days following the effective date of September 5, 2017. Commissioner Lockhart made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-22 ratifying the order of the Mayor waiving building permit and inspection fees for repair and restoration of property damaged by Hurricane Harvey and the Brazos River Flood. Commissioner Drozd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2017-23, amending Richmond Code, Chapter 103 "Buildings and Building Regulations", by adopting Division 2 "Building Contractor Registration", and relating to the registration of building contractors doing business within the City of Richmond. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the Commission that the Ordinance was necessary to protect the citizens from dishonest contractors. It would require the contractors to register with the City, verifying insurance and licensing. Commissioner Beard inquired as to if this would be from now on or the Harvey Flood event only. Attorney Smith stated the Ordinance will be effective as soon as it is published in the local newspaper and will be in effect until amended by the Commission. Commissioner Drozd made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-23 amending Richmond Code, Chapter 103 "Buildings and Buildings Regulations", by adopting Division 2 "Building Contractor Registration", and relating to the registration of building contractors doing business within the City of Richmond. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2017-21, amending the Unified Development Code of the Richmond Code to provide for Demolition by Neglect for Historic Landmarks and Properties within the Historic District. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the Commission regarding this Ordinance stating that the proposed Ordinance adds the provisions of Ordinance 2013-12, the Historic Landmark Ordinance to the Unified Development Code. The Unified Development Code does not contain the Landmark Ordinance in a single area, the provisions have been included. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-21 amending the Unified Development Code of the Richmond code to provide for Demolition by Neglect for Historic Landmarks and Properties within the Historic District. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion with a unanimous vote to approve.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary