

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Special Session on September 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

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, Public Comments. There were none, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget, Per Section 7.05 of City Charter. There were no comments from the public therefore the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, Budget Workshop – Overview of changes during the Budget Process, Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget. Finance Director Susan Lang was present to address the Commission with a brief overview of the Proposed Budget. Director Lang stated the focus was placed on the Comprehensive Master Plan with the Budget being priority driven by the Plan. As discussed at the two previous Special Meetings, the Proposed Tax Rate is \$0.71 per \$100 value which is lower than last year. The proposed budget will leave the City with an estimated fund balance reserve of 83 operating days. There is a 3% cost of living increase for the employees allowing for an increase in health and dental insurance. It was stated that HEB opening will be a great revenue source. The Mayor stated that

revenue will be increasing as development comes. Budget for FY 2017-2018, Per Section 7.05 of the City Charter. There was no action needed regarding this item.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to adjourn to executive session with Commissioner Lockhart seconding the motion and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters therefore the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 5:14 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session regarding the Personnel Matters.

Commissioner Beard made the motion to amend the City Manager's contract to reflect a pay raise commensurate with the City employees. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Scarlato, City Secretary