

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on December 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mayor Moore recognized City Manager Terri Vela being awarded the Public Official of The Year by the University Of Houston Master Of Public Administration Program. City Manager Vela was one of four honorees chosen in the greater Houston Metropolitan area. The City is very proud of her.

Commissioner Drozd spoke regarding the Santa Behind the Badge Program that raises funds and gifts for families in the community. The Police Department does a great job and we commend them for the service that they provide to the community through this program.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 4:32 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  
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary  
Gary Smith, City Attorney

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Public Comments. There were no individuals signed up to speak so the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A3, Public Hearing to receive comments for and against the First Amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement "SPA" with Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 121, to add additional acreage to the Agreement and to provide for the limited purpose annexation of commercial properties. City Manager Vela reviewed the First Amendment to the SPA explaining the terms of the Sales and Use Tax of a 90/10 split with the City retaining 90% of the Sales Tax. There were no comments from the public, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion regarding agenda item A4, the Consent Agenda.

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Commissioner Torres pulled item A4 (3)

Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda items with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

A4 (2). Commissioner Lockhart commented what a great job the Fire Department does but made a request that a column be added providing last year's YTD figures so the commission can track growth and progress. Fire Chief Youngblood stated the request would be taken care of next month. Chief Youngblood also stated the event with Congressman Pete Olson had gone really well and that the firemen enjoyed the camaraderie with Olson.

A4 (2). Commissioner Beard addressed the Fire Department report, it was appreciated that the SAFER Grant would realistically be a two year process. Commissioner Beard also made note that Ray Burciaga, the Emergency Management Coordinator continues to assist the citizens that were impacted by the May/June flood as well as guide them through the processes. Commissioner Beard felt that many have moved on with their lives but it is essential that someone continue to follow-up and work with these victims. Great job.

A4 (3). Commissioner Torres had addressed the Police Department at the last meeting and since then activity had occurred at the location he had been concerned. Chief Adams stated that an operation had been in the works but could not be discussed at that time. Commissioner Torres also noticed that several areas had been cleaned up and was very appreciative of what the Police Department has been doing in the area. Chief Adams stated that Santa Behind the Badge had been very successful with assistance being provided to 11 families. Mayor Moore stated she is very proud of the Richmond Police Department and the work they do for the citizens of Richmond.

Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve Consent Agenda A4 items 2 and 3 with Commissioner Beard seconding the motion. There were 4 "ayes" and no "nays" to approve.

Agenda item A5, to review and consider taking action on the reappointment of the Board Member to the Fort Bend Subsidence District, Resolution No. 168-2016. City Manager Vela stated that Mr. Karl Baumgartner is the City's current representative and is willing to continue serving in that capacity. Following a brief discussion of the qualifications of Mr. Baumgartner, Commissioner Beard made the motion to nominate Karl Baumgartner to serve as the Board Member to the Fort

Bend Subsidence District, Resolution No. 168-2016. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the vote was 4 “ayes” and no “nays” to approve the motion.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6 to review and consider taking action on the appointment of the Board Member to the Development Corporation of Richmond, Resolution No. 169-2016. Commissioner Beard made the motion to appoint William Morefield. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the motion and the votes to approve Mr. Morefield were Commissioner Lockhart, Commissioner Drozd, Commissioner Beard followed by Commissioner Torres. There were no “nays”.

Agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on the Agreement between the City and Fort Bend County, Community Development Block Grant “CDBG” Phase VIII, involving the replacement and/or reconstruction of approximately 3,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer line along San Jacinto Street, Alamo Street and Goliad Street, manhole rehabilitation and approximately eighty-one sewer service connections, \$259,210. Public Works Director Howard Christian spoke regarding the Grant and how the City has submitted this grant and received it for several years in the past. Following a question and answer period, Commissioner Beard made the motion to approve the Agreement between the City and Fort Bend County, CDBG Phase VIII of which Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. The votes were unanimous to approve.

Agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action on awarding the bid for the Wessendorff Well Rehabilitation Contract. Public Works Director Christian provided an overview of the rehab program. The wells last approximately 10 years. At that time, they are pulled, reassembled and put back in the ground. Mr. Christian stated they will be doing a 5 year projection of the water and wastewater master plan that will incorporate the replacement of the wells. Weisinger Incorporated has been doing large well rehabilitation in Fort Bend County for over 20 years and was the contractor that drilled the well at the Edgar Water Plant. Commissioner Beard made the motion to award the contract for the Wessendorff Water Well No. 6 Rehabilitation to Weisinger Incorporated in the amount of \$156,485.00. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.


Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A9 to review and discuss the deposit policy at the time of disconnection for nonpayment. City Manager Vela stated that Ordinance No. 2016-04, Section 4 (a) approved February 15, 2016 put into place a deposit requirement of \$80 to restore water service to any residential service in addition to the \$35 reconnection fee. City Manager Vela explained that this may need to be revisited as it has created a hardship to some of the citizens having to not

only come up with the past due balance but an additional \$125 (\$35 + \$80). The Commission agreed to examine the policy and discuss it at the January Commission meeting. No action was required therefore the action item was closed.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Torres asked City Attorney Gary Smith to look into the procedures as to how nominations are made for the City's boards. There was a brief discussion and the matter was closed.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Torres made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner Lockhart seconding therefore the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary