

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Travis Malone, Place 1
Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3
Roland Goveas, Place 4

Council Absent:

Athena Campbell, Place 5

Staff

Eric Strong, City Manager
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Betsy Elam, City Attorney

WORK SESSION – Mayor Agan Called to Order – Time 6:00 p.m.

1. **Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071, Sec. 551.072, Sec. 551.073, Sec. 551.074, Sec. 551.076, Sec. 551.087 and Sec. 418.0183 (f) and 418.106 (d) & (e) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act).**

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to convene into executive session. Time: 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Campbell absent.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 6:47p.m.

2. **Discussion of items and presentations listed on tonight's City Council Agenda**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following items for discussion:

- 2C. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Optum Advantage for Medicare sponsored memberships at The Link.
- 2D. Consider approval of emergency sewer main repair/replacement in the 6900 block of Glen Hills.

- 2B. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for shared reconstruction costs of Poppelwell Street from Boulevard 26 to Brooks Avenue.

- 7B. Presentation on Feral Cat Program - Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented information regarding the Richland Hills Animal Services Advisory Boards recommendation to partner with Mid-Cities Community Cats (M-CCC), in an attempt to gain control of the growing feral cat population. Partnering with M-CCC will start the process of reducing the feral cat population at no cost to the city. The process is done by using the Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Release (TNVR) program.

REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Bill Agan Called to Order – Time 7:00 p.m.

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

1A. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

(Citizens who have signed a card to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the city staff and City Council members are prevented from discussion of the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing city policy. Public comment will not be taken on items that the Council has previously considered in a public hearing.)

No Speakers

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2A. Approval of minutes from the December 11, 2017 City Council Meetings.

- 2B. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for shared reconstruction costs of Poppelwell Street from Boulevard 26 to Brooks Avenue.

- 2C. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Optum Advantage for Medicare sponsored memberships at The Link subject to Attorney review and approval.

2D. Consider approval of emergency sewer main repair/replacement in the 6900 block of Glen Hills in the amount of \$74,825.00.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve as amended the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Campbell absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Public Forum regarding the FY 2018-2019 Operating Budget

City Manager Strong stated, per the City Charter, in January, the City Council will hold a Public Forum for the express purpose of obtaining citizen comments on items they would like to see included or considered in the budget for the upcoming year.

Tiffany Coffey, 6555 Davidson St., asked Council to consider sidewalks in and around her neighborhood, to make travel easier for those who are mobility impaired.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. None at this time.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. None at this time.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Consideration of updated pay and position classification schedule

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to Council an updated pay and position classification schedule.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Barger to approve.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Campbell absent.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of updated Traffic Study

Stephen Moore, Traffic Engineer with Halff Associates gave a presentation on a speed study. The data collected on Pine Park Drive, Kingsbury Avenue, and Spruce Park Drive indicates that the majority (85 percent) of the drivers are at or near (less than 5 mph over) the posted 30-mph speed limit. The data for Popplewell Street show higher

volumes and speed than the other three study roads, with 85th percentile speeds ranging from 33 to 37 mph and volumes exceeding 2,000 vehicles per day. Halff provided the following options for traffic calming measures to be considered:

- Community Involvement
- Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Program
- Radar Speed Signs
- Speed Cushions
- Traffic Circle / Mini-Roundabout
- Cross Traffic Signs

Mary Witt, 7200 Hovenkamp Ave., thanked Council for continuing to look at this issue, but still sees an issue with speed on the cut through streets.

Barbara Childress, Police Chief provided information regarding the Citizens on Patrol Program and speed cushions.

Staff will put together a list of recommendations starting with least invasive and bring back to Council.

7B. Presentation on Feral Cat Program

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 2.

7C. Presentation of Monthly Departmental Reports

No Discussion

7D. Discuss Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan Request for Proposals

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed the Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan that were received in December. Staff will now interview these firms later in the week to evaluate their presentations and qualification with Council's vision in mind. Staff will bring the results from the interviews back to Council in February.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Membership Sale at the Link – December 15th to January 15th
- Lunch Bunch – Thursday, January 11th at noon
- RYA Basketball League for youth will be hosted by The Link
- Kiowa Casino Trip – Tuesday, January 30th registration \$10
- New Senior Program at The Link – Games & Snacks – first & fourth Thursdays of the month from 1 PM – 3 PM
- Recycle Bins were delivered last week

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None at this time.

10. **A motion was made by Councilmember Malone, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor