

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2018
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Edward Lopez, Mayor
Travis Malone, Place 1
Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3
Roland Goveas, Place 4
Athena Campbell, Place 5

Council Absent:

Staff

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

WORK SESSION – Mayor Lopez 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).**

Mayor Lopez convened into executive session. Time 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Lopez reconvened into open session. Time 6:34 p.m.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following item:

- 5A. Development and 380 Agreements for the property located at the southeast corner of Midway and Austin Road. Mr. Strong outlined the details of the development and 380 agreements.

The developer of the property, Andrew Hickson and the City Council discussed the terms and obligations of the agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Lopez Called to Order – Time 7:02 p.m.

Invocation – Councilmember Malone

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

A. 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.)

Doug Knowlton, 2749 Spruce Park complimented the City on the July 4th event.

Eric Strong, City Manager introduced Richland Hills new Police Chief, Kim Sylvester.

B. Presentation by 6Stones

Tim Ross, Vice President of Programs with 6 Stones gave a presentation on the Richland Hills Community Powered Revitalization (CPR). Mr. Ross presented the CPR Stats, Richland Hills Impact / Value, HUD Home Program since 2015, Map of Homes Completed (51 homes in Richland Hills since Fall of 2015), 6 Stones Programs / Partner Richland Hills Non-Profit Organizations.

C. Presentation by the Community Enrichment Center

Randy Clinton, President and CEO of the Community Enrichment Center (CEC) gave a presentation on the CEC. Their services include crises services, employment and education coaching, financial education and the Refresh BISD program.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018 City Council Meetings.

2B. Approval of appointments to Committees of the Council.

- **Communications: Councilmember's Malone and Goveas**
- **Infrastructure/Development: Councilmember Bergthold and Mayor Pro Tem Barger**
- **Finance: Councilmember's Campbell and Goveas**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. None at this time

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Consideration of Resolution 496-18 Adopting Financial Management Policies

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Resolution 496-18 Adopting Financial Management Policies.

The Council Finance Committee reviewed the policy and recommended under section XII. Staffing and Training, to make a change that overtime should only be used when necessary.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Malone, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve with a change to reflect that overtime should only be used when necessary.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

4B. Consideration of Resolution 497-18 Adopting Fixed Asset Policies.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Resolution 497-18 Adopting Fixed Asset Policies.

The Council Finance Committee reviewed the policy and had no recommended changes.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consideration of Development and 380 Agreements for the property located at the southeast corner of Midway and Austin Road.

*This item was discussed during the work session under item #2.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Development and 380 Agreements for the property located at the southeast corner of Midway and Austin Road.

The developer of the property, Andrew Hickson and the City Council continued discussion of the terms and obligations of the agreements.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to approve with the following conditions:

- From the date of this agreement, the agreement shall last nine years and three months;
- The City will participate by contributing up to \$40,000.00 of the construction cost for the drainage and we will help with the bidding of that project;
- Mr. Hickson is responsible for the remainder of those construction cost and if he wants to get another business to contribute, he may;
- The City will pay up to \$10,000.00 of the Engineering cost to design the drainage improvement and any balance is paid by Mr. Hickson;
- The Project will need to be approved by the City's Engineers and City Inspectors;
- All permitting on buildings 3, 4, 5 and 6, the fees for those will be waived with the exception of any pass through fees charged by the City, imposed by other jurisdictions;
- There is no sales tax rebate on building 1 and 2, or the building that will be occupied by Plaster Pros;
- Each building may receive a tax rebate not to exceed 7 years and a vacancy in the building does not stop the clock;
- No sales tax rebate to an existing Richland Hills business with a n operation presence in Richland Hills at any time after January 1, 2018, without prior written consent of the City Manager;
- The City will make payments twice a year, once in October and once in March to Mr. Hickson;
- Mr. Hickson will receive the one-eighth percent (1/8%) collected for the benefit of the Richland Hills Economic Development Corporation; and
- Mr. Hickson will receive fifty percent of the one cent General Fund for any businesses that occupy building 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the time frame specified.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None at this time.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of Monthly Reports

No discussion.

7B. Discussion regarding speeding in neighborhoods

Kim Sylvester, Police Chief gave a presentation regarding speeding in neighborhoods. Traffic-related complaints, specifically speeding, within the City of Richland Hills will be handled by the Richland Hills Police Department through a Traffic Safety Community Partnership initiative. The initiative will be a fluid but an aggressively responsive plan to deal with complaints related to traffic safety concerns reported by citizens. The program will begin with a Citizen Traffic Complaint Reporting form and progress accordingly with clearly established guidelines for addressing the reported issue.

The police department will implement the following phases:

1) Report

Citizen submits a traffic complaint to the police department by utilizing a Citizen Traffic Complaint Reporting form. This form will be developed and available on the website and/or emailed to the reporting citizen. The form will require needed information for the department to evaluate the concern.

2) Data Collection

Data will then be collected thru a variety of ways using technology and first-hand observations. This includes the following:

- The use of a newly purchased Traffic Data Collector (which are covert devices that will collect the vehicular traffic data for a specified area without being detected).
- A new Traffic Trailer is included in the proposed budget that will be a visible reflection of the speed of an approaching vehicle while also having the posted speed clearly displayed (the device will collect data as well 24/7 that can be evaluated). In the interim arrangements have been made with a neighboring city to utilize their traffic trailer device to address immediate concerns.

3) Volunteers and plain clothes officers will be in unmarked vehicles to manually record speeds in areas of concerns utilizing radar. The department has also requested a low-profile vehicle in the FY18/19 budget that will aide in enforcing traffic-related violations more effectively.

4) Education/Enforcement

Depending on the results of the data collected, the appropriate public education awareness measure will be utilized. This can be achieved through:

- Placement of traffic trailers, notifying citizens of the established speed limit and their current speed.
- Officer-Initiated traffic details where traffic stops are conducted on traffic violators and enforcement measures are taken thru issuing of citations.
- There will be instances where the data did not provide the intended result and a meeting between the citizen complainant and a police officer will be conducted to review the results of the data and thoroughly explain firsthand the lack of violations. During this meeting the officer would run radar from a stationary position with the citizen present to further educate on the actual speeds of vehicles rather than perception.

5) **Follow-Up**

Police will redeploy Data Collection measures and compare the results with the initial Data Collection results and conduct a follow-up meeting the citizen complainant to review the information.

6) **Referral**

In cases where the education and enforcement phase did not correct the traffic concern, a referral may be made for additional involvement of a City Traffic Calming Policy and/or a Traffic Study conducted by contracted Traffic Engineers to recommend additional traffic control devices.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Senior Trips
 - Meet N Eat – Hard 8 BBQ - Wednesday July 18th
 - Beth Marie's Old Fashion Ice-Cream in Denton – Wednesday July 25th
 - Winstar Casino – Wednesday Aug 8th
 - Brunswick Zone in Watauga – Wednesday Aug 22nd
- Lunch Bunch – Thursday, July 12th at noon
- Youth Programs
 - Link Learner's Academy
 - Youth Soccer
- Richland Hills Connect Meeting – Thursday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m. at The Link
- Vax Shack at the Animal Shelter – 4th Thursday of each month

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None at this time.

10. A motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Edward Lopez, Mayor