

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2019  
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Edward Lopez, Mayor  
Robert DeSoto, 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 6:25 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 Goveas to convene into executive session. Time: 6:26 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Lopez reconvened into open session. Time: 6:53 p.m.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed the following item:

- 2C. Approval of Resolution 509-19 denying Oncor's request for increased distribution rates

Mayor Lopez called for a break. Time 6:55 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Lopez Called to Order – Time 7:00 p.m.**

**Invocation** – Mayor Lopez

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1A. 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.)**

Cindy Ferguson, 1029 Black Street spoke regarding the success of the Richland Hills Animal Shelter Cats TNVR Program (Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return).

Oliver Pettit, 7505 Hovenkamp spoke regarding notification of the width of the streets and parked cars.

**1B. Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mayor Lopez presented a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention to Shellie McMillon with Alliance for Children.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Approval of minutes from the April 8, 2019 City Council Meeting**

**2B. Approval of Ordinance 1389-19 adding a new Division 5, “Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention” to Article V, “Water” of Chapter 86, “Utilities”**

**2C. Approval of Resolution 509-19 denying Oncor’s request for increased distribution rates**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

**3A. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance 1388-19 for a Special Use Permit to allow food processing at the property located at 7204 Burns Street**

Candice Edmondson, Assistant City Manager presented Ordinance 1388-19 for a Special Use Permit to allow food processing at the property located at 7204 Burns Street.

David Peters, Consultant and Jamie Zitnik, president of Tex Pac Protein Products gave a presentation regarding the SUP and the food processing process. The applicant is aware of the concerns of the citizens and addressed the odor concerns and explained the use of air scrubbers.

Mayor Lopez opened the Public Hearing: Time: 7:34 p.m.

Doug Knowlton, 2749 Spruce Park spoke against.

Randy Wells, 2748 Spruce Park spoke against.

Jason Butz, 2712 Willow Park spoke against.

Teresa, 2716 Spruce Park spoke against.

Todd Hubbard, 1260 Stand Hope Court, Southlake, the listing broker for the building spoke in favor.

Terry Cordes, 6501 Allena Lane spoke against.

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park spoke against.

Stacy Morris, 3616 Scranton Drive spoke against.

Mary Sullivan, 2724 Spruce Park spoke against.

Resident at 3533 Ruth Road spoke against.

Brandy Smith, 6949 Richland Terrace spoke against.

Greg Shumate, 2741 Spruce Park spoke against.

Kyle LaPoint, spoke regarding the Planning & Zoning meeting on this item.

John McGoven, 6825 Hardisty spoke against.

Terry Cordes, 6501 Allena Lane spoke against.

Pat Phar, Willow Park spoke against.

Mayor Lopez closed the Public Hearing: Time: 8:06 p.m.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

## **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 appointment to Boards and Committees**

*Item moved following Executive Session.*

**6B. Consideration of authorizing new positions funded out of the Hotel Occupancy Fund**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding a new position funded out of the Hotel Occupancy Fund.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to authorize a full time and part time position out of the Hotel Occupancy Fund.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

## **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**7A. Presentation of March Departmental Reports**

Eric Strong, City Manager highlighted the success of the Easter Egg Hunt Event.

## **8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Annual Health Fair – Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 2 PM at The Link
- Senior Synergy Expo Trip – Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- Senior Lunch Bunch & Bingo – Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 2 PM
- Vac Shack low cost spay and neuter program - April 25<sup>th</sup> at the RH Animal Shelter. Appointments required for spay and neuter. Contact Animal Services at 817-616-3769

- Helping Paws of North Texas annual Yard Sale benefitting the RH Animal Shelter will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Animal Shelter. All proceeds go toward supporting the animals at the RH Animal Shelter.
- The statewide “Clear the Shelter” program has been set for August 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Watch local media outlets for more information in the coming weeks.
- Spring rains have arrived and grass is growing! Developed property has a height limit of 8” tall, undeveloped property has a limit of 12” in height. Above these limits is a violation of city ordinance and citations can be issued. Property owners are responsible for the adjoining right-of-way. (City Ordinance Chapter 34, Section 34-31)
- Bulk Waste Collection – May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Take Back Meds – Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Station Q&A/Tours - Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6PM – 8PM
- Early Voting and Election Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Helping Paws of North Texas Letter of appreciation

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**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time: 8:19 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Lopez reconvened into open session. Time: 8:43 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve the economic development agreement as discussed.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**6A. Consideration of appointment to Boards and Committees**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to appoint Lisa Skier as President of the Richland Hills Connect.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**10. A motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Edward Lopez, Mayor