

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Edward Lopez, Mayor

Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem  
Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3  
Roland Goveas, Place 4  
Athena Campbell, Place 5

Council Absent:

Robert DeSoto, Place 1

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).**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to convene into executive session. Time: 6:02 p.m.

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

Mayor Lopez reconvened into open session. Time: 6:29 p.m.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed the following item:

- 2B. Approval of Annual Adoption of the Standards of Care for state exemption for child care services at the Link. – Jason Brown, Link Manager gave a presentation on the updates to the Standards of Care. One of the changes involves the children in camp and the afterschool program being exposed to G and PG movies as well as E and E10 (specially Lego games) video games. We will not be able to manage whether an individual child sees or hears any part of one of these forms of entertainment. Movies watched

could include those seen at The Link or during a field trip. Parents registering their child for Link programs are agreeing to allow their child to be a part of these entertainment opportunities.

Mayor Lopez called for a break. Time 6:50 p.m.

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

**Invocation** – Mayor Lopez

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1A. ELECTION RELATED ITEMS**

**1AA. Approve Ordinance 1390-19 canvassing the results of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Election for City Council Places 1, 3 and 5**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Ordinance 1390-19, canvassing the results of the May 4, 2019 General Election. The results are as follows:

Douglas Knowlton  
has been elected to City Council, Place 1

Curtis A Bergthold  
has been elected to City Council, Place 3

Athena Campbell  
has been elected to City Council, Place 5

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

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

**1AB. Administer Oaths of Office to City Council Places 1, 3 and 5**

Mayor Lopez administered Oaths of Office to Douglas Knowlton - City Council Place 1, Curtis A Bergthold - City Council Place 3 and Athena Campbell - City Council Place 5.

**1AC. Approval of Ordinance 1391-19, canvassing the results of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Bond Election**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Ordinance 1391-19, canvassing the results of the May 4, 2019 Special Bond Election. The results are as follows:

THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,670,000 OF TAX BONDS BY THE CITY OF  
RICHLAND HILLS FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING FIRE  
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

294 VOTES FOR

245 VOTES AGAINST

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

#### **1AD. Election of Mayor Pro Tem**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to elect Councilmember Barger as Mayor Pro Tem for 2019-2020.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

#### **1BA. 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.)**

Martha Novosad, 3016 Faye Drive spoke regarding the taxes going up for sewer and roads and the repair work is not being done.

#### **1BB. Proclamation – Police Week and Pinning**

Mayor Lopez presented a proclamation to proclaim May 15<sup>th</sup> as “Police Officers Memorial Day”; May 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> as “Richland Hills Police Week”; and ask all citizens and those present to join us as we “Honor The Standing and The Fallen”.

Police Chief Kim Sylvester gave a presentation on the retirement of the current Richland Hills Police Badge that has been worn by Officers since the year 2000. Chief Sylvester provided the history of the badge and the work and details of the new badge being unveiled and pinned in tonight’s pinning ceremony.

Mayor and City Council pinned the Richland Hills Police Officers with the new badges.

#### **1BC. Library**

Chantele Hancock, Library Director gave a presentation on the Birdville ISD Reads Program. This is a collaborative program between the Birdville ISD and Library’s in Haltom City, Hurst, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga. The event will

take place on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts and Athletics Complex in North Richland Hills.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*\*Consent agenda was moved following item 5A.*

#### **2A. Approval of minutes from the April 22, 2019 City Council Meeting**

#### **2B. Approval of Annual Adoption of the Standards of Care for state exemption for child care services at the Link**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

#### **3A. None**

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

#### **4A. None**

### **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

#### **5A. Consider award of contract for citywide landscape services to Yellowstone Landscape**

Eric Strong, City Manager and Jason Brown, Link Manager presented the citywide landscape services bid. For this year's request, staff expanded the scope of the services over previous years. The proposals included some mowing, including Hamilton Hill, Baker Blvd. ROWs, and the Glenview median (city staff will maintain the rest of the grass areas). Staff also added broadcasting of herbicides semiannually to the request. Additionally, weed pulling was increased from 26 dates to 40 per year. Those additional services are the main reason for the price increase compared to previous service years.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve in the amount of \$104,000.00.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to appoint Kelle Jones to Place 5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

## **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

### **7A. Update on Code Enforcement**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave a presentation on the Spring Clean Up/Code Enforcement Blitz 2019. This year's clean up will begin on May 27<sup>th</sup> follow the Bulk Pickup on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The enforcement will focus on the following:

- High Grass/Weeds
- Parking on Unimproved Surfaces
- Inoperable/Junk Vehicles
- Accumulation/Junk Vehicles
- Dilapidated Fences
- Dead/Damaged Trees

There are notifications being written now, but a notification is not a requirement and a citation may be issued without notice. There will be efforts to notify citizens of this upcoming clean up on social media and the website that will explain the code violations.

Gerald Page, 2915 Scruggs Park spoke regarding code violations taking too long to resolve. Mr. Page believes the appearance of the city has declined over the last ten years.

## **COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Annual Membership Sale at The Link - continues through Wednesday, May 15. Guests may choose their "perk" with any paid in full annual membership including a 16% discount, free group exercise or free childcare
- Waco Mammoth National Monument – Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> registration fee is \$10
- Bulk Waste Collection – May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Vax Shack – May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM
- Animal Shelter Yard Sale – Appreciation to all who donated

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None at this time

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Edward Lopez, Mayor