

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2019
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Edward Lopez, Mayor
Douglas Knowlton, 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 6:44 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).**

None at this time.

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

7C. Discussion on Court Process – Eric Strong, City Manager gave a brief overview of the Court Process related to Code Violations.

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

Invocation – Councilmember Knowlton

Pledge of Allegiance

1A. Employee Service Award

Mayor Lopez presented a 10 year Service Award to Mario Hernandez, Sergeant with the Richland Hills Police Department.

Eric Strong, City Manager introduced the Interim Finance Director, Terry Leake.

1B. Library Card Sign-up Month Proclamation

Mayor Lopez presented a Library Card Sign-up Month Proclamation to Chantele Hancock, Richland Hills Library Director for the month of September.

1C. 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.)

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park Drive announced he was officially appointed to the BISD 2018 Bond Oversight Committee. Mr. Malone also spoke regarding street improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the August 12, 2019 City Council Meeting

2B. Approval of Resolution 513-19 Authorizing the Change of Authorized Representatives for the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool)

2C. Approval of the update of Authorized Representatives at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for the collateral securities held at the Federal Reserve that back the City's deposits at JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

2D. Approve Resolution 514-19 Authorizing Representation in IRS Matter and Delegating Authority to Execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney

2E. Approval of Ordinance 1397-19 approving a negotiated settlement with Atmos.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Public Hearing regarding Proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. Councilmember Campbell requested to have the code officer clothing item included in the budget.

Mayor Lopez opened the Public Hearing: Time 7:12 p.m.

No Speakers

Mayor Lopez closed the Public Hearing: Time 7:12 p.m.

3B. Public Hearing regarding Proposed FY 2020 Tax Rate

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding the proposed FY 2020 Tax Rate.

Mayor Lopez opened the Public Hearing: Time 7:14 p.m.

No Speakers

Mayor Lopez closed the Public Hearing: Time 7:14 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. None

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consider Agreement with BISD regarding Access Easement

Eric Strong, City Manager presented an agreement with BISD regarding Access Easement. As part of the BISD new Elementary School project, they are proposing building a pedestrian bridge over the levy. The bridge begins and ends in Haltom City and crosses over Richland Hills and we are responsible for all maintenance in the levy. Depending on how the final plans for the bridge come together, it is possible that their structure would inhibit our ability to have full access to the levy. The agreement accomplishes the following:

1. Allows BISD an easement to cross the levy and build the structure
2. Allows the City an easement on BISD property to get around the structure, if necessary
3. Clarifies that BISD is responsible for all upkeep and maintenance to the bridge
4. BISD assumes all liability for any damage to their structure and we are not responsible for any damage to their bridge as a result of anything that occurs within the levy.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of July Departmental Reports

No Discussion

7B. Discussion on Fire Station Project

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the Fire Station Project. The current proposed site plan for the Fire Department has changed from the original plan, and provides numerous advantages. The biggest advantage is that we do not need to relocate the Post Office. The deadline for Request for Qualifications for Construction Manager-At-Risk for the new Fire Station is September 5th.

7C. Discussion on Court Process

Item was discussed during work session under item #2.

7D. Discussion on current street projects

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the Baker Blvd. and the Landy Lane and Lavon Drive street projects.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Senior Lunch Bunch - Thursday, September 12th from 12 noon – 2 PM at The Link
- New Senior Trips for Fall 2019 - The newest program guide from The Link will be available next week. However, you can go online now and see the planned trips for the fall, including a trip or two to the Dallas Botanical Gardens.
- Pickleball Tournament – Tuesday, September, 24th at The Link
- Clear the Shelter was a success

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Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to convene into executive session. Time 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Lopez reconvened into open session. Time 7:54 p.m.

9. A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Edward Lopez, Mayor