

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019  
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Edward Lopez, Mayor  
Douglas Knowlton, Place 1  
Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem

Council Absent:

Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3

Roland Goveas, Place 4  
Athena Campbell, Place 5

Staff

Eric Strong, City Manager  
Candice Edmondson, Assistant City Manager  
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).**

None at this time.

**2. Presentation and Discussion on FY 2019-2020 Budget**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented FY 2019-2020 budget discussion.

Officer Miller and Sergeant Barrett presented the proposed K9 program and answered questions from Council. Haltom City K9 Officer, Sergeant Russell also spoke to Council on K9 program benefits.

Mayor Lopez called for a 5 minute break for Council to look at the Haltom City K9 and vehicle. Time: 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Lopez resumed the Work Session – Time: 6:49 p.m.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented discussion of the Enterprise Program. City Council asked questions and discussed. Jennifer Bertram from Enterprise Fleet Management was present to answer questions.

**REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Lopez Called to Order – Time 7:01 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.)**

Richard McMahan, 2945 Gumwood Park spoke regarding the drive approach and traffic on Gumwood and that Gumwood is currently open.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Knowlton, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to reorder the agenda by moving item 5A up to follow item 1A.

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

**5A. Consideration of Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Services for Vehicle Procurement**

Council continued discussion from Work Session.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Barger to table to the next meeting.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Approval of minutes from the August 26, 2019 City Council Meeting**

**2B. Approval of Application for Participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR)**

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

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

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

#### **3A. Public Hearing regarding Proposed FY 2020 Tax Rate**

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

Mayor Lopez opened the Public Hearing: Time 7:55 p.m.

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park spoke in favor of keeping the current tax rate.

Mayor Lopez closed the Public Hearing: Time 7:56 p.m.

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

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

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

#### **5A. Consideration of Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Services for Vehicle Procurement**

*Item moved to follow item 1A*

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **6A. None**

### **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

#### **7A. Discussion on FY 2019-2020 Budget**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the FY 2019-2020 Budget. Mr. Strong spoke on Utility Rates and the need to consider incremental increases to help fund infrastructure needs. He discussed the fund balance available in RHDC, HOT and Oil & Gas to be used for onetime expenses. City Council discussed and provided feedback.

### **COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Senior Lunch Bunch – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Noon at The Link
- The Link Mixed Doubles Pickleball Tournament – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Trips for September - Parks Coffee Roastery Thursday, Sept. 19 at 9 AM., Dallas Arboretum Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 AM.
- Texas Night Out – Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 6 PM – 8 PM
- Tricky Treat Taril & Haunted Stacks – Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at The Link Plaza and Library

- Car Wash for Critters at the Animal Shelter – Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> \$5
- Do Good with Burritos Benefit at Chipotle Mexican Grill – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 4 PM – 8 PM
- Vax Shack at the Animal Shelter – Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 1 PM

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None at this time

9. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Edward Lopez, Mayor