

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020
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

Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Betsy Elam, City Attorney

WORK SESSION – Mayor Lopez Called to Order – Time 6:09 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 Knowlton, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to convene into executive session. Time: 6:10 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

No discussion

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

Invocation – Councilmember Knowlton

Pledge of Allegiance

1A. Recognition of Richland Hills 2019 Impact Award Winner

Candice Edmondson, City Manager recognized Karen Evens, Permit Technician and Community Development Administrative Assistant as the winner of the Richland Hills 2019 Impact Award. She was chosen from among 11 other employees for her positive attitude, willingness to tackle tough issues, and a heart of service.

1B. Fire Department Pinning Ceremony

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Lainea Ashley and she was presented with the Fire Department Pin.

1C. New & Emerging City Manager's Program

Recognition of Candice Edmondson, City Manager for completing the New & Emerging City Manager's Program.

1D. 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.)

Jonathan Carathers with the United States Census Bureau provided information regarding the 2020 Census. In 2020, individuals will be able to respond to the census online.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2019 City Council Meeting

2B. Consider approval of emergency sewer main replacement of the aerial crossing over Calloway Creek east of the 3800 block of Booth Calloway Road

2C. Consider approval of emergency water main replacement in the 6700 block of Lavon Drive

2D. Consider 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.

2E. Consider approval of Resolution 518-20 adopting the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Plan as compiled and submitted by NCTCOG

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Public Forum regarding the FY 2021 Operating Budget

City Manager Edmondson stated, per the City Charter, in January, the City Council will hold a Public Forum for the express purpose of obtaining citizen comments on items they would like to see included or considered in the budget for the upcoming year.

Mayor Lopez opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

No speakers

Mayor Lopez closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. None

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. None

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Consider abandonment of City owned property from east of Fir Park to west of Mimosa Drive

Candice Edmondson, City Manager presented information regarding the abandonment of City owned property from east of Fir Park to west of Mimosa Drive. Betsy Elam, City Attorney answered questions regarding additional options to abandon or maintain ownership of the property. Council discussed and requested that staff bring back a proposal to offer Encroachment Easement agreements with the adjacent property owners.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Knowlton to deny the abandonment of City owned property east of Fir Park to west of Mimosa Drive.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. None

8. 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

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Senior Lunch Bunch & Bingo - Thursday, January 13th 12 noon – 2 PM
- Upcoming Senior Trips – Bureau of Engraving & Printing on Thursday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. and Amazon Fulfillment Center on Thursday, January 30th at 8:45 a.m.
- The Link Membership Sale – December 15th – January 15th
- Community Tarrant County Food Pantry – February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in The Link parking lot
- Next Bulk Waste Collection – February 17th
- Animal Shelter – Please check with the Animal Shelter for Vax Shack dates and consider adoption.

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

APPROVED

Edward Lopez, Mayor