

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 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

Council Absent:

Athena Campbell, Place 5

Staff

Candice Edmondson, 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).**

None

2. Discuss Aquatics Feasibility Study

Candice Edmondson, City Manager presented a discussion on the Aquatics Feasibility Study. During the FY 2020 Budget process, City Council approved the funding of a feasibility study to look at the possibility of adding a future aquatics element to The Link. The city engaged Counsilman-Hunsaker, a leading firm in the development and operations of aquatics facilities, to conduct the feasibility study. The city will be holding additional meetings with select focus groups and a community wide public forum for citizens to provide feedback on a potential aquatic's facility. The final feasibility study will provide cost estimates for the design and construction of an aquatic's facility, as well as an opinion of revenue and operating expenses.

George Deines, with Counsilman-Hunsaker, gave a presentation on the feasibility study process. Mr. Deines discussed a possible site location, different types of amenities, aquatic user groups and provided example facilities and amenities.

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

Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented the following item:

- 3A. Consider Resolution No. 521-20 to participate in the 46th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (PUBLIC HEARING) For the 46th Year CDBG program, staff is recommending replacement of the water main along the 7100 block of Oak Park Drive, between Elm Park and Ash Park Drive. The project will consist of replacing approximately 1200 linear feet of 6" water main pipe with 8" pipe and includes approximately 30 connections to respective meters. The proposed project continues to focus on the city's water and wastewater system addressing the most critical needs in the city. The Tarrant County funding allotment for the 46th Year CDBG program is estimated to be between \$120,000 to \$130,000. Any additional funds would come from the FY 2020 City of Richland Hills Operating Budget for water system improvements. The city's contribution is for the cost of engineering for the project (estimated at \$15,000), as well as any costs above the allocated grant amount.

Mayor Lopez called for a recess at 6:42 p.m.

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 5-year Service Award to Robin Studer-Haney, Kennel Technician with Richland Hills Animal Services.

1B. 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.)

Sherry Hopson, 2800 Faye Dr. spoke regarding code enforcement and street issues across from her home.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the January 27, 2020 City Council Meeting

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Consider Resolution No. 521-20 to participate in the 46th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (PUBLIC HEARING)

Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented Resolution No. 521-20 to participate in the 46th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mayor Lopez opened the Public Hearing. Time 7:10 p.m.

Sherry Hopson, 2800 Faye Dr. spoke regarding street construction issues unrelated to the Program.

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

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold and seconded by Councilmember Knowlton to approve.

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. None

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. None

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of January Departmental Reports

City Manager Edmondson highlighted the following reports:

- Library – Thanks to the Citizens of Richland Hills Water Bill donations, the Library purchased two new bilingual AWE Early Literacy Computers in the Children’s area.
- Code Enforcement – Enforcement Officer worked hard during the Bulk Waste Collection week and Republic was responsive to issues.

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None at this time

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Senior Lunch Bunch & Bingo – Thursday, March 12th 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.
- Upcoming Senior Trips – Dallas Blooms on Wednesday, March 11th 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and Poston Gardens on Thursday, March 19th
- Easter Celebration – Saturday, April 4th 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Rosebud Park
- The Chills, Thrills and Rockin’ Wheels - City’s 70th Anniversary Celebration – Saturday, April 25th 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tarrant County Food Pantry – March 12th at 6:30 p.m. The Link parking lot
- City Engineer, David Burkett – selected as TSPE Fort Worth Chapter’s Engineer of the year
- Vax Shack at the Animal Shelter – Thursday, February 27th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Early Voting – April 20th through April 28th
- Political Signs – March 21st first day to erect signs

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Edward Lopez, Mayor