

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1
Allison Barger, Place 2
Robert DeSoto, Place 3
Beverly Williams, Place 4
Edward Lopez, Mayor pro-tem

Council Absent:

Staff

Eric Strong, City Manager
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Betsy Elam, City Attorney

WORK SESSION – Mayor Bill Agan 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 Barger, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent from Council Chambers.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 6:44 p.m.

2. Public Forum regarding FY 2017-2018 Budget

City Manager Strong 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.

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park Drive, Richland Hills would like to see the curb and gutter replacement program continue.

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

7D. Chantele Hancock, Library Director gave a presentation on the Library's monthly department report. Chantele reviewed current and upcoming summer reading club programs.

- Big Truck Petting Zoo
- Building a Better World
- Summer Carnival
- Partnering with Richland Hills Elementary
- Library of Things – Not Just Books
- Books on CD
- Holiday Cookie Kit

Mayor Agan called for a break at 6:52 p.m.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Barger

PRESENTATIONS

1A. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

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.)

No Speakers

1B. Swearing in of Fire Fighters

Item moved to the February 7th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the December 6, 2016 Regular meeting.

2B. Approve and issue a final plat, Lots 1& 2, Block 1, Brumlow Addition, to the City of Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. None at this time.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Approve Resolution 476-17, regarding allocation of future sales tax capacity

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Resolution 476-17, regarding allocation of future sales tax capacity.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND HILLS CITY
COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE DECLARING
INTENTIONS FOR FUTURE SALES TAX CAPACITY**

WHEREAS, In August of 2016 the City Council received a petition from residents which obligated them to place the issue of continued membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) on the ballot for a vote of the public; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2016 residents voted to withdraw from the FWTA; and

WHEREAS, one of the results of the residents decision to withdraw from the FWTA is that there will be ½ cent of sales tax capacity available for other uses should residents vote to redirect for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, once the capacity is available, the City Council intends to call an election to allow voters the opportunity to reallocate the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the voters will be asked to vote on whether or not to allocate ¼ cent to the Type B Economic Development Corporation for park improvements, economic development or any other legal use as deemed necessary by the Economic Development Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the voters will also be asked to vote on whether or not to allocate ¼ cent to the General Fund for transportation needs, street or sidewalk repair and reconstruction or any other legal use as deemed necessary to best serve the residents of Richland Hills by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS the Mayor and City Council of Richland Hills encourage all residents to become informed on the issues related to the allocation of the sales tax election and exercise their right to vote their conscience when the time comes.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

4B. Approve Resolution 477-17, regarding Grant funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Jason Brown, Recreation Center Manager presented Resolution 477-17, agreeing to execute the details of the Texas Parks and Wildlife CO-OP Grant as stipulated by TPWD.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. None at this time.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None at this time.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Review of Comprehensive Plan Objectives and Accomplishments

Eric Strong, City Manager presented a review of Comprehensive Plan Objectives and Accomplishments. In 2014 the City Council approved a new Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan lays out goals in two ways. First, it lists the “Next Big Things” that we wanted to accomplish, which are major milestones and accomplishments. It also lists numerous smaller, more manageable goals. Below is a list of some of the accomplishments from “The Next Big Things” category. Mr. Strong also provided in the packet, an “Implementation Matrix” which lists both some of the bigger and smaller goals.

- Update the City Zoning Ordinance. – This has been accomplished, and we have also already gone through an update of what was passed since 2014.
- Plan for a Town Center Area. – Project is currently underway with the construction of the Link and the City Plaza.

- Expand the existing TRE station into a TOD. – This has not yet occurred, but we have made a lot of progress in working with landowners and developers towards understanding the feasibility of this project as well as some of the road blocks and hurdles that we still need to solve.
- Identify incentives to attract a grocery store. – This has been accomplished.
- Continue to develop park areas with improvements. – This is likely always going to be a work in progress, but we have started on this with improvements that have been made to both Windmill Park and Kate Baker Park.
- Plan for Pedestrian Connectivity and Enhancements throughout the Community. – We have completed the Safe Routes to School project. We are also about to begin the Baker Boulevard Project, which will add significant portions of sidewalk on both sides of Baker Boulevard. We are also currently working on a grant to connect a major trail system in NRH with a major trail system in Fort Worth via our North/South Utility Easement.

7B. Update on Transportation Services

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on Transportation Services. The new transportation system is currently being provided by Yellow Cab. So far, we are averaging approximately eight (8) one way trips per day. There are forty two (42) registered users and nineteen (19) of them have used the system. We will be sending out a user survey to get feedback on the system. We are also currently working on a RFP in order to get several bids on providing the service.

7C. Update on the Link Project

Jason Brown, Recreation Center Manager gave an update on the Link Project. The construction project is on track for the City to obtain a temporary Certificate of Occupancy the first week of April. Currently, Link memberships are being purchased and instructor contract negotiations are taking place. Event and activity planning is underway for the April 22, 2017 Grand Opening.

7D. Presentation of Departmental Reports

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 3.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Lunch Bunch – February 9th

9. 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.

- 10. A motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor