

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 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

PUBLIC MEETING – Mayor Bill Agan Called to Order – Time 6:00 p.m.

1. Public Information Meeting for possible trail along the north south Oncor Utility Easement.

Jason Moore, Assistant City Manager presented information regarding a possible hike and bike trail along the north south Oncor Utility Easement. Jason introduced Jonathan West with Halff Associates, who gave a presentation on the proposed plan that would connect Glenview on the north and the TRE rail station on the south, utilizing the Oncor Electric Easement. Following the presentation, citizens made comments and asked questions.

2. 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.

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

None at this time.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Lopez

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.)

Ashlyn Gee, 2704 Willow Park, Richland Hills spoke to Council regarding the need to reduce the amount of roadside waste and litter in our city by placing trash bins along the intersections and streets.

1B. Swearing in of Fire Fighters

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oaths of Office to the following Richland Hills Firefighters:

- Jeffrey Stow – Fire Fighter/EMT
- Landon Whatley – Fire/Paramedic

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2017 Regular meeting.

2B. Resolution 479-17, for Certification of Local Match and Funding Commitment of a Hike & Bike Trail in Richland Hills.

2C. Ordinance 1324-17, amending Section 18-34 of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances regulating alcohol in public facilities.

2D. Repeal the 2013 Rental Policy.

2E. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase various furniture for the Link.

2F. Ordinance 1325-17, amendment to the City of Richland Hills Municipal Ordinance concerning Solid Waste (Chapter 66), Section 66-58 – Time of Placement for Collection.

2G. Consider approval of sewer main repair/replacement south of the 7500 block of Hardisty Street in the amount of \$33, 870.00, with service provided by No-Dig Tec, Inc.

2H. Consider approval of a contract with a collection agency, Vigilant Solutions, LLC, for court collections.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve the consent agenda and to include the correction of the date of the minutes being approved to be January 17, 2017.

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. Consider Resolution 478-17, Calling the May 6, 2017 General Election for City of Richland Hills Council Places 1, 3 and 5.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Resolution 478-17, calling the May 6, 2017 General Election.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consideration of Change Order #9 with Byrne Construction Services for the Link Project and authorize the City Manager to amend the guaranteed maximum price accordingly.

Jason Moore, Assistant City Manager presented Change Order #9 with Byrne Construction Services for the Link Project and authorize the City Manager to amend the guaranteed maximum price accordingly.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None at this time.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Update on the Link Project

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the Link Project. The outside of the building is almost complete and the inside will be complete in early April in time to move in equipment and furniture. Mr. Strong reviewed some of the history of the project, by going over how the amenities provided, cost recovery and fees have been determined.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Bulk Waste Collection – March 13th
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Rosebud Park
- The Link Grand Opening – April 29th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch – February 9th
- New Manager at Neighborhood Wal-Mart – Paul Borhause

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Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time: 7:34 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 8:08 p.m.

10. A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, 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 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor