

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 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

**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 DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to convene into executive session. Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 6:46 p.m.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following agenda items:

2B. Approval of Authorization of City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for joint video conferencing in the Fire Department with the cities of North Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City.

6A. 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Mayor Agan called for a break at 6:56 p.m.

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

**Invocation – Mayor Agan**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**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.)**

Richard McMahan, 2945 Gumwood, Richland Hills presented a petition and spoke in opposition of a proposed Multi-Use Trail Project/Hike and Bike Trail.

Hanif Jhaveri, 6940 Baker Boulevard, Richland Hills spoke regarding his interest in helping with any projects in the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Approval of minutes from the February 21, 2017 Regular meeting.**

**2B. Approval of Authorization of City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for joint video conferencing in the Fire Department with the cities of North Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City.**

**2C. Approval of the erosion control project for the drainage flume from the 7000 block of Hovenkamp north 170 feet, utilizing Rrap Wall technology performed by Knight Erosion Control in the amount of \$87,692.84.**

**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. None at this time.**

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

**5A. None at this time.**

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**6A. Accept the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 2.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

### **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**7A. Update on Capital Projects**

Eric Strong, City Manager reviewed the following list of significant capital projects accomplished in the past several years:

- The Link – 28,000 square foot community and recreation center
- Richland Hills Park Place – Phase 2 of the Link project
- Kate Baker Park Improvements – new playground equipment and shade structures, as well as enclosing some channel drainage culverts
- BFC Sewer Main Lift Station – replacing approximately 5,000 linear feet of wastewater main, as well as construction of the first lift station in Richland Hills and approximately 3,000 linear feet of street repair/reconstruction
- Matthews Interceptor – enclosing approximately 2,000 linear feet of an underground box culvert and partial reconstruction of Matthews Drive
- Kingsbury Bypass – enclosing approximately 2,500 linear feet of drainage channel in an underground box culvert, approximately 2,300 linear feet of curb and gutter replacement, 300 feet of water main replacement, 550 feet of wastewater replacement and 500 linear feet of street reconstruction
- Upper Hardisty Drainage – enclosing approximately 500 linear feet of an underground box culvert as well as improvement to surface drainage
- Pine Park Reconstruction – rebuilt the entirety Pine Park through an agreement with Tarrant County

- Popplewell partial reconstruction – re-surfaced 2,400 linear feet of Popplewell through an agreement with Tarrant County
- Vance partial reconstruction – re-surfaced 2,100 linear feet of Vance Road
- Fir Park Sewer Replacement – replaced 1,160 linear feet of waste water lines as well as three manholes along Fir Park utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds
- Maple Park/Elm Park Sewer Replacement – replaced 1,645 linear feet and two manholes utilizing CDBG funding
- Big Fossil Creek Drainage Improvements – replaced the pump motors and electrical system at BFC pump station
- Several thousand linear feet of curb and gutter repair – curb, gutters and driveway approaches
- Safe Routes to School – added 43,000 linear feet of sidewalks utilizing partial funding through SRTS grants
- Green Ribbon Grants – improved the medians on Baker Blvd with irrigation and landscaping utilizing partial funding through TXDOT grants

In addition to the infrastructure projects, City Manager Strong reviewed the following list of some of the larger / more significant businesses to open or expand, which created a positive impact on our sales tax collection over the past several years:

- Walmart
- Former Sam's Club Site
- Smith Lawn and Tree
- LoneStar Forklift
- Advanced Glass
- Cook Children's Neighborhood Clinic
- Advanced Auto
- Family Dollar
- Autozone

## **8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Link Grand Opening – April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Silver Sneakers will be accepted for Link Memberships
- Lunch Bunch – March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Synergy Expo 2017 – May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Bulk Waste Collection – May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Daylight Savings Time – March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Kiowa Casino Trip – March 28<sup>th</sup>, leave from City Hall at 8am and return at 6pm

## **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).**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Williams to convene into executive session. Time: 7:41 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 8:47 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve addendum number three of the City Managers contract as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**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 8:48 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Bill Agan, Mayor