

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 16, 2017  
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor  
Roland Goveas, Place 1  
Allison Barger, Place 2  
Robert DeSoto, Place 3  
Place 4, Vacant  
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 Goveas to convene into executive session. Time: 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 7:03 p.m.

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

No Discussion

**REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Agan Called to Order – Time 7:04 p.m.**

**Invocation** – Mayor Agan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1A. 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.)

Oliver A. Pettit, 7505 Hovenkamp Dr., spoke to Council regarding solicitation of funds in the name of Richland Hills to build a building at Kate Baker Park.

### **1B. Presentation on Birdville Reads Program**

Chantele Hancock, Library Director gave a presentation on the Birdville Reads Program. The summer reading kickoff will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10AM – 1PM, at the Fine Arts/Athletic Complex (FAAC) at 9200 Mid Cities Blvd., North Richland Hills. This is a free party with a petting zoo, games, free books, giant slide, big trucks, crafts and obstacle courses.

## **ELECTION INFORMATION**

### **2AA. Approve Ordinance 1332-17, Canvassing the Results of the May 6, 2017 General Election.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Ordinance 1332-17, canvassing the results of the May 6, 2017 General Election. The results are as follows:

Travis Malone  
has been elected to City Council, Place 1

Curtis A. Bergthold  
has been elected to City Council, Place 3

Athena Campbell  
has been elected to City Council, Place 5

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**2AB. Update on Special Election regarding allocation of sales tax.**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the May 6, 2017 Special Election regarding allocation of sales tax. In November of 2016, the residents of Richland Hills elected to withdraw from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA). Once an election to withdraw from the authority is ordered, the Executive Board of the FWTA has 180 days to certify the exit fee and send it to the comptroller. The November election was ordered on August 18, 2016 and 180 days from that point was February 14, 2017. As of February 14<sup>th</sup>, no number was certified by the FWTA Executive Board. As such, on February 16, 2017 the Richland Hills City Council ordered an election to reissue the tax that was formerly collected by the FWTA for purposes including: street improvements, park improvements and economic development.

On April 24, 2017, approximately 69 days after their legal ability to certify a number, the Executive Board did approve an exit fee of \$3,774,821.85 (this was after they originally told the city they were going to certify a number of \$8,363,431.13). Because they certified the number after their statutory ability to do so, the comptroller has been put in a state of flux and will not recognize our recent election to reissue the sales tax for other purposes at this time. As such, the election to reissue sales tax will likely need to be held again at a future date, and there is no need to canvass the special election results at this time.

**2AC. Swearing in of City Council members.**

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Travis Malone - City Council Place 1, Curtis Bergthold - City Council Place 3 and Athena Campbell - City Council Place 5.

**2AD. Recognition of outgoing Council members.**

Mayor Agan presented a Recognition Award to outgoing Council Members Roland Goveas - City Council Place 1, Robert DeSoto - City Council Place 3 and Edward Lopez - City Council Place 5.

**2AE. Election of Mayor Pro Tem.**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Malone, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to elect Councilmember Barger as Mayor Pro Tem for 2017-2018.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**2A. Ordinance 1333-17, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy.**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**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. Consideration of appointment to Boards and Commissions.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to appoint Ashly Schilling to Place 3 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to appoint Councilmember Curtis Bergthold to Place 2 of the Richland Hills Development Corporation.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Malone to appoint Councilmember Allison Barger to Place 3 of the Richland Hills Development Corporation.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to appoint Councilmember Athena Campbell to Place 4 of the Richland Hills Development Corporation.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

## **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

### **7A. Update on Trail Grant**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the Trail Grant. The proposed project is to create a seamless north-south active transportation connection from the northern border of Richland Hills to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Richland Hills station. The project is not official until the Texas Department of Transportation executes an Advanced Funding Agreement with the City by late summer, we are recommended to receive \$1,677,121 of Federal Funding for the project. The City's match will be \$419,280.

### **7B. Update on Current City Projects**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave an update on the following city projects:

- FY 2017-2018 Budget
- Baker Boulevard Improvements
- 6Stones
- Public Safety Pay Election in November
- Oncor Easement Trail Project
- Link/Plaza

### **7C. New Council Orientation**

Eric Strong, City Manager reviewed various processes and expectations for the new council members, as well as the City's organizational structure and functionality.

### **7D. Discussion of future meeting dates**

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed with council, the current City Council meeting schedule and the possibility of changing it to a date that works best going forward. There was discussion of possibly moving the meetings to the second and fourth Monday of each month.

## **8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Bulk Waste Collection - May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch Bunch – June 9<sup>th</sup> at The Link – Thank you to the Richland Hills Christian Church for hosting the Lunch Bunch over the past year
- City Offices Closed – May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day
- Animal Shelter Open House – Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

## **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,**

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None at this time.

- 10. A motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8: 24 p.m.

**ATTEST**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

**APPROVED**

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Bill Agan, Mayor