

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 24, 2017  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor  
Travis Malone, Place 1  
Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem  
Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3  
Place 4, Vacant  
Athena Campbell, Place 5

Council Absent:

Staff

Eric Strong, City Manager  
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Agan Called to Order – Time 6:37 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.)**

No Speakers

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Approval of minutes from the July 10, 2017 City Council Meeting.**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Malone, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold 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.** Consider Resolution 486-17, waiving repayment of liens on property located at 3808 Norton Drive in the amount of \$1,685.25.

Eric Strong, City Manager present Resolution 486-17, waiving repayment of liens on property located at 3808 Norton Drive in the amount of \$1,685.25.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

### **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. Presentation of Monthly Department Reports.**

No Discussion

**7B. Budget Worksession for FY 2017-2018 Budget.**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave a presentation on the FY 2017-2018 Budget. The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Teen Court
- ◆ Utility Bill – What drives cost
- ◆ Utility Fund
  - Shared Services
  - Water Revenue

- Sewer Revenue
- Misc Revenues
- Administration
- Water Product and Distribution
- Wastewater Collection and Treatment
- Drainage Utility
- ◆ Special Program Fund
  - Police Department SRO
- ◆ Oil and Gas Lease Fund
- ◆ Capital Projects Fund
- ◆ Municipal Court Building Security Fund
- ◆ Road and Street Improvement Fund
- ◆ Richland Hills Development Corporation Fund
- ◆ Municipal Court Technology Fund
- ◆ Library Grant
- ◆ Traffic Safety Fund
- ◆ CCPD – Crime Control and Prevention District
- ◆ Hazardous Waste Disposal
- ◆ Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Fund
- ◆ CVL Grant
- ◆ Debt Payments
- ◆ Fund Balance

There was discussion among Council regarding the FY 2017-2018 Budget and related items.

**7C. Discussion regarding election for Police and Fire pay and the potential impact on future budgets.**

Eric Strong, City Manager gave a presentation regarding the November 2017 Election for Police and Fire pay and the potential impact on future budgets. A petition submitted by residents that, if approved will require the city to pay all commissioned peace officers and firefighters the average salary and benefits of their equivalent positions in the cities of: Fort Worth, Hurst, North Richland Hills and Haltom City. Approval of the measure by citizens would eliminate local discretion to determine the pay and benefits of these positions. After conducting a survey of those cities, it appears the approximate cost for salary, including the taxes and retirement that the city would need to include on the additional pay, totals an estimated \$860,000 per year.

There was discussion regarding ideas of how to fund the excess of \$860,000, if the proposition passes in November. Ideas discussed included:

1. Eliminating staff
2. Eliminating/reducing programs
3. Eliminating/reducing supplies/equipment purchases
4. Furloughing staff

5. Contracting out services
6. Raising Taxes

**8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Bulk Waste Collection – August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Clear the Shelters – August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- New Textiles Recycling Program – begins on July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch Bunch – August 10<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, 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 Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Bill Agan, Mayor