

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

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

Council Absent:

Staff

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

WORK SESSION – Mayor 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).**

None at this time.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following items for discussion:

- 2B. Approval of Resolution 490-17, casting votes for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- 5A. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for Solid Waste Services.
- 5B. Consideration of bid award for annual Group Health Insurance plan.
- 4A. Consideration Ordinance 1340-17, by amending the code of ordinances Section 82-314, to permit the operation of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on certain streets, highways, paths and alleys.

7A. Presentation of Monthly Departmental Reports.

Mayor Agan adjourned the work session at 6:54 p.m.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

A1. ELECTION RELATED ITEMS

A. Approval of Resolution 489-17, canvassing the results of the November 7, 2017 Special Elections.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Resolution 489-17, canvassing the results of the November 7, 2017 General Election. The results are as follows:

<u>City Council, Place 4</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Lisa Lachance-Skier	130 (24.16%)
Roland Goveas	323 (60.04%)
Javier Alvarez	85 (15.80%)

Proposition No. 1: Shall the City of Richland Hills require by ordinance that all police officers and firefighters be paid no less than the average of all salary and benefits paid to equivalent positions in the Cities of Fort Worth, North Richland Hills, Hurst and Haltom City.

	<u>Number of Votes</u>
For	162 (27.18%)
Against	434 (72.82%)

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

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

B. Swearing in of City Council Place 4.

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Roland Goveas - City Council Place 4.

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. Presentation of Service Awards.

Mayor Agan presented a 5 year Service Award to Kevin Casey with the Richland Hills Fire Department and a 15 year Service Award to Edward Spears, with the Richland Hills Police Department.

1C. Recognition of Police Officers.

Item will be moved to the December 11, 2017 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

****Items 4A, 5A and 5B moved to consent agenda.***

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to move items 4A, 5A with changes and 5B to the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

2A. Approval of minutes from the October 9, 2017 City Council Meetings.

2B. Approval of Resolution 490-17, casting votes for the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors by casting all five (5) votes for Mr. Mark Wood.

4A. Consideration Ordinance 1340-17, by amending the code of ordinances Section 82-314, to permit the operation of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on certain streets, highways, paths and alleys.

5A. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for Solid Waste Services with Republic Waste.

5B. Consideration of bid award for annual Group Health Insurance plan with United Health Care.

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Councilmember Goveas abstained from 2A.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Public Hearing regarding the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Russell Shelley, Fire Chief provided a brief explanation of the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Agan Opened the Public Hearing: Time 7:12 p.m.

No speakers

Mayor Agan Closed the Public Hearing: Time 7:12 p.m.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Consideration Ordinance 1340-17, by amending the Code of Ordinances Section 82-314, to permit the operation of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on certain streets, highways, paths and alleys.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

Ricky Head spoke in favor of Golf Carts on streets.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for Solid Waste Services with Republic Waste.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

5B. Consideration of bid award for annual Group Health Insurance plan with United Health Care.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None at this time.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of Monthly Departmental Reports.

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

7B. Discussion regarding future infrastructure improvements and funding.

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed with Council potential funding sources for Streets, Parks and Economic Development over the next 10 years. There was discussion of a possible election to be held in 2019 to reallocate the ½ cent sales tax that the Fort Worth Transportation Authority has historically collected. The proposal with a successful election would be to send 3/8th of that to streets and 1/8th to Economic Development (in addition to the 1/8th we currently collect), then there would be approximately \$22 million that could be use for streets and parks over the next 10 years. There was also discussion of the possibility of a bond election for street improvements.

7C. Discussion regarding Code Enforcement procedures.

Eric Strong, City Manager discussed with Council the City's methodologies, procedures and general approach to Code Enforcement. Council's direction is to continue with the current letter that is sent out regarding a Code Violation and suggested leaving a note on the door letting them know a violation letter will be sent to them. Council also recommended a follow up letter be sent out after the violation has been resolved.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Children's Holiday Camp – covers both BIRD and IL of Texas calendars
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday, December 1st from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Richland's Reindeer Round-Up – Saturday, December 9th from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Holiday Drop'n Shop – Saturday, December 9th from 10:30 to 4 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed November 22nd at 12:30 p.m. and November 23rd and 24th
- Next Council Meeting - December 11th
- Christmas Holiday - City Offices Closed December 25th and 26th
- Lunch Bunch – December 14th at noon
- Link Open on Thanksgiving from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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).

10.

None at this time.

11. A motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor