

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Regular Session on January 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Glen Gilmore, Commissioner
Jesse Torres, Commissioner
Terri Vela, City Manager
Laura Scarlato, City Secretary
Gary Smith, City Attorney

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item number A2, presentation of awards and announcements.

- The Mayor presented Jamie Garcia her award for 10 Years with the Police Department, however Ms. Garcia was not present.
- Mayor Moore was pleased to present Greg Mensik his award for 10 years of service to the Fire Department and he was present to receive it.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Public comments. She asked for any public comments. There were no comments; therefore the agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A4, the consent agenda with the following items to be approved. The Mayor asked if there would be any discussion regarding the consent agenda. Commissioner Gilmore stated he thought the departments are doing a great job therefore he felt the consent agenda should be approved. Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the consent agenda as reported. There being no further discussion, this agenda item was closed.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A5 to review and consider taking action regarding Ordinance No. 2016-01, Authorizing the issuance of the City of Richmond, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016A. Joe Morrow, Financial Advisor from First Southwest was present to update the commission. The bond is for the second phase of the Surface Water Treatment Facility at \$6.3 million. Mr. Morrow stated the current state of the market was very beneficial for the bond market. The drop in the interest rates is to our advantage. The end result would be a lower cost for the Surface Water Treatment Plant benefiting the citizens for many years to come. Mr. Morrow recommended that the Ordinance be approved by the Commission and that Clay Holland with Andrews Kurth was also in attendance to answer questions. Commissioner Torres inquired about the index being 20 year vs 30 year and Commissioner Gilmore asked about refinancing our existing bonds that are outstanding. Mr. Morrow stated the current portfolio for the City has been managed very well. Commissioner Gilmore motioned to approve the Ordinance No. 2016-01, the Authorization for the issuance of the City of Richmond, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016A. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A6 to review and consider taking action regarding Ordinance No. 2016-02, Authorizing the issuance of the City of Richmond, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016B. Mr. Morrow stated the bond for \$3.6 million has a slightly different structure. It was for a fire truck, street improvements and right of way purchases. Five bids were received with BOSCO winning the bid. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02, the authorization of the issuance of the City of Richmond, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016B. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion and the vote was two "ayes" and no "nays".

Agenda item A7 to review and consider taking action on the request from Helping Hands to expand the building per lease agreement. City Manager, Terri Vela clarified that the Helping Hands organization is required to obtain written consent from the City of Richmond to make any changes to the property. The request is for additional parking that will be lost when they expand the building and to expand the building on the back side by 20 feet. Mr. Charlie Mahler clarified the plans and their intentions for the property. Mr. Mahler also stated the organization

works on a cash basis and the improvements would be paid for upon completion. City Manager Vela stated the organization would be working with City Staff on the project. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion to grant the request from Helping Hands to expand the building with Commissioner Torres seconding the motion. The vote was two "ayes" and no "nays" so approve.

Mayor Moore introduced Agenda item A8 to review and consider taking action regarding the Interlocal Agreement for improvements to the driving surface at the entrance to Oak Bend Hospital, main campus located at 1600 Main Street. City Manager Vela stated the contract had been reviewed by both Howard Christian, Public Works Director and Jim Whitehead, Street Superintendent and gave it their endorsement. The agreement is with Fort Bend County and according to Vela the agreement states the county will provide equipment, labor and all material costs not to exceed \$31,125.00. The City of Richmond will provide all necessary flagmen, barricades, traffic devices and traffic control for the duration of the project. Commissioner Torres made the motion that the Interlocal Agreement be approved with Commissioner Gilmore seconding the motion. There were two "ayes" and no "nays" for the approval of the Interlocal Agreement for improvements to the driving surface at the entrance to the Oak Bend Hospital. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A9 to receive an update from Municipal Court regarding the annual review of the current Court policies. Judge Phyllis A. Ross, the current presiding judge for the City of Richmond, spoke regarding her annual review. She particularly spoke about jail credits and community service. Judge Ross took the commission and spectators through the entire process, giving examples etc. It is at the judge's discretion whether to go higher than the \$50 per day jail credit but not lower than \$50. Commissioner Torres stated he felt the credit should be at least minimum wage or \$100 would be more sufficient. Commissioner Gilmore commended Judge Ross on her research and not picking and choosing who should receive penalty. There was no action required regarding this item; therefore the agenda item was closed.

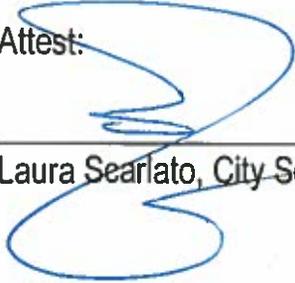
There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, Commissioner Gilmore motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Commissioner Torres seconded and the Commission adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Searlato, City Secretary