



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The City Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met in Emergency Special Session on June 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Moore proceeded to call the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor
Barry Beard, Commissioner
Jesse Torres, Commissioner
Terri Vela, City Manager
Gary W. Smith, City Attorney.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A2, Review and consider approving an ordinance extending the local disaster declaration related to the flooding from the Brazos River. City Manager Vela reported Mayor Moore had issued a local disaster declaration on May 30, 2016 due to the flooding from the Brazos River and that the flooding is continuing. State law allows the Mayor's local disaster declaration to continue for seven (7) days unless the City Commission acts to extend it. The Brazos River is currently at 54.2 feet. It had reached a high point of 54.81 feet. The previous record high was 50.3 feet in 1994. The flood stage, over 50.0 feet is projected to continue into next week. Seventy-eight homes have been flooded. One hundred forty-eight rescues have been performed by City forces. Seven hundred two persons have been rescued. Those rescued have brought out 75 pets. Another 11 pets that were left behind have been rescued. The streets that have been closed due to flooding were listed. City Manager Vela reminded the Commission to check the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management website for the most up-to-date list of streets that are flooded. City infrastructure is impacted as lift stations have been flooded. Water has leaked into the Police Department basement. Commissioner Beard commended the Mayor for her actions and efforts in response to the emergency. Commissioner Beard commended City staff for its tireless efforts to protect, serve and provide relief to the citizens. Commissioner Torres mentioned the citizens that are working to provide food to the first responders and affected citizens. Mayor Moore thanked City staff for its dedication. City Manager Vela reported that City staff will staff a command post at Riveredge and Hwy. 90A to provide information to affected residents. Joining the staff

will be the Red Cross, Common Thread and the Salvation Army each providing relief items and support for the residents that have been flooded from their homes. Efforts are underway to have a mobile laundry for the affected residents. Commissioner Beard moved approval of the ordinance extending the local disaster declaration. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Moore introduced agenda item A3, Review and consider approving an ordinance extending the mandatory evacuation order, including a penalty clause. The evacuation order was issued to require persons to vacate the residences and structures at 18 and 28 Avenue A due to the flooding. The evacuation order includes a prohibition against ingress, egress, movement of persons and occupation of structures in the area ordered evacuated and contains a penalty clause. Commissioner Torres moved approval of the ordinance extending the evacuation order and penalty clause. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

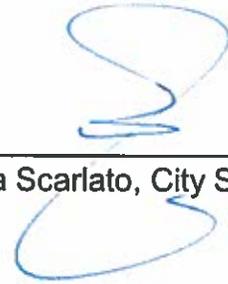
With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Torres moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Approved:



Evalyn W. Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary