

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GORDON SMITH
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
CITY ATTORNEY BETSY ELAM
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR.

NONE

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THAT ISSUE, AND NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

NONE

Mayor Earwood introduced Rachel Arellano from Judge Whitley's office.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** ALL ITEMS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR THE "CONSENT AGENDA". THESE ITEMS ARE OF A ROUTINE NATURE AND REQUIRE ONLY BRIEF DELIBERATION BY COUNCIL. **COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY ITEM ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION**

- A. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (FY 2020)
- C. APPROVAL BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2020 (FY 2021)
- D. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES WITH TARRANT COUNTY FIRE ALARM
- E. APPROVE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT OF SERVICES WITH JAMES MYRICK AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
- F. RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS (ERCOT) FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2021

CM Claridge moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton to approve the Consent Agenda Items #A-F. All voted "Aye".

7. DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. PUBLIC HEARING: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET FOR TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) #1 FUND (OCTOBER 1, 2020-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021).

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

The TIRZ board approved the FY 2021 budget tonight.

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

9. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1293-2020 APPROVING THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) #1 FUND PROPOSED FY 2021 BUDGET (OCTOBER 1, 2020-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021).

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve Ordinance #1293-2020. All voted "Aye".

10. PUBLIC HEARING: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED REPLAT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN AND ROSE HEIZMAN BEING IN BLOCK 17, LOT 14 CONTAINING 0.351 ACRES OF LAND IN THE CASTLEBERRY GARDENS ADDITION AND OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 1912 YALE STREET AND ONCE RE-PLATTED TO BECOME TWO SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL LOTS DESCRIBED AS BEING BLOCK 17, LOT 14R-1 AND LOT 14R-2 IN THE CASTLEBERRY GARDENS ADDITION. (ZONING CASE #PZ2020-0004)

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

Christian Heizman was present and presented the council with a plat. The single-family house will be built on the vacant lot and be approximately 2,000 square feet. The Planning & Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustments voted to approve and recommend this to the City Council.

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

11. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REPLAT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIAN AND ROSE HEIZMAN BEING IN BLOCK 17, LOT 14 CONTAINING 0.351 ACRES OF LAND IN THE CASTLEBERRY GARDENS ADDITION AND OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 1912 YALE STREET AND ONCE RE-PLATTED TO BECOME TWO SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL LOTS DESCRIBED AS BEING BLOCK 17, LOT 14R-1 AND LOT 14R-2 IN THE CASTLEBERRY GARDENS ADDITION. (ZONING CASE #PZ2020-0004)

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the proposed replat request. All voted "Aye".

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL CHANGE ORDER #3 UNDER TWDB DWSRF #62731, PROJECT CID-02, "PHASE I WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS".

Bill Loche was present. Presented at a previous council meeting was change order #2. Found some issues with an unknown water line at the intersection of Long and Shenna and issues with the Final As-Built Quantities; therefore, this is change order #3 at a cost of \$18,614.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the Final Change Order #3. All voted "Aye".

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUESTED LARGE GATHERING EVENTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS FOLLOWS:

-RIVER OAKS EVENT CENTER OCTOBER 2020 INSIDE HAUNTED HOUSE LOCATED AT 5300 BLACKSTONE AS REQUESTED BY SHIRLEY WHEAT-this event will be outside and walk thru only. Candy and cookies will be pre-packaged. In the process of coming up with ideas for social distancing.

-OUTSIDE FALL FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 31, 2020 AT ONE FAITH CHURCH LOCATED AT 1200 ROBERTS CUT OFF ROAD AS REQUESTED BY RACHEL SALAZAR- Rachel Salazar was present. This event is outside and walk thru only. Volunteers will be required to wear

masks and gloves. Social distancing guides will be posted along the way along with sanitizing stations. All games are by use of feet only and not hands. Food will be bagged.

Both items were brought to the council my request of the Mayor since the Governor is opening more things. Would like input from the City Council and EMC Myrick. Both events will meet with EMC Myrick to make sure everyone is being safe and will give suggestions to make these events save.

EMC Myrick announced that released today that the virus has increased but a lot slower than a few months ago and children cases have increased. They see trouble in the fall and winter months. Ruth Dunlop was present and works for Cooks Children. There needs to be a balance of fun and keep hospital numbers down. Enforcing the masks needs to be done.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton to approve both large outside events at the Event Center and at Faith Church. All voted "Aye".

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH TARRANT COUNTY.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the joint election agreement and contract with Tarrant County. All voted "Aye".

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY SECRETARY.

CS Luck presented the holiday schedule. Council agreed to add an additional day at Christmas and that day will be up to staff to decide what works best in their schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the holiday schedule as presented with adding an additional day at Christmas. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

16. UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER ADVISING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON PERSONNEL, CITY'S FISCAL CONDITION, FUTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND OTHER CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Event Center opens tomorrow with the plan of action presented in September 2020 which does not include rentals, and includes signage, mask requirements and social distancing requirements.

River Oaks News is online but must register in order to receive it.

The city newsletter goes out every week by email.

The Cenus has been extended to October 31, 2020.

Early voting started today. Election day is at the Library and one other location in River Oaks. There is a location in Fort Worth off Meandering Road. Trinity Metro is offering free rides to the polls.

Mayor Earwood-would like to rename the Library building "River Oaks Annex".

CORRESPONDENCE:

17. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Claridge-car show-thought no parking signs were supposed to be covered up.

CM Houk-couldn't get the live stream to work.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton-coworker passed away unexpectedly today. Appreciate everyone that works for the city and the City Council.

Mayor Earwood-thanked everyone for what they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071 Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek advice from attorney.
- b. Section 551.072 Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate.
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel matters – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

NONE

RECONVENE:

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

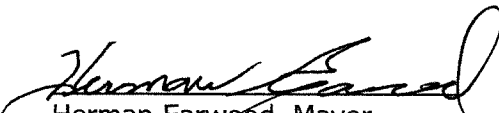
NONE

ADJOURN:


20. ADJOURN

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Earwood adjourned the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary