

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 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
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
CO-DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
BI STEVE SANDERS (ON WEBEX)

ABSENT:

CITY ATTORNEY BETSY ELAM

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Holland delivered the Invocation.

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

CM Holland led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. 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

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 1031-2020 CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE 4 & 5.

City Manager, Marvin Gregory, presented the official vote from the November 3rd General and Special Election as follows:

General Election:

For Mayor:	Joe Ashton	<u>1,832 Votes</u>	<u>100%</u>
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Joe Ashton elected Mayor

For Council Place 5:	Dan Dage	<u>694 Votes</u>	<u>35.94%</u>
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	Dan Chisholm	<u>1,237 Votes</u>	<u>64.06%</u>
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Dan Chisholm elected

Special Election

For Council Place 4:	Yolie Rodriguez	<u>1,177 Votes</u>	<u>58.09%</u>
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	Charles Richardson	<u>849 Votes</u>	<u>41.91%</u>
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Yolie Rodriguez elected

Following the reading of the official votes, Councilmember Steve Holland made the motion to adopt Resolution 1031-2020 canvassing the votes of the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections, seconded by Councilmember John Claridge; all voted "Aye".

6. SPECIAL AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS. Mayor Earwood moved to Agenda Item 7 STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS, "OATH OF OFFICE" AND CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE 4 AND 5.

Tarrant County JP Chris Gregory administered the Statement of Elected Official and Oath of Office to Joe Ashton, Mayor, Yolie Rodriguez, Council Member Place 4 and Dan Chisholm, Councilmember Place 5. Mayor Earwood had the Certificate of Election presented to Joe Ashton, Yolie Rodriguez and Dan Chisholm.

Following the Oath of Office, City Manager Gregory presented to retiring Mayor Herman Earwood the city flag and card from the employees thanking the Mayor for his service. A special guest (Cameron Wheat) dressed up from the past presented the Mayor with the plaque from the city acknowledging 21 years of commitment to the City as Mayor and City Councilmember. Shirley Wheat recounted former memories how Mayor Earwood was instrumental in having the first fireworks show.

Several people including, but not limited to Councilmembers Holland, Chisholm, Claridge, Houk and newly elected Mayor Ashton expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Mayor Earwood for what he did for the City and recounted memories with him. Mayor Earwood spoke about what the City had accomplished during his tenure including having now a full-time fire department and a top of the line police department.

Mayor Ashton's Sister, Jennifer Ashton, concluded with telling the audience how much she loved her brother and how proud that she is of him and that she knew his grandparents if they were alive and here tonight would be especially proud of him.

8. AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN FOR A RECEPTION. With the special presentation and awards completed, the council adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M. for a reception honoring both Mayor Earwood and all the newly elected officials.

CONVENE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION:

9. THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SEATED. Council returned to regular session at 7:52 P.M. and all the new members were seated in their official capacity.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. CONSIDER ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE FOR THE 2020-2021 TERM YEAR.


CM Claridge moved to elect CM Darren Houk as the Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by CM Houk; then after a brief discussion all members voted "Aye".

ADJOURN:

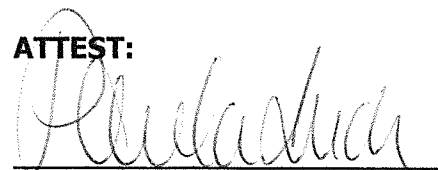
11. ADJOURN

At 7:55 p.m., CM John Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Joe Ashton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary