

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 9, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY  
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK  
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER  
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK  
BUILDING INSPECTOR STEVE SANDERS  
CITY ATTORNEY BETSY ELAM  
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY  
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT  
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

**ABSENT:**

MAYOR EARWOOD

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Ashton called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 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

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

**NONE**

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 MAY 22, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED CLOSED MEETING
- C. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2020 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- D. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 9, 2020 (FY 2020)
- E. APPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT BETWEEN THE RIVER OAKS EDC AND KEN TUCKER ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION

**CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the Consent Agenda Items #A-E. All voted "Aye".**

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

**NONE**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:**

8. CITIZEN APPEARANCE OF JAMES DALTON DOSS REGARDING DISCUSSION ON SUPPORTING R.O.S.C. (RIVER OAKS SYNERGY CENTER INITIATIVE).

James Dalton Doss was present and wanted to follow up from the last council meeting. Proposing like a fun run where the city can pay a percentage and the rest collected from donations. It was recommended to put together a plan and submit it to CM Gregory for review. Recommended Mr. Doss to meet with Event Center Director Wheat after the council meeting.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1019-2020 FOR OUTSIDE EVENT PERMITTING IN ORDER TO HOLD A FARMER'S MARKET AS REQUESTED BY MEGAN DOLPH OF MAVEN MOON'S AT 1111 ROBERTS CUT OFF ROAD AND ALSO REQUESTING EXCEPTIONS UNDER CHAPTER 2 "ANIMAL CONTROL" SPECIFICALLY IN SECTION 2.03.003 "FOWL" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND OF THE RIVER OAKS ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PERMITTED USES IN C-1 COMMERCIAL ZONING.

Megan Dolph was not present. The dates requested for the farmers market are listed in the Resolution. As far as the chickens, Ordinance allows three chickens. This item will be tabled until next meeting.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM ANDREW AND LISA FULD AT 1844 INSPIRATION LANE TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 0.1508 ACRES OUT OF 7.956 ACRES OF CITY OWNED LAND RECORDED IN VOLUME 2449, PAGE 439 D.R.T.C.T. IN ORDER TO ADJUST THEIR PROPERTY'S BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE FIRE PIT ENCUMBRANCE.

Andrew and Lisa Fuld were not present. They want to purchase the smaller piece of land for \$5,000.00 which is .3221 acres. The sale of property will have to be done by Ordinance.

**CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to allow the purchase of city owned property of .3221 acres for \$5,000.00 pending the drafting of the Ordinance which will be brought back at the next council meeting on consent agenda. All voted "Aye".**

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE ALL-AMERICAN FESTIVAL ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The church is not planning on having any events outdoors. EDC has recommended to allow fireworks to take place and to encourage social distancing and wearing of masks.

**CM Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve the All-American Festival of fireworks only and to encourage social distancing and wearing of masks. All voted "Aye".**

12. DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION, CONCERNING RE-OPENING CITY OWNED FACILITIES AT THE RIVER OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE RIVER OAKS EVENT CENTER AND INCLUDING PERMITTING OTHER CITY SERVICES SUBJECT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER AS MODIFIED.

The virus is spiking and has gotten worse and is concerning. EMC Myrick read why should you practice social distancing and tips for social distancing (attached). A lot of people do not practice social distancing or wear masks. Council agreed not to open the Library at this moment. As far as the Event Center, if the building re-opens, policies will have to be made. A plan of action for the Event Center was presented to the council. The County is not considering concerts until maybe August. The city just re-opened court. Got a plan approved by the main judge and from Tarrant County Health Department. Masks were given out to ones that came in without one, cleaning was done after people left. Employees wore masks or face shields. Had a couple of issues which were solved by the Police Department. Event Center Coordinator Wheat stated she will make sure the rules are followed.

**CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to allow the re-opening of the Event Center at a 25% capacity in accordance to the plan of action presented with excluding #5 which is allowing Jam Sessions with restrictions of social distancing, wearing of masks, and extra cleaning. And to not to re-open the Library. All voted "Aye".**

As far as the city issuing Garage Sales, Council is allowing city staff to make that decision.

13. CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF BRENDA INGRAM TO PERMIT A BRIDAL SHOWER ON JUNE 14, 2020 AT THE EVENT CENTER.

Brenda Ingram was not present. This shower plans on having 50 people in attendance which will not meet the social distancing requirement. If we allow this or any other rentals, there will have to be a guest book that everyone in attendance fills out in case there is a spike in the virus in this area. After much discussion, council decided it was too early to open the Event Center up to outside rentals.

**CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to deny the request of a bridal shower rental at the Event Center. All voted "Aye".**

14. DISCUSSION, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION, CONCERNING FUNDING UNDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ON RIVER OAKS CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND CITY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

County is in the process of setting up criteria for small business grants. The plan is for River Oaks to send \$150,000.00 back to the county with assurance it goes into our small businesses in River Oaks. Applications will not open until June 22, 2020. Currently we are working on setting percentages for each department for salaries to be used for COVID-19. We will have to file each month our expenditures and our first report is due 30 days from last Tuesday.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

15. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER ADVISING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON PERSONNEL, CITY'S FISCAL CONDITION, FUTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY, SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Johnny Jones-former River Oaks Police Chief in his 70's passed away recently. We will fly the city flag at half-mast.

Census 2020-is at 60.5% fulfillment. We will be handing out info at our next food bank this Friday.

Auditor is putting together 5-7 years of audit which shows the city is in the black each year.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

16. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Claridge-internet working better for meetings. Thanks to CM Gregory and staff for their hard work.

CM Holland-EDC meeting last night, the sound system was not good. Had a lot of interference. Better tonight. Suggests Mr. Doss to meet with CM Gregory to get correct numbers.

CM Houk-son ships out today to the US Navy.

CM Chisholm-entrance sign will be started this week. Food bank this Friday and volunteers will need to show up at 9 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

17. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(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 compliant or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

**NONE**

**RECONVENE:**

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


**NONE**

**ADJOURN:**

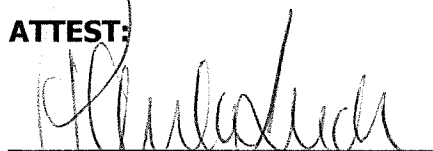
19. ADJOURN

**At 8:42 p.m., CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".**

**APPROVED:**

  
Joe Ashton, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

  
Paula Luck, City Secretary