

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 10, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE 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
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EDC COORDINATOR PAUL PAINE

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 9:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Claridge 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. WORK SESSION:

(A) MEANDERING ROAD FUTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH DAN KESSLER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND WITH LAMB-STAR ENGINEERING LLC; AND

This item was bypassed until after Item #B.

Dan Kessler with NTCOG, Eric Greenman with Lamb-Star, and Trent Petty with Petty and Associates were present. They want to build a safe & reliable road. Not going to build a road if the community does not want it. Eric Greenman presented a slide show. The slide show showed simulations at the intersection of Meandering and Yale of the current traffic and also the same traffic with a round-a-bout. Decisions need to be made so they can move forward. Re-aligning Meandering Road is the better option. The road for Meandering will be off of River Oaks Blvd and will run next to the Post Office. Council agreed to the location of this road. Now the questions become would a round-a-bout be installed at the Roberts Cut Off and Meandering Road intersection or add signal lights. Council agreed that signal lights would be best for that intersection. For the intersection of Yale and Meandering, would a round-a-bout or signal lights be better. Half of the council wants round-a-bouts and the other half wants signal lights. CM Houk abstained from this since his business is on the corner of Meandering and Yale. Concerns with the round-a-bout are the sidewalks and the houses involved. This is on the agenda for

Tuesday night for a decision. After Tuesday night, the project will take about 18 months before construction will start. Dan Kessler prefers a Resolution be adopted by the city.

(B) UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INVOLVING GROUND LEASE WITH YMCA AND PLANNING DISCUSSIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER; AND

Currently we are in a contract with Sansom Park and pay \$500.00 a month. Sansom Park is currently in negotiations with another city; therefore, Sansom Park will not have an Animal Control Officer or a shelter in their city. So that means we will not have a shelter to use. Sansom Park will keep the shelter open until October 2019. Not sure what their plans are with the building. We are hoping to come to an agreement to rent the building from them for a while. The Humane Society will only help us in an emergency situation for a week or two but no longer. CM Gregory mentioned that Sansom Park's intention is to demolish the building immediately and develop that area. This building is infested by ticks.

The YMCA needs to know something in September on the location the city will use for the Animal Shelter. The Harvard location already has a gate, utilities, etc. The other locations do not so it will cost the city more at the other locations. The Harvard location does have houses surrounding it. Possibly need to get public input if thinking about the Harvard location. The city has created a 501c but most people will not donate until the city has a plan in place. Camp Carter is looking at a temporary situation for us. They have a barn that has utilities that we might be able to use for a shelter temporarily but the city will have to purchase kennels, etc. Currently we have 4-5 animals a week but there are weeks we have none. We need to move forward and make decisions. The city needs to select two locations so the YMCA can continue. This is on the agenda for Tuesday night's council meeting. Would like to get a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and select two locations.

(C) OTHER AREAS OF MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO LEGISLATIVE BILLS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ZONING AND/OR LAND USE PLANNING.

CM Gregory went over Senate Bill 2 the property tax bill with Tarrant County Tax office. It is the understanding that next year, they will take 5 years of worksheets and take the highest tax rate and then add 3 ½% to that for the next year's tax rate.

For House Bill 2439 regulating building products, materials or methods used in construction or renovation of residential or commercial building-goes into effect September 1, 2019. If a material is in the River Oaks adopted building code, the city cannot restrict it unless it is in a historical district. If areas have Home Owners Associations or Deed Restrictions, then that area has to follow their restrictions.

For Senate Bill 1303 relating to maps of proposed boundary of a municipality-the digital map is on our website which shows the boundaries.

For Senate Bill 1640 deliberation and prohibited series of communications-is considered a walking quorum and cannot talk to 2 other council members at any time or even separately.

Also the city now has to put expenditures in their budgets on lobbying. We do not have any lobbying expenditures.

5. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM WORK SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6. 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 complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

NONE

RECONVENE:

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

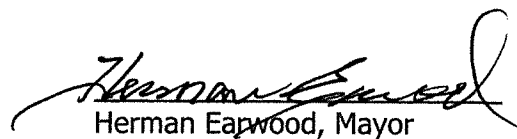
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ADJOURN:

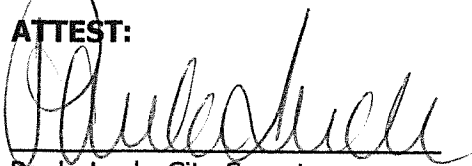
8. ADJOURN

At 11:55 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Houk, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary