

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 BEN GIBBS

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Ashton called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Houk delivered the Invocation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Houk 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

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 FEBRUARY 22, 2022 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 8, 2022 (FY2022)

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

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

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

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Ashton went into Executive Session for Items #8 & #14 under Sections 551.071 & 551.072.

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Ashton reconvened into Open Session.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE LOCATION PLANNING FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER AT YMCA CAMP CARTER AS PRESENTED BY TODD BAKER, SVP/CPO YMCA OF METROPOLITAN FORT WORTH.

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PERMISSION TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR EXPANDING FUNDS FROM THE COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021 FOR PROPOSED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY COMPLEX SPECIFICALLY REGARDING ROOF REPLACEMENT.

After the hard freeze recently, more leaks have been discovered and one leak caused damage to a laser printer in City Hall. Request is to go out for bids to replace the roofs at City Hall and the Annex Building. These roofs are the original roof that was put on in 1989. Repairs have been done to the roofs since then, but the roofs are getting worse. The concern would be if mold sets in.

At 7:58 p.m., CM Holland excused himself from the meeting.

CM Chisholm moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Houk to allow staff to seek bids to replace the roofs at City Hall and at the Annex Building. All voted "Aye".

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOUK TO INSTALL A SPEED BUMP AT THE STOP BAR LOCATED AT 2101 SANSOM CIRCLE WHERE SANSOM CIRCLE INTERSECTS WITH YALE STREET.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk requested this back on the agenda since he was unable to attend the last meeting where this was discussed. Feels people do see the stop sign and continue to run it. Speed bumps are made different now and they are not as high as they used to be. Feels the rumble strips won't keep people from running the stop sign. CM Chisholm is against the speed bumps. In other cities, the bumps are not maintained. Fort Worth spent lots of money installing speed bumps throughout the city and ended up removing them.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk moved, seconded by CM Claridge to install speed bumps at the intersection of Yale and Sansom Circle. Mayor Pro Tem Houk, CM Claridge and CM Rodriguez voted "Aye". CM Chisholm voted "Nay". Motion passed.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REGARDING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1342-2022 AMENDING CHAPTER 3 "BUILDING REGULATIONS" SPECIFICALLY IN ARTICLE 3/12 "SIGNS" BY REVISING AND UPDATING THE CITY'S SIGN CODE.

The City Attorney has made corrections throughout this ordinance. The City Attorney does not like the Special Purpose Signs and feels it should be permitted for up to 60 days and remove council approval.

Political Signs-Council agreed we cannot enforce the signs and we should not regulate when the signs can start to go out. Council agreed that we also need to change that the signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve Ordinance #1342-2022 with the noted changes. All voted "Aye".

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1072-2022 AMENDING ARTICLE V "LEAVE POLICIES" OF THE RIVER OAKS EMPLOYEE POLICY.

This is just a clean up from when we added two more holiday days. We needed to change the Fire Department section on the amount of holiday hours they receive per year. Also, we added a section for the 10 hour and 12 hour shifts to give the employees 10 or 12 hours of holiday pay for each city holiday instead of just 8 so they do not have to use their other leave to cover the remaining hours.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve Resolution #1072-2022. All voted "Aye".

STAFF REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

13. UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REGARDING PROPOSED WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS ON SKYLINE FROM THE CITY OF FORT WORTH.

The City of Fort Worth was contacted by the City of Sansom Park to consider upgrading the existing 10" cast iron water main on Skyline from HWY 199 to Glade Street. Sansom Park is going to reconstruct the street adding new curbs and new pavement. The City of Fort Worth reached out to River Oaks to consider upsizing the 10" water main to a 16" water main. The total length of this section is 1,000 feet and it would cost \$210,000.00. Staff recommendeds to go further with the bid addendum.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

14. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON ENGINEERING AND CLARIFIER ISSUES AT THE WATER PLANT.

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

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

Personnel-in process of hiring a WTP Operator. After this, Public Works will be fully staffed. Police Department is still 3 officers short. In process of looking at one to hire. Sansom Park is advertising starting their Sergeants out at \$75,000.00.

Meandering Road Public Hearing-this Thursday, March 10th is a meet and greet from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Tower Lease-attorneys are working on the red-lined agreement.

Roberts Cut Off Street Improvements-waiting on Atmos to replace the gas line.

Election Update-ballot language is attached.

There was a fire at the apartments at 940 Cody Court today. Looks like the complex will have to be demolished.

CORRESPONDENCE:

16. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk-Car Show April 30th.

Mayor Ashton-sorry about the passing of CM Chisholm's mother-in-law.

CM Chisholm-Grump's has had delays after delays. The kitchen equipment is supposed to arrive this week.

CM Gregory-we have Jolly's building plans but there are corrections that need to be made.

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.

Executive Session was done before Item #8.

RECONVENE:

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


NONE

ADJOURN:

19. ADJOURN

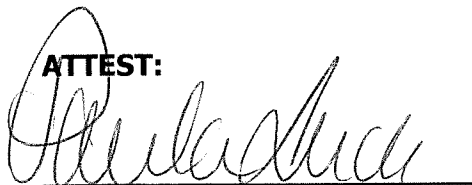
At 9:06 p.m., Mayor Ashton adjourned the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:



Joe Ashton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary