

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 1, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MAYOR DARREN HOUK  
MAYOR PRO TEM LEIGH ANN TURNER  
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER  
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY  
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK  
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLEE  
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD HENDERSON  
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART  
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT  
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

**ABSENT:**

NONE

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Houk called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., 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. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR.**

-April 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Katia Gonzalez was present to receive the proclamation.

**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.**

Larry Brautigam-things are going good in this town, and thanked Public Works for them doing a good job. There was an incident across the street of a vehicle running into the bakery. The person had no insurance and no driver's license, and the person was not written a ticket nor was their vehicle confiscated. Would like his tax dollars to go towards helping this business.

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 MARCH 18, 2025 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 1, 2025 (FY 2025)

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

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

**NONE**

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

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM AMANDA WILLIAMS SEEKING PERMISSION TO DISPLAY REMOVABLE ADVERTISING SIGNS AT MCGEE PARK BALLFIELDS DURING HOME GAMES.

Amanda Williams and Erin Cano with LYSA were present. Wants to do a fundraiser and go to the businesses for them to purchase a space on a banner sign. These signs will be 3'x5' and will be put on the fence at the ballfield. These signs will be removed after each game. There are four home games, and the games bring in a total of about 7,500 people. LYSA has 21 teams this year.

**CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Forester to approve to display advertising signs at McGee Park during home games. All voted "Aye".**

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLIANCE REGARDING THE SUBSTANDARD PROPERTY AT 5401 BAYLOR AVENUE.

This will be discussed later.

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH A REVISED LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS.

The council approved only the amount of the radios and not the finance charges. With the down payment, Motorola has redone the financing agreement.

**CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the purchase of radios not to exceed \$89,095.72 and allowing CM Gregory to execute the documents. All voted "Aye".**

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON LOSS/PROFIT SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DANCES.

Four dances were held and the total loss on all four was \$5,053.96. The council approved an expenditure of \$1,000.00 out of the Community Center Dollar Donation Account. The council agreed to divide the difference by three out of the Community Center Event account, Community Center \$1 donation account, and Hotel/Motel tax account. An ordinance will have to be brought back later.

Council went back to Item #9. David Villalobos was present online. The family is now out of the house. The property has been cleaned up and electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing are being worked on. Plumbing is about to be finished and ready for inspection. The request is for an additional four months to complete the project. The owner presented a plan of action to CM Gregory, but it was not in detail with number of days for each item. Mr. Villalobos agreed to provide a detailed plan of action for CM Gregory.

**CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Claridge to extend an additional 120 days upon receiving an updated plan of action. All voted "Aye".**

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

12. 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.

Meandering Road-advance funding for the ILA has been executed and closing is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> on the Quickway property.

Junk Tire Campaign-campaign is March 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is for residential only.

Crud Mobile & Paper Shredding-this Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at City Hall weather permitting.

Business Marketing Training-the first 90-minute free training is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Italianos.

Springfest 2025-Police escorted cruise on April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at Grump's and April 19<sup>th</sup> is the car show at Burgers Lake.

April 19<sup>th</sup> is Easter egg hunt.

The annual Storm Water report has been filed.

Working with Fort Worth on removal of our sewer line on Gillham. After talking with Fort Worth, they understood.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

CM Holland-acknowledge and thanked CM Gregory for the flashing yellow lights. The papers that are thrown, did stop but they are throwing them again.

CM Gregory-eight more weeks on Fort Worth Water. Parts have been ordered.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-proud to see LYSA here tonight. Hate to see the road work being done on Glenwick in the middle of ball season. Application for the Smithsonian Museum is about 50% complete.

Mayor Houk-disagree with Mayor Pro Tem Turner on the roads. Any chance we get to get a street redone, we need to do it.

CM Rodriguez-unaware that a place next to Family Dollar was broken into. Nothing on the city page about it.

CM Claridge-thanked CM Gregory for having the workshop on the agenda. Drove by the bakery right after it happened and posted what happened. Went walking in the neighborhood and there are a lot of houses being remodeled.

14. WORK SESSION: DISCUSSION ON MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

-MARKETING TOOLS-WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT-what is the council looking for. Jarod with Fly Rock Media will be here at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Mayor Houk-our current logo does not look outdated. Maybe sticking with one color on our logo and more cohesive. All the other departments are looking for their own logo, but we should have one. Some cities are listing their Short-Term Rentals on their website.

FC Shelley-their fire patch is on their doors. The logo color will blend in on the fire truck.

CM Holland-appreciates the presentation from Abigail. The current logo is not that old.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-start with the web design. Did give CM Gregory direction on the web page design. Once the path is decided, we can give more details. It was said that our website is not easy to navigate. Doesn't think every department has to have the same logo but same color. There must be a strong connection for each department's logo.

CM Claridge-would like to see a list of the business on the website.

-SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Mayor Houk-council needs to give CM Gregory a direction. Need to have an ordinance that code can understand. Tried to put in place where you can have a portable sign, feather flags, etc. for new businesses for 60-days. Then once a year, they can have a special sale and put the signs out. Business owners do not understand why one can put them out, and they can't.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-we set standards on the Boulevard for attracting people. Do we stick

with our standards on the look we want.

CM Forester-wants CM Gregory to outline all the signs and what definition is on each, and their requirements on each. Need to recognize each sign.

PC Stewart-they are not supposed to put any signs in the right-of-way.

-FINANCIAL-CITY RESERVES-no discussion

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

15. 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; **Cause #342-358828-24-Zakary Sadeghian vs. City of River Oaks Building Standards Commission.**
- 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.

At 8:11 p.m, Mayor Houk went into Executive Session under Section 551.071.

At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Houk reconvened into Regular Session.

**RECONVENE:**

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


**None**

**ADJOURN:**

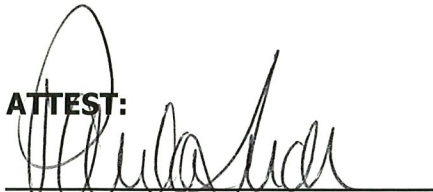
17. ADJOURN

**At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the meeting.**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Darren Houk, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Paula Luck, City Secretary