

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 10, 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 ANDREA RUSSELL
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

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, May 10, 2022 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., 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.

Mayor Ashton mentioned the Springfest Car Show was phenomenal. Grump's Burgers officially opened yesterday.

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

-PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 15-21, 2022 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK-Mayor Ashton read the proclamation.

-PROCLAIM MAY 10, 2022 AS RIVER OAKS LIONS CLUB DAY-Mayor Ashton read the proclamation. Jim Byrom, River Oaks Lions Club, and other Lions members were present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Byrom said a few words and a picture was taken of the Lions Club members that were in attendance, the Mayor, and the City Council.

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 APRIL 26, 2022 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 10, 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:

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM SHIRLEY WHEAT, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE RIVER OAKS EVENT CENTER TO PARTNER CITY WITH CASTLEBERRY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOLD A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH ON AUGUST 5, 2022.

Shirley Wheat and Shirley Bloomfield were present. Plans were made with Mrs. Smith-Faulkner and Mr. Lasher. Will have booths for vision screening, haircuts, clothes for the students, immunizations, sign kids up for the food program and maybe the food bank will have food there to give out. Wants to use the \$1.00 donation fund to purchase hot dogs and lemonade to give out. The water slide and bucking bull will be set up. This event starts at 4 p.m., with food served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and at 7 p.m., all will go to the High School stadium to introduce the football team.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the Back to School Bash for August 5, 2022. All voted "Aye".

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1077-2022 AUTHORIZING MJ THOMAS ENGINEERING TO RECOMMEND TO TARRANT COUNTY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE QUALIFIED BIDDER ON THE 47TH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS; AWARDING THE 47TH YEAR CDBG PROJECT AND PROVIDING A CITY PLEDGE TO THE PROJECT.

Mickey Thomas was present. Three competitive bids were opened. Douglas Daily was the low bid in the amount of \$146,617.38. The cities commitment will be \$20,000.00 with CDBG awarding \$160,000.00.

CM Chisholm moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Houk to approve Resolution #1077-2022. All voted "Aye".

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

10. PUBLIC HEARING: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND TESTIMONY PURSUANT TO SECTION 370.002 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE RE-ADOPTING THE CITY'S JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE.

The current ordinance has been working. The Police Department have been using this ordinance day and night. This ordinance must be renewed every three years.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Ashton opened the Public Hearing.

Shirley Wheat has noticed a lot of kids at the Event Center, and you never know they are there.

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Ashton closed the Public Hearing.

11. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1345-2022 PURSUANT TO SECTION 370.002 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE RE-ADOPTING THE CITY'S JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE EXPIRING ON MAY 28, 2022.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve Ordinance #1345-2022. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

12. UPDATE FROM FIRE CHIEF ON FIRE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT.

The architects are currently completing the construction documents and have committed to have them ready by June 1st. Steele and Freeman Construction Managers has agreed to provide us with a comprehensive list of viable contractors with which would bid the project. We hope to have all bids returned and ready for City Council approval in early July. Construction time is estimated at about four months. The Fire Department personnel will be relocated in the Annex Building during this time. A shower has been installed at the Fire Admin Building. The sewer lines under the Fire Department will be replaced.

13. UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ON ALL STATISTICS COMPILED FROM APRIL CLEAN UP MONTH.

Public Works collected 199 tires during the month, 110 tons of brush/bulk was collected, and on Wednesday's bulk pick-up day the department dumped 161.55 tons of brush/bulk.

14. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUE INVOLVING INVESTMENT AND/OR PROCUREMENT FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY.

This item will be 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-plan is to move Chuck Stewart into the Police Chief's position, Eric Perkins into the Deputy Chief position, and Steven Nance into the Lieutenant position. Not sure at this point who will move into the Sergeant position.

Tower Lease-waiting on location survey to proceed.

Roberts Cut Off Street Improvement-gas main completed from Skyline to Cornell. They have moved north on Robert Cut Off and Cornell and the county will finish the section of Roberts Cut Off from Skyline to Cornell.

Election Update-John Claridge and Leigh Ann Turner have won the election. Results will be canvassed May 17th at 1:00 p.m. The swearing in will be May 24th at 6:00 p.m.

NCTCOG nominations-deadline to submit the board nominations is May 12th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

16. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Claridge-car show big success. Heard people talking about what a great facility Camp Carter is.

CM Holland-feels it is immoral about people that run for office and not campaign. It costs the city a lot of money to hold an election.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk-appreciates support on the car show. Praised the Police Department for the car show even. Thanked all for their support during his council term.

CM Rodriguez-car show as amazing. Have been hearing a lot of compliments about the new street signs.

CM Chisholm-thank you for the car show. Talked about EDC having a ribbon cutting ceremony for new businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17. 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.
- 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 7:52 p.m., Mayor Ashton went into Executive Session under Section 551.072.

At 8:14 p.m., Mayor Ashton re-convened into Open Session.

RECONVENE:

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

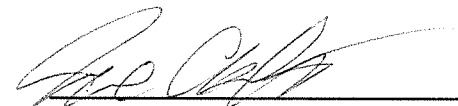
CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to authorize EDC Director Gregory to enter into a contract with an option fee up to \$500.00 for proposed real estate property in River Oaks. All voted "Aye".

ADJOURN:

19. ADJOURN

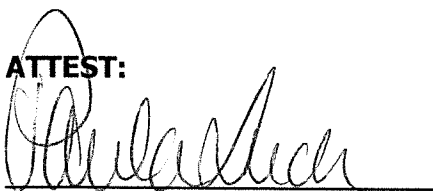
At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Ashton adjourned the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:



Joe Ashton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary