

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD HENDERSON

ABSENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Houk called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 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.

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.

Dr. Matthew Tatarko-The City Council and Mayor are elected officials and there are some things you cannot do. Talking about property taxes. You should be able to live with the taxes that are approved. There is one council member that protested several properties; therefore, the city loses money. The city needs those funds to put back in reserves. A letter was written to change the code of ethics and feels the council members should not protest their property taxes.

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 6, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 20, 2025 (FY 2025)

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holland 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 AGREEMENT WITH SPY GLASS TO PERFORM A TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE SNAPSHOT AUDIT ANALYZING THE PRIMARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE ACCOUNTS.

Luke Watts was present. Staff met with Spy Glass and there are no upfront costs unless savings are found. An audit will be done on the mobile, phone, IT, and internet/cable monthly bills. After an audit is complete, a presentation will be given on the cost savings to the city and recommend options. The city can deny or accept the recommendations. Spy Glass will get 50% of the one-time savings unless the city denies, and then Spy Glass gets nothing.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the agreement with Spy Glass. All voted "Aye".

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON TECHNOLOGY UPDATE FROM VERSA TRUST-NETWORK COVERAGE FROM JAY O'DONNELL AND KRISTA KERRUSH.

Jay O'Donnell & Krista Kurrish were present. Versa Trust-Network Coverage went from a team of 17 people to a team of over 300 people. The open project is the DUO security rollout that involves Police and the court. This is a compliance requirement. The target completion date is May 21st and the deployment date is May 22nd. The pending projects are moving to Incode 9 cloud based which should solve the issues, and moving to Windows 11. After October 2025, Windows 10 will not give out security patches. There are 21 workstations that require hardware replacement; there are 26 workstations that are capable of an upgrade and will not require hardware replacement.

Progress Report: 1) There are specific resources (people) that are focused on River Oaks along with Jay and Krista. All of the ones that are focused on River Oaks are CJIS certified. 2) Making sure the documentation is all up to date and is easily retrievable. 3) Configured iPads for the council and repurposed the laptops to city staff. The existing problems is the WIFI and it is not user friendly for Marvin to call and get issues taken care of.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

10. 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 Rd-getting ready to prepare the reimbursement package in order to get the \$950,000 reimbursed.

Fireworks Show-June 28th, 2025 with a rain-date of July 5th, 2025. Time will be approximately 9:30 p.m. Will be meeting with Victory Church soon.

Election Date Change-Suburban News will publish another article in July about changing to the November date.

Holiday Closures-offices closed Monday, May 26th and there will be no garbage collection that day.

Taste of River Oaks-going good. Have had several bingos and one blackout.

River Oaks Rumble-May 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Event Center. This is a 60/40 split.

April Yard of Month Winner-Lori Watson. Nominations are welcome for a May winner.

STAFF REPORTS:

11. UPDATE ON SUBSTANDARD PROPERTIES AT:

- 1513 SKYLINE DR-progress but problems with inspections & permitting.
- 5401 BAYLOR AVE-under council order. Very little progress.
- 5609 JAMES DR-will be at the next council meeting. Very little progress.
- 4912 BLACK OAK-issued letter to owner.

12. QUESTIONS RELATED TO MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS FROM POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS, WATER PLANT, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, CODE ENFORCEMENT, CITY SECRETARY ACTIVITY REPORTS, MUNICIPAL COURT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EVENT CENTER, PARKS, STORM WATER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Police-CM Holland asked about the status of the person on the motorcycle involved in an accident. PC Stewart-believe the driver will make a recovery. CM Forester-asked if the officer involved in the shooting at Taco Bell was back on duty. PC Stewart-yes.

Public Works-Long and Black Oak is done. Thurston will start June 2nd. Mayor Houk asked about the trees from storm damage. PWD Henderson-a lot of tree debris have been picked up but still not done. PW started at 3:30 a.m. this morning. Almena had power lines down.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

CM Holland-attended a Civic Leaders Day at the Base. Attended David Holder's retirement reception.

Mayor Houk-went to base also and went back for the pinning ceremony. Reached out to the base to see if they can spread the word about our restaurants & business in the city. Someone reached out to see what volunteer services the city has. Burgers Lake donated sand the day of the car show to put down.

CM Claridge-appreciate hard work at the car show. The bands were great. Linda Claridge-John won the top 25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14. 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.

NONE

RECONVENE:

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURN:

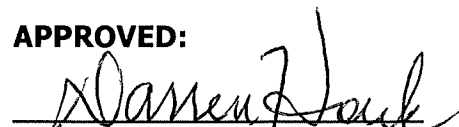
16. ADJOURN

At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Darren Houk, Mayor