

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLEE
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
ASST PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CASSIE DYER

ABSENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Turner called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 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.

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 APRIL 15, 2025 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 6, 2025 (FY 2025)
- C. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA SHIELDS AS ALTERNATE MEMBER #4 ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-B, with the removal of Item #C. All voted "Aye".

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

Item #C will be tabled to a later date.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holland to table Item #C to a later date. All voted "Aye".

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

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED BY MWH GROUP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

Valerie Halverson with MWH was present. An adjustment was made after the information went out in the packets of the backhoes. A summary of the audit was presented and the council asked questions. Valerie and her group will meet with city staff this summer to go over what audit journal entries can be done in house before the audit and the deficiencies.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit. All voted "Aye".

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PLUMMER ASSOCIATES INC FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES INVOLVING CITY OF RIVER OAKS AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (AWIA) COMPLIANCE.

We need an updated ERP & Risk and Resiliency Plan (emergency response plan) for the Water Treatment Plant and an engineer has to update it. Staff is recommending Plummer Associates to update the plan.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve the agreement with Plummer Associates involving AWIA compliance. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021.

This is for informational purposes only. There has been a 25% price increase. There are four streets left, and we will probably only get to do one. Staff will approach the Tarrant County

Commissioner, but they are suffering as well.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PICKLE BALL COURT.

This item will be tabled until after the Park Board meets.

12. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS WITHIN THE CITY.

We have found someone who is monitoring the ones who opted out. But some residents who have opted out are still getting them. Suggestion is for the residents to take a picture of the circular in the yard if they have opted out and CM Gregory will send it in.

13. 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-both properties have been closed, and all temporary construction easements have been obtained.

River Oaks Springfest-police escorted cruise this Friday at 6:00 p.m., and the festival is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Burgers Lake.

Chief Shelley is 53 years old today.

Trying to get the mutual aid agreement with White Settlement going. The agreement was put on hold in the past until they got their staffing situation resolved. Since both cities use the same City Attorney, a waiver must be signed.

Taste of River Oaks-bingo cards were sent out last week and we already have some bingos. This is designed to bring new and returning customers to our restaurants.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

CM Claridge-hope to see all at the car show Saturday.

CM Rodriguez-love the bingo card. Since this was the first time our sanitation was not picking trash up on a city holiday, people were still putting out trash and leaving it out there. Have noticed some people putting out their trash early (mid-afternoon) and leaving it there until it is picked up the next day. Also, noticed a lot of bulk drop offs.

CM Holland-suggestion..the recent shooting incident, council has not notified. Need someone to notify council regarding incidents. Likes the bingo card.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-thanked all the departments and their staff for all they do.

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

-SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS-no changes made.

-WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS-

May 11th, backwash pump is scheduled to be delivered and will be sent out for pump coating; May 19th, pump coating should be done and sent back to plant; June 11th, motor will be delivered; June 11th-June 21st, installation of the pump and motor; July 5th, plant should be back online and fully operational.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16. 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:

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

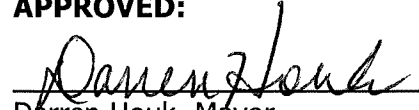
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ADJOURN:


18. ADJOURN

At 7:27 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Turner adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:


Darren Houk, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary