

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
JULY 9, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND-7:01 PM
COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
BUILDING INSPECTOR STEVE SANDERS
PWD GORDON SMITH
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLEE

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Herman Earwood called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton delivered the Invocation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

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

CM Gregory read a letter of nomination for formal proclamation of an outstanding business in River Oaks.

5. **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 JUNE 25, 2019 REGULAR CALLED MEETING

B. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2019 TOWN HALL MEETING

C. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING JULY 9, 2019 (FY 2019)

D. APPROVE AMENDED ITEM LIST FROM FIRE, LIBRARY & PUBLIC WORKS TO BE AUCTIONED

E. APPROVE EDC RESOLUTION 2019-01 AMENDING THE EDC BYLAWS IN SECTION 3.02

F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY 2019 3RD QUARTER REPORT (APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 2019)

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

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #971-2019 AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION #930-2018.

The Mayor Pro Tem changed and the senior Council Member is a signer on the city bank accounts. CM Holland's first name is misspelled and needs to be corrected.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve Resolution #971-2019 with corrections noted above. All voted "Aye".

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #972-2019 AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TEXPOOL ACCOUNTS AND REPEALING THE FORMER RESOLUTION.

CM Holland moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton to approve Resolution #972-2019. All voted "Aye".

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON AMENDING THE JULY 24, 2018 SUBSTANDARD BUILDING ORDER ON 1605 MONTROSE DRIVE AS AMENDED ON DECEMBER 11, 2018.

Stephanie McCoy, real estate agent for the buyer, was present. The closing date is scheduled for July 12th, 2019 and after that time, building permits will be applied for. Also the carport will be removed. After closing, a check to the city will be issued for liens. Should be able to complete the project in 60 days from the date the first permit is issued. Staff is recommending tonight to amend the expired council order.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm that the building located at 1605 Montrose based on evidence presented at this hearing, is Substandard and: 1) that the conditions set forth in the Building Official's report exist to the extent that the life, health, property, or safety of the public (and occupants of the building(s), if applicable are endangered; and 2) that the building is feasible of repair and therefore order the building to be repaired by the owner within 60 days starting on July 15, 2019 and the lienholder or mortgagee to within an additional 30 days if the owner does not comply; and 3) the board orders commencement of the repairs within 30 days from July 15, 2019 and has established specific time schedules with the owner or mortgagee for the repair; and 4) the board orders that

30 day progress inspections be made by the City Inspector and be reported to the board prior to the order being reconsidered to be amended and additional time given by the board; and 5) order that the building be repaired in conformance with the requirements of Section 3.07.004 of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2006) as amended within 60 days of July 15, 2019 or by the lienholder or mortgagee to within an additional 30 days if the owner does not comply and further find that if the building is not repaired within 60 days after July 15, 2019, that there is no reasonable probability that the building will be repaired within a reasonable period of time if additional time is given. If the building is not repaired within 60 days after July 15, 2019 in full conformance with Section 3.07.004 of the River Oaks Code of Ordinances (2006), the building may be demolished. All voted "Aye".

10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RING CAMERA TO ALLOW ACCESS TO THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT PLATFORM AS REQUESTED BY POLICE CHIEF.

Ring Camera has a free app that gives law enforcement access to the community to view images or videos with residents approval.

CM Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Houk to approve entering into an agreement with Ring Camera. All voted "Aye".

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACTING WITH TARRANT COUNTY PRECINCT 4 FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2020.

This program is thru Tarrant County Precinct 4. The city's budget for road repairs is normally \$65,000 each year. The streets that are being looked at are Roberts Cut Off (from Skyline to Biocourt), Yale (from Meandering to Black Oak), Black Oak (from Lynda to Gillham), Merritt (from Barbara to River Oaks Blvd), Auburn (from Roberts Cut Off to Oxford), Oxford (from Baylor to Notre Dame), and Woodlawn (from Long to Hillside). Staff is recommending starting with Woodlawn and go from there.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the contract with Tarrant County Precinct 4 with staff recommendations on what roads to repair. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

12. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON SCHEDULING A COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

This item is tabled.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY ATTENDANCE FOR THE OCTOBER 9-11 TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

This year's conference is in San Antonio. Mayor Pro Tem Ashton and CM Chisholm would like to attend. CM Houk will decide before the deadline.

STAFF REPORTS:

14. UPDATES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ON THE UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CITY-WIDE AND ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORTING.

PWD Smith presented a slide show (attached) with the status of the projects. Briefly went over the Annual Water Quality Report. Was able to add new information and remove some old information.

15. UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER ADVISING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON PERSONNEL, CITY'S FISCAL CONDITION, FUTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND OTHER CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS.

The property taxes will not be released until July 25, 2019. The 3 1/2% cap will not take place until 2020. It is budget time and we have met with department heads. The bid opening for the health insurance has taken place and Blue Cross initial quote is a 39.4% increase. September 2019 the International Residential Code Standards will become effective. As for the plumbing board bill, will have two more years on this. All meetings held in the Council Chambers (except for court) are being videoed and downloaded to You Tube and we can see how many people are watching the videos live and also on You Tube. Asking the audience and Council Members to fill out the CDBG citizen input questioner.

CORRESPONDENCE:

16. TMCEC LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO MAYOR EARWOOD.

CM Gregory read a letter about our Municipal Court from Texas Municipal Court Education Center.

PUBLIC FORUM:

17. CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC; 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 THE ISSUE. **NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED**

CM Claridge-questioned the clothes bin in front of Autozone. CM Gregory-the bin is supposed to be removed this Thursday at 4 p.m.

CM Holland-asked PC Spieldenner about an incident. PC Spieldenner-this is a criminal case. A business in River Oaks was in the process of closing up for the day. A guy approached this lone

female with a knife. Female was able to contact the owner of the business whom viewed the security cameras live and called Police which arrived in less than a minute. This female was assaulted. This person was arrested and being charged with first degree felony charges and will be transported to Tarrant County.

CM Houk-asked PC Spieldenner about the solicitation from door to door incident. PC Spieldenner-this person was wanted for a parole violation on a murder charge.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton-fireworks show was good. PC Spieldenner appreciates James Myrick's text's to get everyone in shelter.

Mayor Earwood-thanked the River Oaks Fire Department for help with a tree that came down on top of his mother in laws house due to the storm. Blood drive July 11, 2019 at City Hall.

CM Chisholm-River Oaks Area Business Association is this Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Lions Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. 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 compliant or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

NONE

RECONVENE:

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

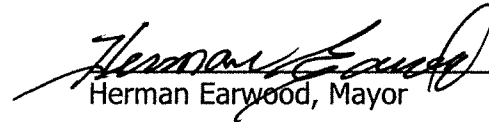
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ADJOURN:


20. ADJOURN

At 8:34 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary