

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 2, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

MAYOR JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm called the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Rodriguez delivered the Invocation.

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

CM Rodriguez led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. 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

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. DESIGNATE THE TARRANT COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AS THE DESIGNATED OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE PER CHAPTER 26 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE, SECTION 26.04C

B. APPROVE MIDNIGHT FOOTBALL PRACTICE FOR CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FROM 11:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH AT W.O. BARNES FOOTBALL STADIUM

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

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

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

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, LIFE & MEDICAL INSURANCE RATES FOR PLAN YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PRESENTED BY DAWN BRINSON, BRINSON BENEFITS.

Dawn Brinson was present. Several carriers declined to bid, and one carrier did not meet the bid deadline. Blue Cross Blue Shield and United Health Care did bid. Blue Cross came in at a 11.7% increase and was able to negotiate it down to a 5% increase. United Health Care came in at a significant increase. Our loss ratio was high. All benefits in the plan will remain the same. The other benefits (life, dental, Cobra, Benefit Bucks, Brinson, and Lyric) came in at a no rate change. Vision increased 5.59%.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve the employee health, life & medical insurance rates as presented by Dawn Brinson. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

8. DISCUSS 2022 TAX RATE, TAK RECORD VOTE.

The city has three bonds: 2017A, 2017B and 2021 Street bonds. They can be secured by ad valorem taxes if we can not pay them out of our operating budgets. The total debt amount is \$901,560 with \$411,297 supported out of the water sewer fund. So that leaves \$490,263 that can be supported out of ad valorem taxes. The recommended 2022 voter approval tax rate is 0.777018/\$100. That is the maximum we can go but we can go down from that.

Craig Cunningham, Financial Advisor was present and explained the financial status of the city and how the ad valorem taxes can help pay for the current bonds the city has.

Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to support staff recommendation recommending a maintenance and operations tax rate at \$0.652999 and a debt rate of \$0.185427/\$100 for a total tax rate of \$0.838426/\$100. The Public Hearing for adopting the budget will be held on August 30th and the date for the vote on the tax rate will be on September 6th. The Council can vote on a lower maintenance and operations tax rate at that time. Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm, CM Rodriguez and CM Turner voted "Aye". CM Claridge voted "Nay". Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

9. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Turner-the school year has started. Today the new teachers received their goody bags.

CM Gregory-need clarification on the yard sale ordinance passed at the last meeting. Council changed the ordinance that a resident can have two consecutive yard sales at a time. Was there a separation period between the four yard sales a year? Council-no separation period but they can only have two consecutive sales.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. 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:

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


NONE

ADJOURN:

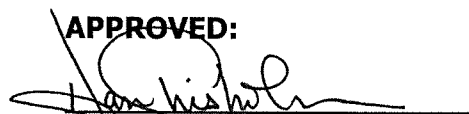
12. ADJOURN

At 7:54 p.m., CM Claridge motioned to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Dan Chisholm, Mayor Pro Tem