

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF ERIC PERKINS
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLE
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Darren Houk called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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

Mayor Houk 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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 (FY 2023)

Mayor Pro Tem 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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.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 REQUEST FROM CLINT HOPSON, PASTOR OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TO ORGANIZE A VENDOR MARKET IN THE GYM.

Clint Hopson and Jordan Putnam were present. The market will be one Saturday a month where vendors will set up. The goal is to build more community involvement. Jordan will be renting the church. There will be no food produce and all items sold are handmade. This is not in the Zoning Ordinance as a specific use and staff could not approve. It was the understanding that there would be food but if there is no food, then it should be ok.

Mayor Pro Tem Claridge moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve the request for a period of one year for operating once a month. All voted "Aye".

9. APPEARANCE OF JOLLY WALIA REGARDING REQUESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED SITE PLAN AT 4710 RIVER OAKS BLVD.

Jolly Walia was present. The plans were for parallel parking in a certain section but wants to change it to diagonal parking. This will eliminate one side walk. The City Attorney agreed with CM Gregory that changing to diagonal parking would have to go back to the Planning & Zoning Board. Council agreed to allow CM to move forward which includes talking to the Police, Fire and Public Works. No action was taken.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A WAIVER OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVER OAKS AND WHITE SETTLEMENT.

We had called White Settlement and asked them they would charge to house our animals if we needed to if we lose Camp Carter. White Settlement contacted the City Attorney and was told a conflict waiver needed to be signed. No action was taken.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING SUPPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF ON THE DEMONSTRATION WITH AD COMP SYSTEMS GROUP REGARDING THE NEW IN BLUE SERVICES.

Police Chief Stewart does not think this would be a good fit for us. Right now, it costs us \$700.00 a year to print paper tickets. To go to ticket writers, the cost would be \$10,000.00 for

the printers plus the purchase of eight cell phones plus the monthly cell phone charge. No action was taken.

12. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON EDC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONTINUE, RENEW AND FUND THE AGREEMENT WITH FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR BUS & PARATRANSIT SERVICE THRU MARCH 27, 2026.

CM Holland gave an update to council. FWTa gave a presentation to the EDC. Last night, EDC voted, and the vote resulted in a tie. EDC will hold a special meeting on September 25, 2023. In the meantime, staff will look at other alternatives to replace the MITS service.

13. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS BOARD TO REMOVE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FROM MCGEE PARK THAT HAS BEEN DEEMED TO BE UNSAFE FROM CERTIFIED INSPECTION.

We are waiting on estimates to repair the equipment. Park Board is talking about fundraisers to either replace or to repair them. It was mentioned maybe reallocating the \$1.00 donation funds. No action was taken.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1387-2023 AMENDING THE FY 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET THAT WAS ADOPTED ON AUGUST 29, 2023 DUE TO ADOPTING A REDUCED TOTAL TAX RATE OF \$0.660210/\$100 ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.

The five-year plan was presented with the new tax rate, and we will be in the red for several years.

Mayor Pro Tem Claridge moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve Ordinance #1387-2023. All voted "Aye".

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1109-2023 AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) EXPENDITURES FROM THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AS QUALIFIED FOR PROJECTS MORE THAT \$10,000.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING)

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Forester to approve Resolution #1109-2023 second reading. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

16. 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-Code Enforcement has one open position. The Fire Department position has been filled by a previous employee.

Tarrant County ILA-attached are the list of streets.

Barbara Road-started on Phase 4.

Annual Car Show-September 23rd, 2023.

Public Hearings-will be starting soon on text amendments and drainage fees.

Street Signs-some were printed incorrectly, and we are working on getting them corrected.

17. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE SERVICES AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT REGARDING THE JACK PAYMENT KIOSK.

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Houk went into Executive Session under Sections 551.071, 51.072, 551.074 (city administration staffing), and 551.076.

At 7:42 p.m., Mayor Houk reconvened into Regular Session.

Council would like other vendors to be contacted to get a quote. No action was taken.

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 deliberation regarding real property; a government body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.
- 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.

This was done under Item #17.

RECONVENE:

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

CM Rodriguez-keep the Blurberry family in prayers.

CM Holland-regarding the spa school which went before EDC a while back, she never got back with the city on the offer the EDC made to her. Understand the landlord locked the place up.

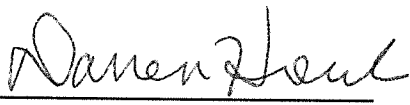
CM Forester-read an apology letter to the residents, council, and his neighbor. He will not be resigning.

ADJOURN:

20. ADJOURN

At 7:59 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Darren Houk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary