

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 11, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON
COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE SCOTT

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
ASST CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
POLICE CHIEF AVIN CARTER
CITY ATTORNEY BETSY ELAM
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
EDC COORINATOR PATRICIA WARD
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
BUILDING INSPECTOR STEVE SANDERS

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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:

- PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

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. MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2017 JOINT MEETING WITY CISD SCHOOL BOARD
- B. MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2017 JOINT WORKSHOP WITH ZONING COMMISSION
- C. MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- D. MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- E. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 11, 2017 (FY 2017)

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Butler to approve Items #A, B, D, E on the Consent Agenda. All voted "Aye".

Item #C-March 28, 2017 Minutes, Item #13: CM Holland noted the percentages for the water rate increase were incorrect.

CM Butler moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton to approve Item #C on the Consent Agenda with the corrections. 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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.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. APPEARANCE OF MARIE R. HROMCIK WITH GENERAL COMPLAINT ABOUT UTILITY CHARGES, ANIMAL CONTROL AND OTHER CITY SERVICES.

Ms. Hromcik was not present. CS Gregory met with Ms. Hromcik before the meeting.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM CASTLEBERRY ISD TO REDUCE MOVING PERMIT FEES FOR MOVING PORTABLE BUILDINGS TO 5001 MELBOURNE STREET.

Chris McGrath, Director of Auxiliary Services with Castleberry ISD was present. Thought the move would only cost \$150 total which is what was budgeted. When applied for the permit, CS Gregory stated the permit fee is \$150 per building being moved. This is no cost to the city unless the Police Department has to call extra officers in to lead them in the city. Mr. McGrath mentioned that they can have the Castleberry ISD officers help.

CM Butler moved, seconded by CM Gordon to waive the moving permit fees only. All voted "Aye".

9. APPEARANCE OF CITIZEN SHIRLEY WHEAT REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE OFF-SITE SIGNS AT DESIGNATED SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN ORDER TO ADVERTISE A POLITICAL FORUM.

Shirley Wheat, citizen, was present. Ms. Wheat is requesting permission to place seven off-site signs in designated areas for advertising the political forum for Monday, April 17th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. Signs will go up Monday morning and come down Monday evening.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Gordon to approve placing the off-site signs at designated sites. All voted "Aye".

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND THE NOVEMBER 23, 2016 SUBSTANDARD BUILDING ORDER ON THE PROPERTY AT 619 HARRISDALE THAT EXPIRES ON APRIL 10, 2017.

Mr. Ramos was present. He is requesting additional time to work on the property. BI Sanders stated they are making progress. Most of the work is done in the evenings. 25% of the substandard list is complete. He will support a 60 day extension.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Gordon to amend the November 23, 2016 Substandard Building Order to allow a 60 day extension that begins today. All voted "Aye".

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR A LIBRARY FURNITURE AND SHELVING GRANT FROM THE TOCKER FOUNDATION AS PRESENTED BY VERONICA CLARK, LIBRARY DIRECTOR.

Veronica Clark was not present due to an illness. The quote for the furniture and shelving is \$74,759.98. The Tocker Foundation grant is \$50,000. The remaining balances of \$17,525 will come from the donation account and \$7,234.98 will come from the \$1.00 donation account. This will replace all shelving with portable shelving; furniture for the adult, juvenile and children study center; and all eight computer work stations.

CM Gordon moved, seconded by CM Scott to approve the contract for Library furniture and shelving. All voted "Aye".

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STAFFING IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Earwood stated the new Police Chief and Deputy Chief have already been approved. This is for the remaining staff changes. PC Carter mentioned the only change might be who will fill the full time dispatcher position.

CM Gordon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton to approve the Police staffing proposal. All voted "Aye".

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF FORT WORTH.

CS Gregory stated there are some things that are not in this draft. He is suggesting this agreement not be approved tonight. CA Elam mentioned other cities have not approved this agreement also.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE #1146-2017 AMENDING THE 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BY EXPANDING IT TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF LIBRARY DOLLAR DONATION EXPENSES (ACCOUNT #01-523-5410) & LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND (01-523-5409) TO COVER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$24,759.98 OF THE QUOTE FOR THE ADDITIONAL SHELVING THAT THE GRANT DOES NOT FUND.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Butler to approve Ordinance #1146-2017. All voted "Aye".

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #892-2017 SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGES TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES.

CS Gregory stated this is the same as in the past years.

CM Gordon moved, seconded by CM Scott to approve Resolution #892-2017. All voted "Aye".

STAFF REPORTS:

16. UPDATE ON SUBSTANDARD PROPERTY AT:

- 5008 SHERWOOD-removed from substandard list. All liens paid in full.
- 1213 CAMBRIDGE ST. (FIRE)-fire caused by unattended candles. River Oaks requested the 2nd alarm due to manpower reasons.
- 5905 & 5909 BLACK OAK-both demolished. 90% of the debris is removed.

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 Holland-Transit 101 was last night. A lot of people showed up. There were some citizens that rode the bus to the Ridgmar area.

CM Scott-wants update on the transit and the monthly council meetings.

Citizen Shirley Wheat-Political Forum April 17th, 2017 from 6:30 to about 8:30 at the Community Center. There will be a moderator and a time keeper.

Mayor Earwood-PC Avin Carter will be retiring May 23, 2017 after over 35 years of service which 5 of those years were served as Police Chief. Deputy Chief Spieldenner will be Police Chief on May 24, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

18. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(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 complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

RECONVENE:

19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

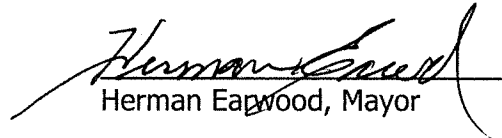
NONE

ADJOURN:


20. ADJOURN

**At 7:40 p.m. CM Scott moved, seconded by CM Gordon, to adjourn the meeting.
All voted "Aye".**

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary

