

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 9, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY  
INTERIM FIRE CHIEF CHRIS HAWKINS  
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CANDI MOUTON  
RECORDING SECRETARY SUSAN STEWART

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Public Community Crime Forum to order at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

**2. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Crews delivered the Invocation.

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

Asst. Chief Spieldenner led the pledges of allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNITY CRIME FORUM:** This forum is open to the public and will include topics such as current crime trends, scams targeting citizens and the elderly and crime prevention tips. This event will be held in an informal town hall fashion and input from the community will be welcome.

DPC Spieldenner facilitated the crime forum. He provided information to the audience on current crime trends and on-going crime scams for the community to be on the watch out for and know how to prevent being made a victim of.

**5. ADJOURN FROM FORUM**

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Earwood convened into a brief recess.

**6. CONVENE INTO THE APRIL 9, 2013 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Earwood convened into the regular meeting of the City Council.

**7. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR:**

- Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Earwood read a proclamation declaring April 14 - April 20, 2013 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

**8. 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 REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2013
- B. BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 9, 2013
- C. RATIFY AUCTIONING OF 1993 FORD EXPLORER REMOVED FROM CITY PUBLIC WORKS FLEET

**Mayor Pro Tem Crews moved, seconded by CM Gordon, to approve consent agenda items A, B, and C as presented. All voted "Aye."**

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

**None.**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION**

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR RENTAL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FUND RAISING EVENT AS REQUESTED BY PETER WINCHESTER.

No representative.

**CM Gordon moved, seconded by CM Butler, to deny the request. All voted "Aye."**

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY TO EXPAND AND MODIFY THE WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

CS Gregory explained that the agreement with Tarrant County will be more costly this year due to expansion and modifications to the surveillance and response program.

**CM Gordon moved, seconded by CM Ashton, to approve the Interlocal agreement with Tarrant County as presented. All voted "Aye."**

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE 75% DEPOSIT FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION WITH TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS.

CS Gregory quoted approximately \$3000 for election services this year.

**CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Gordon to approve the contract for election services with Tarrant County and to authorize payment of the deposit as presented. All voted "Aye."**

**13. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PLANS FOR A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR COMMUNITY CENTER.**

It was decided that a committee would be formed to present a recommendation to the Council for a Community Center dedication ceremony. The Committee will consist of Mayor Pro-Tem Crews, CM JoAnn Gordon, CC Director Shirley Wheat and Mayor Herman D. Earwood.

**No further action was taken.**

**ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:**

**14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 761-2013 TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.**

This agenda item will be redrafted and presented at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

**No action was taken.**

**15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE # 976-2013 AMENDING ARTICLE A.02 "SCHEDULE OF FEE AND CHARGES" ESTABLISHING FEES FOR REMOVAL BY THE CITY'S SANITATION DEPARTMENT OF OVERSIZE PILES OF BRUSH, DEBRIS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR NORMAL CITY BULK COLLECTION.**

CS Gregory explained that this item validates the fees associated with brush and bulk item removal that was previously approved by the Council.

**CM Gordon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crews, to approve Ordinance #976-2013. All voted "Aye."**

**16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE # 977-2013 AMENDING ARTICLE 1.09 "COMMUNITY CENTER"; INCORPORATING SECTION 1.09.008 "HOURS OF OPERATIONS" AND SECTION 1.09.009 "PARKING".**

Staff recommends approval due to recent events such as parking on the basketball court in order to provide light for playing on the court after dark.

**CM Gordon moved, seconded by CM Ashton, to approve Ordinance #977-2013. All voted "Aye."**

**17. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ORDINANCE # 978-2013 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY CENTER DOLLAR DONATIONS IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A WATER COOLER.**

It was recommended that a water cooler be installed at the Community Center.

**Mayor Pro Tem Crews moved, seconded by CM Gordon, to approve Ordinance #978-2013. All voted "Aye."**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

18. 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**

**Jack Adkisson** gave a reminder of the CCDAC Fundraiser on April 11, 2013.

**Mayor Pro Tem Crews** thanked DPC Spieldenner for his presentation this evening.

**CM Butler** requested that "no alcohol" signs be placed at McGee Park.

**Kelley Hooper** suggested a basketball court dedication at the Community Center dedication.

**CM Butler** gave a reminder for April Clean Up Day On April 27, 2013 at John Knox Church from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**CM Holland** mentioned that the jiu-jitsu gym conducted their outside event although it was not approved by the City Council. Brief discussion occurred related to better notification system by Staff to inform applicants of approval or denial when a representative is not present at the City Council Meeting.

**Mayor Pro Tem Crews** mentioned the successful LYSA Baseball opening day at McGee Park.

**Mayor Earwood** gave reminders of the car show on April 13, 2013 and the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast.

**Mayor Earwood** announced Theda Jones' 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on April 20, 2013.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

19. 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

None called for.

**RECONVENE:**

20. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

**No action was taken.**


**ADJOURN:**

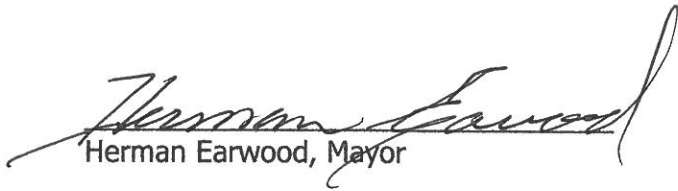
21. ADJOURN

**At 8:42 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Crews moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by CM Ashton. All voted "Aye."**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Marvin Gregory, City Secretary

  
Herman Earwood, Mayor