

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2019**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
ASST CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
PW DIRECTOR GORDON SMITH
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks Work Session to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the River Oaks City Council Chambers, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Holland delivered the Invocation.

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

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

4. WORK SESSION: STRATEGIC PLANNING PERTAINING TO THE ESSENTIAL AREAS OF MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS, DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION THAT INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER BY SPECIAL ELECTION, COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATIONS INCLUDING DRAFT BYLAWS "FOUNDATION SUPPORTING THE RIVER OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER", FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, DRAFT BYLAWS OF "FRIENDS OF THE RIVER OAKS ANIMAL SHELTER", EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS UNDER TWDB FUNDING, DEVELOPMENT, ZONING, LAND USE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WITHIN THE RECENTLY CREATED TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE (TIRZ) AND MAY ALSO INCLUDE UPDATES ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 1000-1500 BLOCKS OF ROBERTS CUT OFF RD., AMENDING THE WATER UTILITY POLICY AND STAFF REPORTING INVOLVING WATER QUALITY.

CITY CHARTER-The City Charter has not been updated since 2009 and in order to update the Charter, an election will have to be held. Having a City Manager was discussed, need to clean up the definition of a quorum, discussed when leaving a Council Member or Mayor position within 12 months or less of an election Council & Mayor can appoint someone to fill that position until the next election, discussed was assigning districts to each Council Member but River Oaks is too small, and discussed charging a filing fee to sign up to run in an election but because of the law River Oaks does not need to charge. Council agreed to put on the ballot for

the May 2019 election: quorum definition, appointment of Council Member or Mayor for less than a year, and the City Manager position.

COMMUNITY CENTER-The policy does not state the consequences if found using alcohol on premises. CM Ashton and PC Spieldenner will meet with Shirley Bloomfield and Shirley Wheat and come up with a solution. Rate Changes-agreed to remove renting of individual rooms and changing rates to \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Clean Up-the River Oaks employee cleans up after a city event. Council agreed to pay this employee overtime for the clean-up. Tarrant Area Food Bank-wants to add another day a month. Program will be different. Sixty and Better (senior meal program)-they have a 501c. Suggestion is to drop this program and get our own 501c and charge for meals. The food will come from the food bank and the food will be made by Shirley Wheat and served. Where do you want Community Center to go-maybe offering a discount on big shows to residents, possibly changing the name of the center to Civic Center to bring in more entertainers. Council agreed to have the name change on the next council agenda.

At 9:52 am, Mayor Earwood called for a break.

At 10:10 am, Mayor Earwood went back into regular session.

PAUL PAINE-discussed the River Oaks Blvd/193 corridor plans. A timeline was presented which can be modified.

PWD SMITH-gave an update on the street improvements (Roberts Cut Off project, Truman project and Byrd project). Also gave an update on the infrastructure improvements under the TWDB funding.

ANIMAL CONTROL-a 501c3 was drafted and council agreed to get this filed.

EMC MYRICK-hopefully will know something about the land and Camp Carter for the Animal Control building within six months. Learned the general public wants to donate in emergency situations but the city will need a 501c3 for this.

WATER POLICY-currently the policy reads that no adjustments will be made to the customer when water leaks are fixed. Council has agreed to come up with a policy in regards to water leaks and setting criteria.

5. ACTION, IF ANY, FROM WORK SESSION.

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6. 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

RECONVENE:

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

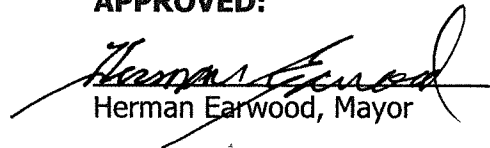
ADJOURN:

8. ADJOURN


At 12:09 p.m. CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

CITY COUNCIL:

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marvin Gregory, City Secretary