

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE CREWS
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND (PRESENT AT 12:05 P.M.)
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER R.R. "BOB" MINTER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
POLICE CHIEF DAN CHISHOLM
FIRE CHIEF BILL CREWS
SECRETARY SUSAN STEWART

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., 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

"HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE"

Mayor Earwood bypassed this agenda item.

4. **DISUSSION AND/OR ACTION** ON APPROVAL OF UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO IDENTITY MANAGEMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CITY HALL SIGNAGE WITHOUT PERMIT APPROVAL FROM TXDOT. (DURING THIS ITEM COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PERFORM A SITE VISIT OUT FRONT OF THE CITY HALL WHERE THE SIGN IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED)

Mayor Earwood requested the Council consider signing an agreement with Identity Management that would allow the monument sign to be manufactured prior to issuance of a permit by TXDOT. Since the permitting process has been relocated to Austin, Mayor Earwood stated that the City has contacted State Representative Geren to assist in expediting the permitting process. Mayor Earwood pointed out that the sign could be placed in a different location on City property if the permit is not approved by TXDOT.

Council Members discussed relocating the sign further back on City property that would greatly decrease the visibility as the sign is currently designed.

At 12:09 p.m. Mayor Earwood announced a recess to view the proposed locations.

At 12:17 p.m. Mayor Earwood reconvened the meeting in the Council Chambers.

Discussion continued that resulted in a decision to pursue permit submission information from Identity Management and continue to work with State Representative Geren to obtain the permit from TXDOT that would allow the placement of the monument sign in the prime location as originally planned.

Council Member Gordon recommended an alternative location on the east side of the telephone pole by extending the sidewalk and narrowing the entrance to City Hall.

After speaking with Identity Management, FC Crews reported that the cost of the sign would not increase unless the manufacturer of the LEDS increased the cost.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN:


5. ADJOURN

At 12:35 p.m. Council Member Holland moved, seconded by Council Member Gordon to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary