

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 8, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JEREMY BELL
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLE
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY

ABSENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Claridge called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Rodriguez delivered the Invocation.

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

CM Forester led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR.

-September 2023 as National Service Dog Month

During Item #12, Susan Stewart was presented the proclamation.

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 JULY 25, 2023 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- C. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 8, 2023 (FY 2023)

CM Rodriguez moved, seconded by Member Forester to approve the Consent Agenda Items #A-C. 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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.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 EMPLOYEE HEALTH, LIFE & MEDICAL INSURANCE RATES FOR PLAN YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AS PRESENTED BY DAWN BRINSON, BRINSON BENEFITS.

Dawn Brinson was present. The Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal originally came in at a 18.09% increase. After negotiations, the increase is 2.42% if we choose Alternate #1. The deductible increased to \$6,000.00 for individual, the primary visits copay decreased, the specialist visit decreased, the co-insurance is 70% and the out-of-pocket max is \$8,150.00. The HRA reimbursement will be anything towards the deductible over \$1,000.00 and up to \$5,000.00. The Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance remains the same. The city pays for a basic \$50,000.00 life insurance policy for each employee. The city also pays for Telemedicine which covers everyone in the employee's household.

CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve the employee insurance rates as presented. All voted "Aye".

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE SUBSTANDARD BUILDING ORDER ON THE PROPERTY AT 4844 HARTFORD THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED TO AUGUST 8, 2023.

Arlyn Purvis was present. The plumbing was mis-budgeted. Did not realize how long the plumbing would take. The plumbing fixtures are not installed, and the plumbing has not been finalized. Huge progress has been made. Would like an extension until the middle of September.

CM Turner moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to extend the Substandard Building Order for 4844 Hartford to September 21, 2023. All voted "Aye".

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS DATA CONTRACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

This is used by Code Enforcement for vehicle inquiries. This is a new free contract. Currently we pay monthly for this service.

CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve the contract with Texas Motor Vehicles. All voted "Aye".

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1108-2023 APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2023 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Darwin Winfield was present. The coalition started in 2018 and that is when River Oaks joined it. A settlement has been reached with Atmos. The new settlement is a \$6.47 per household per month increase and a \$24.72 per business per month increase.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve Resolution #1108-2023. All voted "Aye".

WORK SESSIONS & ACTION FROM WORK SESSION:

12. WORK SESSION: FY 2023 CITY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS (OCTOBER 1, 2023-SEPTEMBER 30, 2024).

The General Fund has a surplus of \$26,360.00; Water Sewer Fund has a surplus of \$994.00; Improvement Bond has a surplus of \$2,057.00; Crime Control has a deficit of \$13,637.00; Economic Development has a surplus of \$45,182.00; Storm Water balances, TIRZ has a surplus of \$110,554.00; Animal Shelter has a surplus of \$3,350.00; and Community Center Foundation balances. The budget has been posted on the website based on the voter approval rate at 0.677621 per \$100.00.

Council would like to revisit the Event Center rental agreement and look at some training for the directors. Need to look at an action plan on what their goals are and what their plans are to increase rentals. Would like a record of how many people are attending the events (bingo, karaoke, jam, etc.).

Fort Worth sewer rates have increased. We will increase the resident's rates by 13.7% and commercial accounts by 11.8%. Council asked several questions on the Water Sewer Fund.

The TIRZ revenue is budged at 75% county participation, 50% college participation, and 75% city participation. We can get with Petty and Associates to do a presentation on what we can spend the TIRZ money on.

The Storm Water revenue is based on \$6.00 per month per account on residential and it is based on square footage on commercial.

The purpose of the Animal Shelter 501c3 is to build a new shelter.

13. ACTION FROM WORK SESSION, IF ANY.

NONE

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

14. 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-Jeremy Bell has been appointed Public Works Director and Alan (Brandon) Randall has been appointed Public Works Superintendent. There have been some organizational changes in Public Works. Beth Flippo is leaving to go to Mineral Wells where it is closer to her home.

CORRESPONDENCE:

15. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Forester-received a text from Fort Worth thanking the River Oaks Fire Dept for their work on the Cadillac Bar fire. Also received a citizen text about the Barbara Road construction. PWD Bell-Barbara Road is in four phases. The paving crew was supposed to be now in Phase 1 but was set back to August 21, 2023. Both sections will be paved at once.

CM Holland-last Wednesday was school events. In attendance was himself, Mayor Houk, Pete Geren, and city employees were working a couple of tables. The superintendent is doing a great job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16. 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 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.

NONE

RECONVENE:

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURN:

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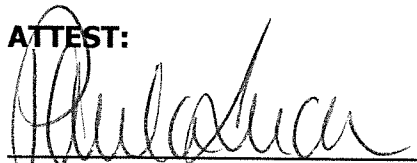
At 8:24 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Claridge adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



John Claridge, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary