

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM DARREN HOUK
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK

ABSENT:

MAYOR JOE ASHTON-excused

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Houk called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Chisholm delivered the Invocation.

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

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

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

NONE

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 FROM AUGUST 24, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 31, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
- C. APPROVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT OF TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE OFFICER, PLACE 8 TO THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 1 PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY 2022 FRIENDS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER BUDGET

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D. All voted "Aye".

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 DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. ACTION FROM AUGUST 31, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1324-2021 AFFIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$0.720874 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), AND FOR DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR A DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES BECOME DUE AND DELINQUENT TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR PLACE OF PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TAX ROLLS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Craig Cunningham was present. This year, there is a debt tax. The Certificate of Obligation Bond passed by Council on August 24, 2021. If you add the debt tax to the Maintenance and Operations Tax, the property tax rate is \$0.720874 per \$100. On a \$134,000 valued home with no exemptions, that will be \$117 more on their property tax bill. The debt tax will help pay for roads. The first year, it was decided to structure the payment as interest only and starting the second year, will be principal and interest. The debt tax is not subject to voter approval or roll back rate.

CM Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve Ordinance #1324-2021. All voted "Aye".

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL FROM WASTE CONNECTIONS REQUESTING A 5% OPERATING ADJUSTMENT INCREASE PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT.

Normally there is a 5% CPI each year for commercial accounts only.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the 5% operating adjustment increase with Waste Connections. All voted "Aye".

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1060-2021 AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) EXPENDITURES FROM THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AS QUALIFIED FOR PROJECTS MORE THAN \$10,000.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

This is the first of two readings of EDC projects over \$10,000.00.

CM Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve the first reading of Resolution #1060-2021. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

11. 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.

Landfill Contract-Waste Connections has agreed to a \$43.00 per ton. Hope to bring the contract to Council on September 14, 2021.

FWTA Route Change-after meeting with them, they have decided not to change the route. Also mentioned to them about MITS complaints.

2020 Census-we have increased our population to 7,646.

CORRESPONDENCE:

12. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Holland-remember the Fortin family in the passing of former Council Member and Employee George Fortin.

CM Chisholm-asked about the status of the Black Oak property. CM Gregory-talked with the demolition contractor today and one building will be demolished this week and the house next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk-reminded everyone about the 1st Farmers Market this Saturday at the Event Center from 9 am-1 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

13. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(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:

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

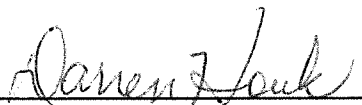
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ADJOURN:

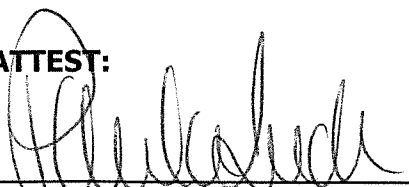
15. ADJOURN

At 7:58 p.m., CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Darren Houk, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary