

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Date: March 26, 2013
Subject: Minutes 3-19-2013

City Council Action Requested:

Consider approval of March 19, 2013 City Council Minutes

Background Information:

Attachment - Minutes

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

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**MINUTES OF
RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2013**

Mayor Agan called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Richland Hills City Hall, 3200 Diana Drive, Richland Hills, Texas.

Bill Agan	Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1 Toya Norton, Place 2 Robert DeSoto, Place 3 Beverly Williams, Place 4 Edward Lopez, Place 5	Council Members
Curtis Hawk Linda Cantu Betsy Elam	City Manager City Secretary City Attorney

with the following members absent: Council Member Goveas, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

WORK SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

1. Discussion of Possible Amendments to Richland Hills Home Rule Charter.

REGULAR SESSION- 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Councilmember Norton.

Councilmember DeSoto led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamations – None at this time.

B. Presentations – None at this time.

C. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments – None

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of February 19, 2013 Minutes.
- B. Approval of March 5, 2013 Minutes.
- C. Star-Telegram bid for publishing bids, public policies and recruitment advertising.
- D. Selection of Glen Garoon as appraiser for Matthews Interceptor and Big Fossil Creek Sewer Main and Lift Station Easements.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve consent items. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to -0-.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

- A. Hold public hearing and consider amendment to Chapter 90 of the City Code to create a special exception to allow the Zoning Board of Adjustment to approve a larger carport under certain circumstances.

City Manager Hawk briefed Councilmember's on the special exception for carports. Such requirements can only be altered by a variance granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A variance has specific hardship requirements that must be met. A larger size is necessitated by a condition of the applicant's property. Currently there is no special exception provision for the carport requirements in the City's zoning ordinance. Without this the ZBA cannot grant a request to increase the size of a carport beyond what is currently permitted. The proposed ordinance would create a special exception that would allow the ZBA to approve a larger carport if certain conditions are met.

Mayor Agan opened the public hearing.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Agan closed the public hearing.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to -0-. **Ord. 1243-13**

4. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

- A. Consider Ordinance Cancelling May 11, 2013 General Election and Declaring Each Unopposed Candidate Elected to the Office.

City Manager Hawk briefed Council on the law that provides for cancellation of election when all candidates are unopposed, and stated approval of ordinance would declare the unopposed candidates, Roland Goveas, Robert DeSoto, and Edward Lopez elected to City Council Place 1, City Council Place 3, and City Council Place 5, respectively.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Norton to approve. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to -0-. **Ord. 1244-13**

5. **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

- A. No items for consideration.

6. **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. Consider appointment to various boards, commissions and committees.

None.

7 **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion of Possible Amendments to Richland Hills Home Rule Charter.

Councilmember Lopez recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the proposals for the Charter Amendments.

City Manager stated he would put this item on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

8. **COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

This is a standing item on the agenda of every regular meeting of the City Council so that the Staff and Council Members may make a report to the full body of the City Council.

City Manager Hawk reminded Council Members of the public meeting with TxDOT on April 4, 2013, to be held at Brookside Community Center in Hurst, regarding the proposed highway improvements.

Council Member DeSoto announced the Community Easter Egg Hunt, March 23, at 11 a.m. at Rosebud Park. In the event of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be the following Saturday, March 30th.

Northeast Chamber will honor Hometown Heroes on April 18th. at Birdville Fine Arts Athletic Center.

Next Senior Richland Hills "Lunch Bunch" will meet April 12th.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Agan announced an Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

A. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071, Sec. 551/072, Sec. 551.073, Sec. 551.074, Sec. 551.076, Sec 551.087 and Sec. 418.0183 (f) and 418.106 (d) & (e) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated herein. Executive Session may be held, under these exceptions, at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this City Council meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to adjourn into Executive Session. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to -0-.

Mayor Agan reconvened in open session at 8:07 p.m.

No action taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bill Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Linda Cantu
City Secretary

Bill Agan
Mayor