

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: March 4, 2014
Subject: Ordinance Calling Joint Public Hearing

Council Action Requested:

Approve Ordinance No. calling for a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission on March 18, 2014.

Background Information:

In early 2013, the City Council appointed a committee (Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, CPSC) to begin working on a new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the City. This committee consisted of members of the City Council, P&Z and other former board members and citizens.

The committee has worked on both the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in consultation with Freese and Nichols. The committee has recommended that the documents be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Staff is recommending that a Joint Public Hearing be held on the documents at our regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on March 18, 2014.

Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code states the following:

"The governing body may not hold a public hearing until it receives the final report of the zoning commission unless the governing body by ordinance provides that a public hearing is to be held, after the notice required by Section 211.006(a), jointly with a public hearing required to be held by the zoning commission. In either case, the governing body may not take action on the matter until it receives the final report of the zoning commission."

As noted in the Local Government Code, in order to hold the Joint Public Hearing, Council needs to approve an ordinance calling for the Joint Public Hearing. The attached ordinance accomplishes this objective.

Board/Citizen Input: CPSC has recommended the Public Hearing and consideration of adoption of both documents.

Financial Impact: N/A

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Attachments: Ordinance No. 1264-14

ORDINANCE NO. 1264-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BETWEEN THE RICHLAND HILLS ZONING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 18, 2014 TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE REVISED RICHLAND HILLS ZONING ORDINANCE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 211 and 213 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City has prepared a new proposed Zoning Ordinance and new proposed Comprehensive Plan for the City of Richland Hills; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that public hearings be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 211.007 allows the hearings to be held jointly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Richland Hills shall conduct a joint public hearing on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to receive input from the public on the new proposed Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2014.

MAYOR BILL AGAN

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Betsy Elam, City Attorney