

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Date: April 29, 2014
Subject: Minutes 4-15-2014

City Council Action Requested:

Consider approval of April 15, 2014, City Council Meeting 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
APRIL 15, 2014**

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL

**Roland Goveas, Place 1
Toya Norton, Place 2**

**Beverly Williams, Place 4
Edward Lopez, Place 5**

COUNCIL ABSENT

Bill Agan, Mayor

Robert DeSoto, Place 3

STAFF

**Eric Strong, City Manager
Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Steve Wood, City Attorney**

WORK SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

- 1. 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 418.016 (d) & (e) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated herein.**

Motion made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to adjourn to executive session at 6:03 p.m.

- 2. Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any items posted and legally discussed in Executive Session.**

No action taken from executive session.

3. Discussion of Items listed on tonight's City Council Agenda.

None

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Councilmember Norton

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

None

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes of April 1, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve with change to item 7C. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

3. JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

A. None at this time.

4. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

A. Second Reading and consideration of Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Type B Funds for Consulting and Recruitment Project

- MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Norton to approve. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- B. Ordinance 1265-14 amending chapter 34 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances by declaring certain swimming pools, fences, trees, tarps and junk to be public nuisances
 - C. Ordinance 1266-14 amending chapter 34 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances by prohibiting automobile sales in certain areas within the city
 - D. Ordinance 1267-14 amending chapter 34 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances by regulating certain vehicles within the city
 - E. Ordinance 1268-14 amending chapter 34 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances providing for the abatement of nuisances within the city and the authority to file a lien in certain cases
 - F. Ordinance 1269-14 amending chapter 14 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances by adding a new article "Boarded-Up Buildings and Structures"
 - G. Ordinance 1270-14 amending chapter 58 of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances by revising regulations for garage sales

After much discussion regarding the wording on some of the ordinances, and the changes requested, Councilmember's recommended items B, C, D, E, F, and G tabled for further review.

- MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Norton to table items B, C, D, E, F and G. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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

A. Consideration of bid award for the Green Ribbon Landscaping Project

Michael Barnes, City Engineer, advised the city was awarded a construction grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for landscape improvements in four medians along Baker Blvd. Bids were received, with the lowest in the amount of \$194,923.60 submitted by Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC. The contractor has worked with TxDOT

specifications on previous projects and based on their excellent reference, staff is recommending Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC to be awarded the contract.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Norton to approve. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consideration of appointments to Board and Committees of the Council

Eric Strong, City Manager, advised Councilmember Norton is not seeking re-election, therefore her position on the Community Enrichment Committee is vacant, and due to a resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, there is a vacancy on that board board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to appoint Kyle LaPointe as a regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Lopez thanked Councilmember Norton for serving on the Community Enrichment Committee and stated he would like to serve on that committee if Council agreed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Norton, and seconded by Councilmember Williams to appoint Councilmember Lopez to serve on the Community Enrichment Committee. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Lopez stated he would continue to serve on the Community Development Committee until his replacement was appointed.

7. REPORTS & DISCUSSION

A. Update on 4th of July Special Event

City Manager Strong advised as a new attempt to involve the business community and to raise some funding for the event, staff is proposing instituting three (3) sponsorship levels.

- Platinum Sponsorship: \$1,000 donation
- Gold Sponsorship: \$500.00
- Silver Sponsorship: \$250.00

A letter will be sent out to business owners from the Mayor regarding the sponsorship and requesting their participation in the event if interested.

In addition to the sponsorships, staff estimates that the city needs fifteen to twenty (15-20) volunteers to assist with the event, helping with children's games; making snow cones and drinks, and perform various tasks.

The normal parade route starts at Rena and Matthews Drive, but due to the construction still underway on Matthews Drive, there are other parade routes under consideration. A map with a proposed route will be presented to Council for their review.

Councilmember Goveas requested signs for the parade route posted several days in advance of the event. Councilmember Norton requested flyers advertising the July 4th parade placed at the hotels.

B. Discussion regarding Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Proposed Zoning Ordinance

Due to resident's concerns regarding Hardisty Street, City Manager Strong stated he is proposing this language in the Comprehensive Plan to the effect *"the city does not promote a change from residential in this area shown, however the city does recognize that natural market given pressure might be brought forth with plans that involve other than residential. If other than non-residential are considered, guidelines should be strongly suggested"*.

Two other items discussed regarding the Comprehensive Plan involved the definition of fencing material; and accessory buildings.

Fences - recommend "other suitable fencing material" be omitted from provision regarding fencing.

Accessory Buildings – provision now states anything over 440 square feet needs to be consistent with material of house. Staff recommends a possible special exception to be considered for the accessory buildings.

Staff has scheduled a meeting with Freese and Nichols to discuss this item in more detail. Staff will also meet with P&Z to review the entire plan.

C. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

City Manager Strong advised there are several opportunities for volunteers in the city. Packets with information will be distributed at the Volunteer Dinner, along with a presentation.

D. Presentation of Monthly Departmental Reports

No comments

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

Councilmember Goveas commented on the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked the Public Works crew, Police Department and everyone involved in making the event successful.

Councilmember Williams stated the April Lunch Bunch was a success.

9. No items

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor pro tem Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Linda Cantu, City Secretary

Edward Lopez, Mayor pro tem