

Office of the City Secretary

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Date: January 6, 2015
Subject: Minutes from the December 2, 2014 regular City Council meeting

City Council Action Requested:

Consider approval of the December 2, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes.

Background Information:

Attachment – December 2, 2014 Draft Minutes

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

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**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2014
DRAFT MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1
Allison Barrette, Place 2
Robert DeSoto, Place 3

Council Absent:

Beverly Williams, Place 4

Edward Lopez, Place 5

Staff

Eric Strong, City Manager
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Betsy Elam, City Attorney

WORK SESSION – Mayor Agan Called to Order – Time 6:00 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 418.106 (d) & (e) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated herein.**

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time: 6:01

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent.

- 2. Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any items posted and legally discussed in Executive Session. 6:32**

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session at 6:32 p.m.

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

- 4A. Consider Ordinance 1286-14, amending Chapter 38 "Fire Prevention and Protection" by updating the Fire Code to allow Above Ground Fuel Tanks in Commercial Districts with discretion of the Fire Marshal.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council Ordinance 1286-14, amending Chapter 38 "Fire Prevention and Protection" by updating the Fire Code to allow Above Ground Fuel Tanks in Commercial Districts with discretion of the Fire Marshal. Currently, the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance, Article II. – Fire Code, Sec. 38-33 only allows above ground fuel tanks in industrial zoned areas and areas zoned for retail fuel sales. Staff has received a request from a business on Handley-Ederville, for above ground fuel tanks in a light commercial zoning district. The amended ordinance would allow an applicant in light or heavy commercial zoning districts, the ability to submit a building permit for above ground fuel tanks.

Fire Chief, Bill Bell answered questions regarding safety issues and screening.

Council requested staff bring this item back in January, with the following recommendations:

- Research other cities in the areas to see if this is allowed in light commercial districts.
- Review of our light commercial areas, to see where the possibilities of this ordinance would impact.
- Additional screening requirements are included in the ordinance.

6A. Consideration regarding Multi-Purpose Facility Feasibility Study and Design.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council information regarding the Multi-Purpose Facility Feasibility Study and Design. The feasibility study portion of the project was conducted by Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) and is now wrapping up. The next phase of the project will be to enter into the design phase of the project. There are two options for selecting a firm to design the facility. The first option is to amend the original agreement with BRS to move forward with design and the second option is to proceed with another Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Council recommended that staff proceed with preparing an RFQ for the design phase to be sent out by the middle of December.

7A. Update on Christmas Event Plans.

The annual Richland Hills Christmas Tree Lighting Program is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. and a rain contingency plan was discussed.

Break 6:50 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION – Mayor, Bill Agan Called to Order – Time 7:00 p.m.

Invocation – Mayor Bill Agan

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Barrette

PRESENTATIONS

1A. Presentation of 25 year Service Award to Robert Parson, Firefighter/Paramedic with the Richland Hills Fire Department.

Mayor Bill Agan presented a 25 year Service Award to Robert Parson, Firefighter/Paramedic with the Richland Hills Fire Department.

1B. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments.

Corrie Hayward, 6868 Hardisty, Richland Hills, thanked council for their continued vision and leadership. She discussed health statistics of smoking and second hand smoke and the benefits of smoke free laws.

AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes of November 18, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to approve the consent agenda item.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent.

PUBLIC HEARING, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. None at this time.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Consider Ordinance 1286-14, amending Chapter 38 "Fire Prevention and Protection" by updating the Fire Code to allow Above Ground Fuel Tanks in Commercial Districts with discretion of the Fire Marshal.

Discussed during Work Session under item 3.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to table to the next council meeting.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. None at this time.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Consideration regarding Multi-Purpose Facility Feasibility Study and Design.

Discussed during Work Session under item 3.

Based on the discussion during the work session, staff will proceed with an RFQ for the design phase of the project.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

7A. Update on Christmas Event Plans.

The annual Richland Hills Christmas Tree Lighting Program is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

The Richland Hills Fire Department is sponsoring a Holiday Food and Toy Drive to help families in need. The donation drive will last through December 19, 2014.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

8. Community Interest

- Lunch Bunch Thursday, December 11th at noon, food provided by El Chico, and entertainment provided by the Vandemeer Brothers
- Next City Council meeting is January 6, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9. 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.**

The following action was taken regarding Cause No. 2013-005338-1; City of Richland Hills v. Spencer Hodges a/k/a Edward Spencer Hodge; in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Tarrant County, regarding property located at 3271 Matthews Drive.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve the settlement reached in the amount of \$250,000.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10. A motion was made by Councilmember DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to adjourn.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor