

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: April 7, 2015
Subject: Minutes from the March 17, 2015 regular City Council meeting

City Council Action Requested:

Consider approval of the March 17, 2015 regular City Council meeting minutes.

Background Information:

Attachment – March 17, 2015 Draft Minutes

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

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**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1
Allison Barrette, Place 2
Robert DeSoto, Place 3 (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Beverly Williams, Place 4
Edward Lopez, Mayor pro-tem

Council Absent:

Staff

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

WORK SESSION – Mayor Bill Agan Called to Order – Time 6:00 p.m.

****Items taken out of order.***

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following agenda items:

- 4C. Ordinance No. 1290-15 Providing for the Issuance of City of Richland Hills, Texas Combination Tax and Water and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, series 2015, and Ordaining Other Matters Relating to the Subject. Sarah Bedford with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., presented to council the lowest bond rate from Regions Bank. The Certificates shall consist of one term bond in the principal amount of \$1,030,000 bearing an interest rate of 2.56% with a fifteen year maturity.
- 4A. Ordinance No. 1291-15, an update to Section 50, Article IV of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, "Vehicle Wrecker Service". This will bring our towing ordinance to be in compliance with state law.
- 5A. Bid Award for the 2015 Green Ribbon Project Phase II for landscape improvements to Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC (BSGS) at the low bid amount of \$191,093.75. Michael Barnes, City Engineer presented to council the bid and project information.

- 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. Specifically Sec. 551.071 and Sec. 551.074.**

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to convene into executive session. Time 6:13 p.m.

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

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 6:59 p.m.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Allison Barrette

PRESENTATIONS

1A. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments.

Eric Strong, City Manager read the rules of decorum.

Gerrit Spieker, 3401 Jonette, Richland Hills spoke regarding membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T.). Mr. Spieker feels the city needs an agreement that contracts with The T and suggest the city declare an emergency election. He recommended a Town Hall meeting and to bring back the item in two weeks.

Jame Goin, 3825 London Lane, Richland Hills uses The T two to three times a month and spoke in favor of keeping The T.

Jean Russell, 6825 Park Place Drive, Richland Hills spoke in favor of keeping The T. Ms. Russell asked the council to remember people's basic need for public transportation.

Debbye Fritz, 7159 Latham Drive, Richland Hills feels citizens need more information about what is going on between our city and The T.

John Skier, 7016 Park Place Drive, Richland Hills spoke in favor of keeping The T. Mr. Skier believes citizens need more information.

Dave Ragan, 7501 Bridges Avenue, Richland Hills opposes the ordinance to call an election to no longer be a part of The T. Mr. Ragan believes by passing this item, it will

divide the city and requested that council please consider tabling item 4B and let the City Manager visit with The T and get answers to all of your questions.

Karen Harris, 7210 Ash Park, Richland Hills spoke in favor of keeping The T.

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park, Richland Hills spoke in favor of keeping The T, but wants what is best for the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

****Item 4A, 4C, and 5A moved to consent agenda.***

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to move items 4A, 4C, and 5A to the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

2A. Approval of minutes of March 3, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.

2B. Approval of an agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center to provide cooperative purchasing services through a program known as The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program.

4A. Consider Ordinance No. 1291-15, an update to Section 50, Article IV of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, "Vehicle Wrecker Service".

4C. Ordinance No. 1290-15 Providing for the Issuance of City of Richland Hills, Texas Combination Tax and Water and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, series 2015, and Ordaining Other Matters Relating to the Subject.

5A. Consider Bid Award for the 2015 Green Ribbon Project Phase II for landscape improvements to Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC (BSGS) at the low bid amount of \$191,093.75.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve all consent agenda items.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. None at this time.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Consider Ordinance No. 1291-15, an update to Section 50, Article IV of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, "Vehicle Wrecker Service".

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 2.

**Moved to consent agenda*

4B. Ordinance No. 1289-15 calling an election regarding membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

City Manager Strong announced item 4B; ordinance 1289-15, calling an election regarding membership in the Forth Worth Transportation Authority (The T).

There was discussion among Council regarding the City's relationship with The T and the transportation needs for Richland Hills. Council expressed a need for local control and the desire to explore transportation options, including being a contract city. The only way to withdraw from The T, is to call an election and allow the citizens to vote. Council expressed their support for public transportation.

The following citizens made comments:

Debbie Fritz feels citizens need to have the information regarding contract options, before a vote is taken on this item.

Gerrit Spieker stated that the City Council can enter into an interlocal agreement with The T, and still be a member city.

John Skier feels that by putting it on a ballot, council is sending a message that we should get out of The T.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

4C. Ordinance No. 1290-15 Providing for the Issuance of City of Richland Hills, Texas Combination Tax and Water and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, series 2015, and Ordaining Other Matters Relating to the Subject.

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 2.

**Moved to consent agenda*

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- 5A. Consider Bid Award for the 2015 Green Ribbon Project Phase II for landscape improvements to Beverly Sue Global Services, LLC (BSGS) at the low bid amount of \$191,093.75.**

Item was discussed during the work session, under item 2.

**Moved to consent agenda*

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 6A. None at this time.**

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 7A. Discussion regarding Proposed Community Activity and Recreation Center Architect Interviews and next steps.**

Eric Strong presented information regarding the proposed Community Activity and Recreation Center Architect Interviews and next steps. Staff would like to have a meeting with one firm to get a better understanding of our vision.

- 7B. Discussion and update regarding projects in the FY 2014-2015 Budget.**

Eric Strong updated council regarding the FY 2014-2015 Budget.

- 6 Stones 1st blitz will be April 17th and 18th and encourage citizens to get involved
- Curb and gutter delayed due to weather

- 7C. Presentation of Monthly Departmental Reports.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council the monthly departmental reports.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- 8. Community Interest**

- Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 10:00 a.m., at the City Complex. Rain out information will be posted on the website.
- Next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.074 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: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember Desoto to convene into executive session. Time: 7:55 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session at 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to increase the City Secretary's salary by 3%.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor