

**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: May 5, 2015  
Subject: Minutes from the April 21, 2015 regular City Council meeting

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**City Council Action Requested:**

Consider approval of the April 21, 2015 regular City Council meeting minutes.

**Background Information:**

Attachment – April 21, 2015 Draft Minutes

**Board/Citizen Input:**

N/A

**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2015  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor  
Roland Goveas, Place 1  
Allison Barrette, Place 2  
Robert DeSoto, Place 3  
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 6:01 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).**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0

There was no action following executive session and Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 7:00 p.m.

- 2. Discussion of items and presentations listed on tonight's City Council Agenda.**

No discussion

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

**Invocation – Mayor Agan**

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Councilmember DeSoto

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1A. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the rules of decorum.

Debbie Fritz, 7159 Latham, Richland Hills commended the City on the 6 Stones project and she is very proud to live in a city that cares about their citizens.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Approval of minutes of April 7, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.**

**2B. Consider approval of repair project for the Booth Water Well in the amount of \$51, 122.01, with service provided by Millican Well Service LLC.**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, 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 1292-15, update to Chapter 66, Solid Waste Collection, of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council ordinance 1292-15, update to Chapter 66, Solid Waste Collection, of the Richland Hills Code of Ordinances.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

**5A. None at this time.**

## **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **6A. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council the Zoning Board of Adjustment applicants.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to appoint Curtis Bergthold to Zoning Board of Adjustment Place 5.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to appoint Brent Peck to Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate 2 and Travis Malone to Alternate 3.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **7A. Proposed Richland Hills legislation as it relates to the Ft. Worth Transportation Authority and Chapter 452 of the Transportation Code.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council proposed Richland Hills legislation as it relates to the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and Chapter 452 of the Transportation Code. Staff has been working jointly with the T and the City of Fort Worth to craft legislation that is beneficial for all involved. City Manager Strong went over the following highlights of the proposed legislations.

- Updating the existing law to clarify that if we withdraw, the T does not have to close the train station. Currently, the law says that if we withdraw, the T must cease ALL operations within the city, which theoretically could force them to close the station. The new language allows them to continue operating the station at their discretion.
- Changing the board composition from nine members to eleven. Currently, eight members are appointed by the City of Fort Worth and one by the County. This will give the County three appointments instead of one.
- Language that indicates that we are not responsible for any debt or contracts issued from the date we called the election to withdraw. This is significant because currently, we would be responsible for our share of any debt/contracts issued by the T until the date we withdraw. The current problem is that the T anticipates issuing over half a billion dollars in contracts before our withdrawal election. This means that we would have to pay them over 5 million dollars once we withdraw. By making the cutoff date for any monies owed to them effective

from the date the election was called, we avoid having to pay all of that, assuming that we withdraw from the T next May. As such, this is probably the most important piece of the legislation from our perspective.

**7B. Presentation of Monthly Department Reports.**

Councilmember Williams enjoys Chief Bill Bell's Fire Department narrative and likes hearing about training and other things going on in the department.

**COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

**8. Community Interest**

- 6Stones – 1<sup>st</sup> event was on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and rehabbed seven houses
- Next Lunch Bunch is May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Planning is underway for the 2015 Fourth of July Event
- Annual Report
- Early Voting Starts Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

**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.**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 10. A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Bill Agan, Mayor