

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Date: September 26, 2013
Subject: Minutes 9-3-2013

City Council Action Requested:

Consider approval of September 3, 2013 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
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Council Absent:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1

Toya Norton, Place 2

Robert DeSoto, Place 3
Beverly Williams, Place 4
Edward Lopez, Place 5

Staff

Curtis Hawk, City Manager
Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Betsy Elam, City Attorney

WORK SESSION – Mayor Agan Call to Order at 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 and incorporated herein.

Motion made by Councilmember Lopez and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session.

Motion passed 4-0. Toya Norton absent. Time: 6:01 p.m.

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

Mayor Agan reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:30 p.m.

No action taken from executive session.

3. Discussion of proposed FY 2013-14 Annual Budget

Mr. Hawk advised he will address the budget during the regular meeting.

4. Discussion of items listed on tonight's City Council Agenda.

Mr. Hawk briefed Council on items listed on the agenda: Traffic study for Richland Middle School, and Binion Elementary; Interlocal Agreement for participation in Teen Court; and Committees of Council.

The other item on the agenda is the public hearing on the budget.

Recessed Work Session at 6:50 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION – Mayor Agan Call to Order at 7:01 P.M.

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance, United States and Texas flags - Councilmember Goveas

1. PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A. Presentation of Service Awards – Mayor Agan to present a Five Year Service Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Paramore and Ten Year Service Award to Jason Miller, Firefighter/Paramedic.

City Manager Hawk advised the presentation for service awards is delayed due to the two Firefighters on a fire call at this time.

- B. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

David Avery, 6560 Davidson St., spoke in regard to amending the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Hawk advised Mr. Avery that Council is not allowed due to state law to discuss this item with one another during public comments, and can only address him with factual matters. Mr. Hawk further stated that Councilmember's are currently working on a Comprehensive Plan for the city. Mr. Avery's request will be addressed once the plan is completed. Council asked Mr. Avery to work with staff on any proposed developments.

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park, requested Council address the city parks and the need to make them all ADA (Americans Disability Act) compliant.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2013, Joint Meeting with Charter Review Committee; July 30, 2013, Special Meeting and Work Session; August 13, 2013, Special Meeting; August 13, 2013, Town Hall Meeting; and August 20, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.
- B. Professional Services Agreement with Teague Nall & Perkins for Traffic Control Plan at Richland Middle School.
- C. Interlocal Agreement between Cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills for Participation in Teen Court Program.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve all consent items. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Norton absent.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- A. Conduct Public Hearing regarding Proposed FY 2013-14 Budget.

City Manager Hawk presented to Council the FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget and the Revised FY 2012-13 Budget. He pointed out that the effective tax rate for 2013 is \$0.501648, and that the proposed budget is supported by same \$0.528094 tax rate as current year, with an M&O rate of \$0.467694 and a debt rate of \$0.060400. He noted that the proposed rate while unchanged from current year presents a 5.272% increase over the effective rate, and provides revenue of \$1,993,009 which is an increase of \$80,719 over the current year.

Mayor Agan opened a Public Hearing regarding Proposed 2013-14 Budget.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Agan closed the public hearing.

- B. Conduct Public Hearing regarding Proposed 2013 Tax Rate.

Mayor Agan opened a Public Hearing regarding Proposed 2013 Tax Rate.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Agan closed the public hearing.

- C. Discussion of FY 2013-14 Annual Budget and 2013 Tax Rate.

City Manager Hawk asked Council Members if there was any further discussion regarding the budget.

Council Member Williams asked City Manager if he was able to put the Notification System in the budget.

City Manager Hawk stated that it was included within the budget. This would be a public safety emergency message regarding severe weather and alerts to the community. This program may include notifications to residents by email, text, and phone calls.

Council Member Lopez requested Council be made aware of any unfunded needs for future years.

City Manager Hawk advised Council that he would meet with Department Managers and provide an update.

The vote on the 2013-2014 Budget and Tax rate will be on the September 17, Regular City Council meeting agenda.

4. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

A. None at this time.

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

A. None at this time.

6. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Pending Economic Development Incentive Agreements

There is no discussion on this item tonight.

B. Consider appointments to various boards, commissions and committees.

This item will be on the September 17, 2013, Regular Council meeting.

7. REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Update on Amendments to Chapter 10, "Boards, Committee, and Commissions," Richland Hills Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Hawk is working with the city attorney on the amendments. This item will be presented to Council Members on September 17, 2013, at the Regular City Council meeting.

- B. Discussion of Committees of the Council.

An ordinance will be brought before Council at the September 17, 2013 Regular City Council meeting. Council Members will be given a list of Committees and can make a choice of which they would like to serve.

- C. Update on Mosquito Abatement Program.

City Manager Hawk gave Council an update on the Mosquito Abatement Program. There were samples tested, with no positive results in the City of Richland Hills. Council Members will be updated at each meeting.

- D. Amendments to Richland Hills Home Rule Charter.

The Council has called the Charter Election for November 5, 2013. Tarrant County Elections Administrator has identified the Early Voting locations throughout the county. Early Voting for the city of Richland Hills will be at the Public Library. This information will be on the city website in both English and Spanish.

At this time, Mayor Agan presented a Five Year Service Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Paramore.

Jason Miller, Firefighter/Paramedic, was not available to receive his ten year service award. The presentation will be at a future meeting.

8. **COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

Council Member Williams announced the next Richland Hills Lunch Bunch is Friday, September 13, at the Community Center.

Police Chief Childress announced the Citizen Police Academy will start their first 10 week class on Thursday, Sept. 12. The classes will be conducted one night a week from 7-10 p.m.

Chief Childress announced a Blood Drive/Adoption Drive called Nine Lives. This event is September 28, at the Animal Shelter. Chief requested participation in donating blood and consider adopting a pet.

Chief Childress announced Texas Night Out as October 1. If anyone is interested in becoming a Block Captain, contact the Police Department. An officer will visit with residents at the block parties and go over safety tips.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 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.

There was no executive session at this time.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to adjourn.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Bill Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Linda Cantu
City Secretary

Bill Agan
Mayor