

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Eric Strong, City Manager
Date: April 5th, 2016
Subject: Resolution regarding Transportation and Sales Tax

City Council Action Requested:

Consider and act upon a resolution establishing direction for future transportation options and intentions for possible future sales tax capacity.

Background Information:

As you are aware, there is an election on May 7th that allows residents to determine whether or not they want to remain members of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T). The attached resolution outlines the proposed intentions of the City Council should residents elect to withdraw from The T. This can be discussed and modified as necessary at the meeting.

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Attachments: Resolution

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RESOLUTION 462-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND HILLS CITY
COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING
DIRECTION FOR FUTURE TRANSPORTATION
OPTIONS AND INTENTIONS FOR POSSIBLE
FUTURE SALES TAX CAPACITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council has called an election to allow residents to determine their continued membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T); and

WHEREAS, the election will result in either the residents of Richland Hills remaining members of The T or withdrawing their membership from The T; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that if residents elect to withdraw from The T, certain essential transportation components should remain for the good of the community; and

WHEREAS, surrounding cities, such as North Richland Hills, Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Haltom City, Grapevine, Keller, Flower Mound, Southlake and others provide a Mobility Impaired Transit Service (MITS) of some type; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that a MITS type service is essential to the future well-being of Richland Hills; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies have agreed in principle to contract with the City for a MITS type service if residents elect to withdraw from The T; and

WHEREAS, if the residents elect to withdraw from The T, the City Council welcomes the potential opportunity to maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with The T through a contractual relationship; and

WHEREAS, if residents elect to remain members of The T, the City Council looks forward to a continued strong relationship with The T through its membership status; and

WHEREAS, as indicated through recent legislative actions, The T has assisted in passing legislation that encourages contract relationships; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation was cooperatively passed between Tarrant County, The City of Fort Worth, the City of Blue Mound, the City of Grapevine and the City of Richland Hills in order to facilitate a strong relationship, whether through contracts or membership, between Richland Hills and The T,

WHEREAS, should residents elect to withdraw from The T, the sales tax in Richland Hills will decrease by ½ cent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS the Mayor and City Council of Richland Hills encourage all residents to become informed on the issues at hand in the May 7th, 2016 election and exercise their right to vote their conscience.

Passed and approved this _____ day _____, 2016