

RESOLUTION 462-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DIRECTION REGARDING
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND SALES TAX CAPACITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a petition from residents ordering that the City Council call an election to determine continued membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council takes no position on continued membership in the Fort Worth Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, should residents decide to remain a member city of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, the City Council fully intends to continue working with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority to seek a relationship that is fair and equitable for all involved; and

WHEREAS, should residents elect to withdraw from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, the City council recognizes that a need remains for public transportation; and

WHEREAS, prior to an election, the City Council will approach other agencies that have agreed to provide transit services to Richland Hills in the past and have an agreement in place should residents elect to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, any agreement will provide for transportation services to Mobility Impaired passengers as well as any residents over the age of 60 years old but will not provide regular bus service or airport transportation; and

WHEREAS, there have been questions about the ability of the citizens to re-issue the ½ cent sales tax currently allocated to the FWTA should residents elect to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, legal opinions and past precedence have determined that should residents elect to withdraw from the FWTA, citizens will have the option to reissue the ½ cent sales tax for any eligible purpose; and

WHEREAS, eligible purposes include allocating the funding to streets, parks, economic development and the general fund, amongst other uses; and

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 any future transportation related elections and exercise their right to vote.

Passed and approved this _____ day _____, 2016

Mayor