

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016  
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor  
Roland Goveas, Place 1

Robert DeSoto, Place 3

Edward Lopez, Mayor pro-tem

Council Absent:

Allison Barger, Place 2

Beverly Williams, Place 4

Staff

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

**WORK SESSION – Mayor Bill Agan Called to Order – Time 6:08 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).**

None at this time.

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

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the following items:

- 4A. Consider Ordinance 1318-16, regulating the obligation of property owners to maintain trash service. The ordinance will allow businesses in certain zoning districts to share dumpster services, but in order to do so; they will have to pay an administrative fee to the city. The fee will be equal to the current charge for residential trash service.
- 5A. Consider approving agreement authorizing final street payment to Richland Hills from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. Mr. Strong received correspondence from the FWTA indicating that they are willing to give the city one final payment for street improvements. The letter requests his signature to accept the funds. However, the letter also indicates that by signing the document, it would be authorizing these

payments to end and agreeing to no more future payments for street refunds. Staff does not recommend signing the acknowledgement of final payment and has put together a Interlocal Agreement that includes language that is very similar to the agreements we have had with the FWTA for the past 25 years. This agreement does not obligate them to continue the payments into the future, but it also does not cut off all future payments.

3A. FY 2016-2017 Budget – City Manager Strong discussed the following budget items:

- Tree Trimming Services
- Ambulance Fees
- Water and Waste Water
- Removal of Street Funding
- Oil and Gas Fund
- Council Contingency Fund

**Break 6:35 p.m.**

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

**Invocation** – Mayor Pro-tem Edward Lopez

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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

**Citizen Appearances/Public Comments  
(Citizens who have signed a card to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the city staff and City Council members are prevented from discussion of the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing city policy. Public comment will not be taken on items that the Council has previously considered in a public hearing.)**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the rules of decorum.

Chris Colwell, 3116 Gerome, Richland Hills spoke regarding building code section 4.02 accessory structures standards.

**1B. Swearing in of the New Fire Department Officers**

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oaths of Office to the following Fire Department Officers:

- Gregory Stockton – Fire Fighter
- Shelby Brock – Fire Engineer
- Jeffrey Duncan – Fire Engineer
- Jayla Patterson – Fire Engineer

**1C. Presentation of 10 year Service Award to Joseph Batchelder, Police Sergeant with the Richland Hills Police Department.**

Mayor Agan presented a 10 year Service Award to Joseph Batchelder, Police Sergeant with the Richland Hills Police Department.

**1D. Proclamation recognizing the commissioning of the U.S.S. Montgomery.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez presented a Proclamation recognizing the commissioning of the U.S.S. Montgomery.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***\*Items 4A moved to consent agenda.***

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to move item 4A to the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilmember Barger and Councilmember Williams absent.

**2A. Approval of minutes from the August 16, 2016 Regular meeting and August 18, 2016 Special meeting.**

**2B. Re-appoint Public Works Superintendent Kenneth Cross to the Fort Worth Water Department Wholesale Customer Advisory Committee for the 2016-2018 term. Appoint Director of Neighborhood Services Scott Mitchell as the alternate voting member.**

**4A. Consider Ordinance 1318-16, regulating the obligation of property owners to maintain trash service.**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilmember Barger and Councilmember Williams absent.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

#### **3A. Public Hearing and consideration of FY 2016-2017 Budget**

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

Mayor Agan opened the Public Hearing. Time: 7:27 p.m.

No Speakers

Mayor Agan closed the Public Hearing. Time: 7:27 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to table this item to the next regular session.

Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilmember Barger and Councilmember Williams absent.

#### **3B. Public Hearing and consideration of FY 2016-2017 Tax Rate**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding the FY 2016-2017 Tax Rate. This public hearing is the second of two public hearings on the proposed tax rate. When the bond election for the Link occurred, residents were told that their tax rate would be increasing to .598805 if the bond was approved. The bond was approved, and the proposed rate is .595633, which is lower than promised.

Mayor Agan opened the Public Hearing. Time: 7:28 p.m.

No Speakers

Mayor Agan closed the Public Hearing. Time: 7:28 p.m.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS**

#### **4A. Consider Ordinance 1318-16, regulating the obligation of property owners to maintain trash service.**

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

*\*Moved to consent agenda*

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

#### **5A. Consider approving agreement authorizing final street payment to Richland Hills from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA).**

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

Travis Malone, 2641 Mimosa Park, Richland Hills spoke in favor of the staff generated Interlocal Agreement.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve the staff generated Interlocal Agreement.

Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilmember Barger and Councilmember Williams absent.

### **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**6A. None at this time.**

### **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**7A. None at this time.**

### **8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Lunch Bunch – Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
- New Pharmacy in Richland Hills that is named NRH Pharmacy. The Pharmacy is in the process of fixing the name.

**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).**

None at this time.

**10. A motion was made by Councilmember DeSoto, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**ATTEST**

**APPROVED**

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Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

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Bill Agan, Mayor