

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Roland Goveas, Place 1
Allison Barger, 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 6:00 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).**

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to convene into executive session. Time: 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Williams absent from Council Chambers.

Mayor Agan reconvened into open session. Time: 6:27 p.m.

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

7B. Update on Link Project – James Williams with Schrickel and Rollins and Associates gave an update on the Link Project. The presentation included updates to the Master Plan for a fountain, additional police parking spaces and the dumpster relocation.

2C. Eric Strong, City Manager presented the re-rate for Employee Group Health Insurance with TMLIEBP of a 10% increase.

- 5A. Jason Moore, Assistant to the City Manager presented a Change Order for the Link Project in the amount of \$26,535.00.
- 5B. Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented a bid award for Landscape Services to Landcare in the amount of \$35,624.00.
- 5C. Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented a bid award for Mowing Services to Smith Lawn and Tree in the amount of \$63,901.00.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Barger

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.)**

No speakers

CONSENT AGENDA

****Items 5A, 5B and 5C moved to consent agenda.***

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to move items 5A, 5B and 5C to the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 2A. Approval of minutes from the September 6, 2016 Regular meeting.**
- 2B. Approval of contract for Election Services with Tarrant County.**
- 2C. Approval or re-rate for Employee Group Health Insurance with TMLIEBP for a 10% increase over current year.**

- 5A. Approval of Change Order for the Link Project #5 in the amount of 26,535.00.**
- 5B. Consideration of bid award for Landscape Services to Landcare in the amount of \$35,624.00.**
- 5C. Consideration of bid award for Mowing Services to Smith Lawn and Tree in the amount of \$63,901.00.**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- 3A. None at this time.**

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- 4A. Consideration of Ordinance 1319-16, amending the Annual Budget for FY 2015-2016 and adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2016-2017.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Ordinance 1319-16, amending the Annual Budget for FY 2015-2016 and adopting the Annual Budget for FY 2016-2017.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember DeSoto to approve as follows: "I move that we approve the ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and amending the budget for 2015-2016"

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 4B. Consideration of Ordinance 1320-16, adopting the Tax Rate for FY 2016-2017.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented Ordinance 1320-16, adopting the Tax Rate for FY 2016-2017.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to approve as follows: "I move that we approve the ordinance adopting the tax rate for 2017 and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .595633 which is effectively a 3.60 percent increase in the tax rate."

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Approval of Change Order for the Link Project #5 in the amount of 26,535.00.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

5B. Consideration of bid award for Landscape Services to Landcare in the amount of \$35,624.00.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

5C. Consideration of bid award for Mowing Services to Smith Lawn and Tree in the amount of \$63,901.00.

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

**Moved to consent agenda*

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to council information regarding appointment to Boards and Commissions.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas, and seconded by Councilmember Lopez to make the following reappointments and new appointment to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board.

Reappointments

- Place 1 – Dr. William Anderson (Licensed Veterinarian)
- Place 2 – Pam Burney (Animal Welfare Representative)
- Place 3 – Kay Fisk (Municipal Officer) Chair
- Place 4 – Kris Freudiger (Animal Shelter Volunteer) Vice Chair

New Appointment

- Alternate 1 – Melissa Scheutting

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to make the following reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Place 4 - Kyle LaPointe

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, and seconded by Councilmember Goveas to make the following reappointments and new appointment to the Richland Hills Development Corporation.

Reappointments

- Place 1 – Bill Agan
- Place 3 – Beverly Williams
- Place 4 – Edward Lopez
- Place 5 – David Ragan
- Place 7 – Jorge Cisneros

New Appointment

- Place 2 – Allison Barger

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Presentation of Monthly Department Reports

No discussion

7B. Update on Link Project

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

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- New Library Director to start in October
- Next Bulk Waste Collection Schedule is October 17th

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 Barger to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor