

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: November 22nd, 2016
Subject: Transportation Items

Council Action Requested:

Approval of agreement for Yellow Cab Service

Background Information:

There are several transportation related items on this agenda. They include:

1. Canvassing the election results of the November 8th, 2016 special election
2. Approving the City Manager to execute a Statement of Understanding with Yellow Cab
3. Approval of a budget for transportation related items

Since all of these items are very closely related, this memo will serve as the memo for all of the items listed above. In doing it that way, I can explain the full picture of what staff is requesting of the City Council without trying to explain it piece by piece.

First, as you know in August the City Council received a petition from residents which obligated the Council to call an election to determine continued membership in the FWTA. That election was held on November 8th, 2016. The results of the election are attached to this memo. 1,587 residents voted to withdraw, while 1,283 voted not to withdraw. Council has an obligation to certify the results of the election. This is really a procedural action, and you have no real option to do anything other than vote to accept the results.

We have been notified by the FWTA that they will continue to provide service until Wednesday, November 23rd. Since their routes in Richland Hills are all reservation based, they will continue to take reservations up until we canvass the results, which is what the law requires. Technically, they are not obligated to run any service following the canvass. However, since they will still be taking reservations for the next day, they have committed to running service for any of those reservations that they take the day before.

The day after they cease service is Thanksgiving, and there will be no service on that day due to the Holiday. However, beginning on Friday, November 25th a new service will begin, pending your approval of all items on this agenda.

That brings us to the second transportation item on the agenda, which is authorizing me to execute a statement of understanding with Yellow Cab. This statement of understanding outlines the basic parameters of how the service will work. The important details are as follows:

1. The service will be billed on an hourly basis rather than a per trip basis. We are starting this way because we are unsure of exact trip data and volume. While we get a handle on that, the most efficient way to ensure service is through an hourly rate. The rate is \$35 per hour.
2. Service will be offered from Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3. Mobility Impaired passengers will pay \$3 per one way trip, which is 25 cents less than the current rate. Their service area is: anywhere in Richland Hills, Fort Worth or North Richland Hills and the area immediately surrounding North East Mall.
4. Senior passengers will pay \$1.50 per one way trip. Their service area is anywhere in the City of Richland Hills, as well as some designated spots in NRH and Hurst.
5. Yellow Cab will handle all dispatching duties.

Staff will have the discretion to make minor modifications to these terms in order to best meet the needs of residents. Any major modifications will come back to the Council to deliberate in the future.

The final item on this agenda is approval of a budget for transportation purposes. It is very basic right now, but it is enough to get us started on this new path. I will forewarn you that we will be discussing this further and making changes to this budget as we go and gain knowledge and experience in this area.

In addition to the backup materials that require your approval, I have also attached a brochure to this memo for your information. The brochure has been distributed to all registered users of the new system and is available at City Hall.

I also want you to be aware that there are some ongoing next steps that we will continue to deal with. The budget you are approving takes us through the middle of April. The reason for that is that it will give us the time we need to put together an official RFP and put this out to public bid. We have reached out to several providers, but Yellow Cab was the only one that could be responsive and set things up on such short notice. However, due to the potential overall value of this contract, we will be putting it out for public bid over the next several months.

Finally, I want you to be aware that staff has made contact with all registered users of the current FWTA system and assisted them in understanding the transition and answering questions. Our staff deserves a great deal of credit for stepping up and assisting in this effort. It has been an incredible undertaking trying to launch an entire new service to replace the existing one in such a short period of time, and it would not have been done successfully without the help of a great number of dedicated employees.

Board/Citizen Input: N/A

Financial Impact: Up to \$52,500 through April

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City Manager
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Attachments: Ordinance 1323-16
Statement of Understanding
Transportation Budget
Transportation Brochure

ORDINANCE NO. 1323-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills (the “City”) is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the special election of 2016 was held in the City on the 8th day of November 2016, for the purpose of determining whether the Fort Worth Transportation Authority should be continued in the City of Richland Hills; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that notice of the election was duly given in the form, manner, and time required by law, and said special election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Texas and the proceedings governing the holding of such an election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council duly canvassed the vote of said special election on the 8th day of November 2016; and

WHEREAS, the canvass showed the following results:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the Fort Worth Transportation Authority be continued in the City of Richland Hills?

YES	1283	NO	1587
Total Absentee Votes Cast		120	
Total Early Votes Cast		1937	
Total Election Day Votes Cast		813	
Total Votes Cast		2870	

Number of votes by which the proposition failed: 304

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.
RECITALS FOUND TRUE**

All of the recitals contained in the preamble of this ordinance are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact and a part of this City Council's judgment.

**SECTION 2.
ELECTION CANVASSED AND DECLARED EFFECTIVE**

It is further found and determined that the results of the election are as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof and in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The City Council further finds the following:

SPECIAL ELECTION

A majority of the resident qualified voters at said special election have voted against continuing the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the City of Richland Hills.

**SECTION 3.
CITY SECRETARY TO RECORD ELECTION RESULTS**

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to make the appropriate entries of information appearing in the tabulation of precinct results shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto in the election register maintained by the City in accordance with provisions of Section 67.006 of the Election Code.

**SECTION 4.
CITY STAFF TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO GIVE EFFECT**

The City Manager, City Secretary, and City Attorney are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions necessary to give effect to this ordinance and the election, as provided by law.

**SECTION 5.
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption, signature and attestation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

THE HONORABLE BILL AGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CATHY BOURG, CITY SECRETARY

EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 22, 2016

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

CITY ATTORNEY

Cumulative Report — Official
Tarrant County — Joint General and Special Elections — November 08, 2016

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 Exhibit "A"

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Total Number of Voters : 682,740 of 1,086,337 = 62.85%
 Number of District Voters: 3,054 of 4,825 = 63.30%

Precincts Reporting 694 of 694 = 100.00%
 District Precincts Reporting 6 of 6 = 100.00%

Party	Candidate	Absentee	Early	Election	Total
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Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1

Yes	74	61.67%	815	42.08%	394	48.46%	1,283	44.70%
No	46	38.33%	1,122	57.92%	419	51.54%	1,587	55.30%
Cast Votes:	120	90.91%	1,937	94.53%	813	93.13%	2,870	93.98%
Over Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Under Votes:	12	9.09%	112	5.47%	60	6.87%	184	6.02%

Precincts			Voters		
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent
6	6	100.00%	3,054	4,825	63.30%

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Precinct 1199 (Ballots Cast: 0)									
Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1									
	Yes	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	No	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Cast Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Over Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Under Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

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Precinct 3131 (Ballots Cast: 1,105)									
Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1									
	Yes	28	53.85%	306	42.86%	140	48.28%	474	44.89%
	No	24	46.15%	408	57.14%	150	51.72%	582	55.11%
	Cast Votes:	52	98.11%	714	95.97%	290	94.16%	1,056	95.57%
	Over Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Under Votes:	1	1.89%	30	4.03%	18	5.84%	49	4.43%

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Precinct 3164 (Ballots Cast: 1,240)									
Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1									
	Yes	38	74.51%	357	47.16%	178	52.20%	573	49.87%
	No	13	25.49%	400	52.84%	163	47.80%	576	50.13%
	Cast Votes:	51	89.47%	757	93.80%	341	90.69%	1,149	92.66%
	Over Votes:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Under Votes:	6	10.53%	50	6.20%	35	9.31%	91	7.34%

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Precinct 3325 (Ballots Cast: 709)					
Proposition No. 1	City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1				
Yes		8 47.06%	152 32.62%	76 41.76%	236 35.49%
No		9 52.94%	314 67.38%	106 58.24%	429 64.51%
Cast Votes:		17 77.27%	466 93.57%	182 96.30%	665 93.79%
Over Votes:		0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%
Under Votes:		5 22.73%	32 6.43%	7 3.70%	44 6.21%

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Precinct 3406 (Ballots Cast: 0)					
Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1					
Yes		0	0	0	0
No		0	0	0	0
	Cast Votes:	0	0	0	0
	Over Votes:	0	0	0	0
	Under Votes:	0	0	0	0

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Precinct 4620 (Ballots Cast: 0)					
Proposition No. 1 City of Richland Hills, Vote For 1					
Yes		0	0	0	0
No		0	0	0	0
	Cast Votes:	0	0	0	0
	Over Votes:	0	0	0	0
	Under Votes:	0	0	0	0