

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present:

Bill Agan, Mayor
Travis Malone, Place 1
Allison Barger, Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis A Bergthold, Place 3
Place 4, Vacant
Athena Campbell, Place 5

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).**

None at this time.

- 2. Discussion of speed studies on Popplewell Drive.**

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding a speed and stop sign study on Popplewell.

Mike Witt, 7200 Hovenkamp, Richland Hills spoke regarding the traffic and speed on Hovenkamp and Popplewell. He believes the attempts made to slow traffic have not been successful. Mr. Witt made suggestions regarding red lights and police patrol.

Mary Witt, 7200 Hovenkamp, Richland Hills spoke regarding the traffic and speed on Hovenkamp and Popplewell. With school about to start, she suggested extending the school zone.

Martha Strain, 3663 Popplewell, Richland Hills spoke regarding the speed and traffic on Popplewell. She expressed concerns regarding a recent accident, a new business at the corner of Popplewell and Blvd. 26, police patrol, large vehicles and signage.

Doug Knowlton, 2749 Spruce Park Dr., Richland Hills commented that stop signs do not work to control speed and if you have them, they need to be monitored.

There was general discussion among Council regarding possible solutions. Some suggestions included increasing enforcement, speed study during the school year, additional signage, press release and working with BISD.

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

- 1B. Presentation regarding the establishment of a "Friends of Richland Hills" group. Ricky Head, 7078 Brooks, Richland Hills gave a presentation about establishing a nonprofit group that would be all-encompassing of previous citizens groups that would work independently of the city. The group would provide citizen feedback on various items (Parks, Recreation, Library, etc). The intent is to encourage civic-minded people to participate in various community activities, or form "Community Focused" volunteer groups. Mr. Head suggested the following possible ideas: Garden Club, Monarch Waystations, Pollinator Gardens, Pocket Parks/Trails, Farmers Market, Chicken Coop Tour, Flag Lease, Community Event Support, Friends of the Library/The Link and a Food Drive.

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

Invocation – Mayor Agan

Pledge of Allegiance

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.) *Item followed 1C*

Maria Langston, 3515 Popplewell, Richland Hills spoke regarding the speed and traffic on Popplewell. She commended the City for school cross walk signage and would like to see them return for the school year.

1B. Presentation regarding establishment of a “Friends of Richland Hills” group.

Item was discussed during the work session under item 3.

1C. Recognition of Citizen Fire Academy Graduates.

Russell Shelley, Fire Chief presented certificates to the following Citizens Fire Academy Graduates for Class #3: Sandee Wright, Sid Wright, Albert Navarro, Lucy Lucas, Marla Morris, Ruth Haynes, Georgene Farrill, Larry Long, Karen Long, Peggy Bidwell, Brooke Pastrano, and Christine Rollins.

1D. Discussion regarding alcohol sales in Richland Hills.

Betsy Elam, City Attorney provided information regarding alcohol sales in Richland Hills.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2017 City Council Meetings.

2B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth for Hazardous Waste Collection Services.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3A. Public Hearing and consideration of a water well permit application from Kirk Weicht for the installation of a water well on the property at 7214 Bridges Avenue.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented information regarding the installation of a water well on the property at 7214 Bridges Avenue.

Mayor Agan opened the Public Hearing: Time 7:20 p.m.

Kirk Weicht, the applicant and property owner spoke regarding his need for a water well to adequately irrigate his land.

Mayor Agan closed the Public Hearing: Time 7:26 p.m.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Malone to approve for irrigation purposes only.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. None at this time.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consideration of bid award for Janitorial Services and/or hiring full time janitorial staff.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the bid award for Janitorial Services and/or hiring full time janitorial staff.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to reject all bids for RFB 2017-041 for Janitorial Services and authorize the City Manager to hire full and part time staff for these duties.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

5B. Consideration of bid award for Landscape Services.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the bid award for Landscape Services.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Malone, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to award the bid to Greener Pastures in the amount of \$37,757.12.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

5C. Consideration of bid award for Mowing Services.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented the bid award for Mowing Services.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to award the bid to Smith Lawn and Tree in the amount of \$63,585.08.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Consider update to Purchasing Policy.

Eric Strong, City Manager presented to Council a consideration for updating the Purchasing Policy to limit the expenditures which City Council would approve. Currently, the purchasing policy requires City Manager approval for expenditures between \$3,000 and \$50,000, with three written bids. Anything over \$50,000 requires approval by the City Council.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold, and seconded by Councilmember Barger to table.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. None at this time.

8. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- The Link's Fall edition of the Connection coming in the mail
 - Tricky Treat Tail – October 27th
 - Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th
 - Christmas Tree Lighting - December 1st
 - Snacks with Santa – December 2nd
- Start of The Link Learners' Academy – Picking up from Richland Elementary, Jack Binion Elementary and International Leadership of Texas Charter School
- Senior Programs
 - Lunch Bunch – 2nd Thursday of each month
 - Meet-N-Eat – Tuesday, August 22nd at Bluebonnet Café
 - Lunch, Learn and Burn – Thursday, August 24th
- Kiowa Casino Trip – Tuesday, August 29th meet at 7:45 a.m. Link parking lot
- Pre-School Soccer League – 6 weeks with a trained coach for \$40
- Labor Day – September 4th City Offices Closed
- Clear the Shelter – August 19th 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Bulk Waste Collection – August 14th
- BISD Ribbon Cutting – North Richland Middle School, NRH August 15th
- BISD Ribbon Cutting – Birdville Elementary, Haltom City August 17th
- Casual Cat Café Ribbon Cutting – was August 8th at 7264 Glenview Dr. Richland Hills

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None at this time.

- 10. A motion was made by Councilmember Barger, and seconded by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Agan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Bill Agan, Mayor