

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2021
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present

Edward Lopez, Mayor
Douglas Knowlton, Place 1
Stacey L. Morse, Place 2
Curtis A Bergthold, Mayor Pro Tem
Javier Alvarez, Place 4
G.W. Estep, Place 5

Council absent

Staff present

Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Andrea Russell, City Attorney
Bradley Anderle, City Attorney

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

Invocation – Councilmember Knowlton

PRESENTATIONS

1A. New Business Spotlight: OakSpy Signs and Graphics

Jodi Oakley and Tiffany Gillaspay presented information regarding their new business, OakSpy Signs and Graphics.

1B. Employee Service Awards

Mayor Lopez presented 5-year Service Awards to Jason Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation.

1C. Fire Department Badge Pinning

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Marshal Shelby Brock.

1D. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

Citizen comments emailed to Cathy Bourg (cbourg@richlandhills.com) on an item either listed on this agenda or not listed on this agenda will be heard at this time. Citizens in attendance at the meeting who have signed a card to speak to the City Council will also 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.

Vivian Bond, 6525 Davidson St. and Elizabeth Tapia 6532 Davidson St., spoke regarding various violations in their neighborhood. (Animals, trash, loud music late at night, parking in yards, zoning issues and drugs)

Toby Wright, 6901 Glen Hills Rd., spoke on behalf of his neighbor at 6907 Glen Hills regarding the City's lack of communication with the resident related to a sewer and street repair.

Stacy Reddy 7012 Hardisty St. encouraged everyone to attend the Tricky Treat Trail and Haunted Stack Event on Friday, October 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Reddy Ranch is the SPOOKtacular Sponsor.

Jason Butz, 2712 Willow Park spoke regarding his new position as GOP Tarrant County Precinct Chair for Precinct 3164.

Sanjiv Melwani 643 and 653 NE Loop 820 spoke regarding the Fairfield By Marriott Hotel Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2A. Approve minutes from the September 27, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting**
- 2B. Approve renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court (NETTC) between the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Watauga and Richland Hills**
- 2C. Approve emergency water main replacement in the 3400 Block of Norton Drive**

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

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- 3A. Consider Ordinance 1439-21 a zoning change on the property described as Popplewell, S Survey Abstract 1241 Tract 1E, Tarrant County, Texas otherwise known as 7100 Baker Boulevard, Richland Hills, Texas 76118 and Greenfield Subdivision-Rchlnl Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Tarrant County, Texas otherwise known as 3209 Ash Park Drive, Richland Hills, Texas 76118 from**

Mixed Use (MX) to Planned Development No. 2021-0639 with MF-2 multiple family residential medium density uses and with certain modifications to the Code of Ordinances PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Knowlton and seconded by Councilmember Morse to table the item to the November 8, 2021 City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the request of the Developer.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4A. Consider Ordinance 1440-21 amending Chapter 6 “Animals” in the Code of Ordinances, City of Richland Hills, Texas

Kim Sylvester, Police Chief provided background information regarding the process for the proposed amendments to Chapter 6 “Animals” in the Code of Ordinances.

Scott Russell, Police Captain gave a presentation regarding the proposed amendments to Animal Ordinance.

Chris Colwell, 3116 Gerome St. spoke against having large animals due to the downwind odor and flies.

Council discussed and asked questions of Staff and the City Attorney.

Bradley Anderle, City Attorney answered questions from City Council.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Morse and seconded by Councilmember Alvarez to approve Ordinance 1440-21 amending Chapter 6 “Animals” in the Code of Ordinances.

City Secretary, Cathy Bourg called roll for a vote.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-1. Councilmember Knowlton against.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5A. Consider Texas Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement for a new ambulance and designate City Manager as an authorized signer of the Agreement

Russell Shelley, Fire Chief presented the Texas Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement for a new ambulance. The total cost of the ambulance and loose equipment is \$299,854.52 with annual payments of \$65,171.75 commencing on delivery of the ambulance next summer. Funding for the purchase of a new ambulance was approved in the FY 2022 General Fund Budget.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold and seconded by Councilmember Estep to approve the Texas Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement for a new ambulance and authorize City Manager to sign the Agreement.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

5B. Consider Development Agreement for the Baker Landing Planned Development (PD) at 7100 Baker Boulevard and 3209 Ash Park Drive Richland Hills, Texas 76118

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Knowlton and seconded by Councilmember Bergthold to table the item to the November 8, 2021 City Council meeting at the request of the Developer.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

5C. Consider renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program for the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Richland Hills and Watauga

Kim Sylvester, Police Chief presented the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program for the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Richland Hills and Watauga.

The Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program originally commenced in 2009 as the Joint Crime Victim Liaison Assistance Program of which the City of Richland Hills acquired a grant to partially fund this program with matching funds from the joint cities of Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, Haltom City and Watauga. The grant was managed by the City of Richland Hills until its term ended on September 30, 2018.

A new grant was applied for and submitted by the City of North Richland Hills for the Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program for a term of 2 years beginning on October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2020 with an option to extend for one successive two (2) year term. This grant has been managed by the City of North Richland Hills. The grant authorizes one (1) Victim Assistance Coordinator and two (2) Victim Assistance Specialists civilian personnel. There was an oversight in the term ending date of September 30, 2020 and subsequent delayed request for renewal of the interlocal agreement due to the COVID pandemic.

The Victim Assistance Program assisted a total of 443 victims of crime in Richland Hills from 2018-2020 (118 in 2018, 187 in 2019, and 138 in 2020). There was a significant increase between 2018 and 2019 of victims assisted and a decrease in 2020 in large due to COVID restrictions.

The City of North Richland Hills has requested renewal of the Interlocal Agreement to authorize the option of the extension period of one successive two (2) year term which would be retroactive to October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2022. Additionally,

the agreement allows for an automatic renewal, pending the availability of funding, for successive one (1) year terms through September 30, 2024.

The approximate cost for the program has been as follows:

- FY 2021: \$6,234.00 which was 9.17% of the shared costs minus the grant funding
- FY2022: \$7,456.00 which is 9.37% of the shared costs minus the anticipated grant funding

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Estep and seconded by Councilmember Morse to approve renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Crime Victim Assistance Program for the cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Richland Hills and Watauga.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. None

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Street Improvement Projects Update

Scott Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Services presented a Street Improvement Project Update.

FY 20-21 Street Projects

- Chaffin Drive – Paving will begin in conjunction with Rosebud
- Rosebud Lane – Underground sewer and drainage complete, water line coming to completion. There was an issue with Atmos Energy mismarking several lines, requiring a 4" main and multiple service lines to be relocated prior to completion of the water line. Loss of 8 days work on the water line due to the conflict.

Mr. Mitchell answered question from City Council regarding other street projects.

7B. Quarterly Investment Report

Patricia Albrecht, Director of Finance and Administration Services presented the Quarterly Finance and Investment Report.

7C. Tricky Treat Trail & Haunted Stacks Update

Jason Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update on the Tricky Treat Trail & Haunted Stacks to be held on Friday, October 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Link Plaza. The event sponsors are Reddy Ranch (SPOOKtacular Premier Sponsor), Raising Cains (Goblins Grins & Giggles Sponsor) and East Fort Worth Montessori Academy (BOOtiful Sponsor). A list of activities will include: bounce houses, crafts,

cupcake walk, costume parade, outdoor movie and other activities. In conjunction with Tricky Treat Trail & Haunted Stacks, The Link is hosting a shoe drive for Soles4Souls.

There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony and Patriotic Picnic on Thursday, November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial & Link Plaza Pavilion.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be on Friday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Link Plaza.

7D. September Department Reports

The following September Department Reports were presented:

- Parks and Recreation - Jason Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Community Development - Logan Thatcher, Assistant to the City Manager
- Finance – Patricia Albrecht, Director of Finance and Administration Services

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Tricky Treat Trail & Haunted Stacks – Friday, October 29th; 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM; The Link Plaza
- Senior Lunch Bunch – Indoor Seating & To Go Orders - Thursday, November 11th; 12 noon – 1 PM; The Link
- Veterans Day Ceremony & Patriotic Picnic – Thursday, November 11th; 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Veterans Memorial & Link Plaza Pavilion
- Tarrant County Food Pantry - Thursday, November 11th; 5:30 PM – 7PM; The Link Parking Lot

8. **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

9. **A motion was made by Councilmember Bergthold and seconded by Councilmember Estep to adjourn.**

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Cathy Bourg, City Secretary

Edward Lopez, Mayor