

**RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2024
MINUTES**

Roll Call:

Council present

Curtis Bergthold, Mayor
Douglas Knowlton, Place 1
Travis Malone, Place 2
Theresa Bledsoe, Place 3
John Skier, Place 4
G.W. Estep, Place 5
Roland Goveas, Place 6

Council absent

Edward Lopez, Outgoing Mayor
Javier Alvarez, Outgoing Councilmember, Place 4

Staff present

Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Lindsay Rawlinson, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION – 6:30 PM

1. **Executive Session:** Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, 418.183(f) and 418.106(d) & (e). Executive Session may be held, under these exceptions, at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this City Council meeting.

None.

2. **Recognition of Councilmember Javier Alvarez**

Mayor Lopez, City Council members, and City staff expressed their appreciation for outgoing Councilmember Javier Alvarez. City Manager Candice Edmondson highlighted Councilmember Alvarez's accomplishments during his Council tenure.

3. **Discuss items listed on tonight's City Council agenda. No action will be taken and each item will be considered during the Regular Session.**

None.

Mayor Lopez adjourned the work session at 6:43 p.m.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Lopez

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

City Secretary Lindsay Rawlinson administered the Oath of Office to Curtis Bergthold, Mayor, Travis Malone, Councilmember, Place 2, and John Skier, Councilmember, Place 4.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Bergthold requested a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Two motions were made in quick succession and considered in the order received.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bledsoe to elect Councilmember Knowlton as Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Councilmember Knowlton.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goveas to elect Councilmember Estep as Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Councilmember Malone.

Motion: Motion was made by Councilmember Bledsoe to elect Councilmember Knowlton as Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Councilmember Knowlton.

The vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bergthold, and Councilmembers Knowlton, Bledsoe, and Skier

Against: Councilmembers Malone, Estep, and Goveas

Motion carried with a vote of 4-3.

The second motion received was not considered following the affirmative vote on the first motion.

PRESENTATIONS

1A. Library Summer Reading Program Proclamation

Mayor Bergthold read a proclamation declaring June and July 2024 as Summer Reading 2024 to Library Director Chantele Hancock and encouraged residents of all ages to visit the library to participate in the annual Summer Reading Program.

1B. Citizen Appearances/Public Comments

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2A. Approved minutes from the May 13, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting and the May 14, 2024 City Council Special Called Meeting

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

Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

3. None.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

4. None.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, BID AWARDS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

5. None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6A. Approved appointments to City Council Committees

City Manager Candice Edmondson advised that the City Council has previously created City Council Committees to work with staff on important initiatives and projects. The committees consist of members of the City Council with meetings held as needed. Council may consider appointments for any of the following committees:

- Development Committee
- Infrastructure Committee
- Finance Committee

Motion: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knowlton and seconded by Councilmember Skier to make the following committee appointments:

Development Committee

Councilmember Estep
Councilmember Bledsoe

Infrastructure Committee

Councilmember Goveas
Mayor Pro Tem Knowlton

Finance Committee

Councilmember Skier
Councilmember Malone

Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

7A. Street Improvement Projects

Director of Public Works and Capital Projects Kip Dernovich presented the Street Improvement Projects update and provided details regarding Dover Lane, Magnolia Park, and Norton Drive.

7B. April Department Reports

Director of Public Works and Capital Projects Kip Dernovich provided the Public Works Department update and advised of items such as potholes filled, street sweeping, lane striping along Handley Ederville, and street sign change out.

Director of Planning and Development Services JP Ducay presented the Planning Department update and advised of the completion status of the Baker Landing development, as well as the provided an update of the Car Wash at 7024 Boulevard 26 and the Richland Crossing development.

Library Director Chantele Hancock presented the Library update and advised of recent successful events such as Tea Par-Tea, Arts & Crafts, Teddy Bear Social, and Lady the Library Dog.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

8. Councilmember Estep advised of several upcoming events:

- Now – May 31, 2024, Pick A Perk Link Membership Sale, The Link;
- Now – July 4, 2024, Patriotic Parade Registration, The Link;
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Carnival with Cops, The Link Plaza, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.;
- Saturday, June 1, 2024 – full, 24/25 After School Program Enrollment, The Link;
- Thursday, June 13, 2024,
 - Senior Lunch Bunch and Bingo, The Link, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.;
 - Tarrant County Food Pantry, The Link parking lot, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.;
- Every Thursday, Coffee Talk, Public Library, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

ADJOURNMENT

10. A motion was made by Councilmember Skier and seconded by Councilmember Estep to adjourn.

Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lindsay Rawlinson, City Secretary

Curtis Bergthold, Mayor