

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 4, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK
MAYOR PRO TEM LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
CITY ATTORNEY BRADLEY ANDERLE
PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY CASSIE DYER
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Houk called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Houk delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Oliver Wojcik with the city's attorney's office led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR.

-PROCLAIM THE FIRST INDY 500 WIN BY JOHNNY RUTHERFORD ON MAY 26, 1974.

Johnny Rutherford was present to receive the proclamation and gave a brief history of his racing career.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THAT ISSUE, AND NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

Daniel Bennet was present. There is a new Chief Appraiser at the Tarrant Appraisal District. Sub-committees will be forming. The sub-committee will review the protest applications and then

they will move to the Board of Directors for the final votes. There is an application online to apply to be on the Board of Directors.

RECEPTION:

6. RECEPTION: ADJOURN FOR RECEPTION HONORING JOHNNY RUTHERFORD.

At 6:23 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the reception.

7. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING RECEPTION.

At 6:37 p.m., Mayor Houk reconvened into Regular Session.

STATEMENT OF APPOINTED/ELECTED OFFICIAL & OATH OF OFFICE:

8. STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS, "OATH OF OFFICE" AND CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF STEVE HOLLAND, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2.

CM Gregory gave the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officials and the Oath of Office to Steve Holland. Mayor Houk presented the Certificate of Election to Steve Holland.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA** ALL ITEMS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR THE "CONSENT AGENDA". THESE ITEMS ARE OF A ROUTINE NATURE AND REQUIRE ONLY BRIEF DELIBERATION BY COUNCIL. **COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY ITEM ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION**

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2024 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

B. BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 4, 2024 (FY 2024)

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holand to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-B. All voted "Aye".

10. DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY FOR AMENDMENT (NO. 2) TO THE 2006 ILA BUT WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE 2021 TBP, PCT. 4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE LONG AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS.

CM Gregory met with the County Commissioner and explained what had taken place. Mr. Ramirez did approve the request of \$311,881.27. This will go before the commissioner's court on June 18, 2024 for final approval.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Forester to approve the interlocal agreement with Tarrant County. All voted "Aye".

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL REQUEST FROM THE EVENT CENTER CO-DIRECTORS TO EXPEND \$3,000.00 FOR A JULY 4TH CELEBRATION FROM THE EDC APPROVED EXPENDITURES QUALIFIED IN THE FY 2024 BUDGET AS AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATED TO RECREATIONAL OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND CONCERT HALLS.

The Event Center would like to do an event on July 4th that includes rides, games, water slides, etc. The plan is to start the event at 1:00 p.m., at 4:30 p.m. hand out hot dogs and iced tea, and at 5:30 p.m. an inside talent show with cold water melon. EDC did approve \$18,000.00 for the event center. \$5,000.00 was approved for the 75th anniversary and that leaves \$13,000.00 left.

CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve the request from the Event Center in the amount of \$3,000.00. All voted "Aye".

13. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FROM UPDATE BY JOHN PAUL JONES, CHIEF OPERATOR OF THE RIVER OAKS WATER PLANT, REGARDING QUESTIONS ABOUT VIOLATION HISTORY, WATER QUALITY, TREATMENT TECHNIQUES AND REPLACING RAW WATER INTAKE PIPING.

John Paul Jones was unable to attend. Fort Worth Water just released their annual report this week. The clarifier went down in 2018 and we have been on Fort Worth water since then. CM Gregory read a letter from John Paul regarding the water.

No action taken.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER WITH SCHOFIELD CIVIL CONSTRUCTION LLC IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE CONTRACT FOR WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL COST TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE RAW WATER INTAKE LINES.

We received the funds today. The initial quote was six months to get the values, but Fort Worth helped us find them and we currently have them in hand. This will reduce the contract time by six months. This change order is for 200 days to complete the project.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve the change order. All voted "Aye".

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1125-2024 AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CITY BANK ACCOUNTS REPEALING RESOLUTION #1105-2023.

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Holland to approve Resolution #1125-2024. All voted "Aye".

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1426-2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 8 "OFFENSES AND NUISANCES" INCORPORATING ARTICLE 8.12 "SQUATTERS RIGHTS" OF THE RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES (2020) LIMITING SQUATTERS RIGHTS.

This is a state law, and our law enforcement will follow the state law. This is a felony offense and if the city passes this ordinance, this will bring it down to a citation.

The council agreed to table this item and to monitor the situation.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

17. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND PROMOTION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL AND GALA AND REQUESTING TO LINK THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY WEBSITE TO THE CITY WEBSITE.

Heather Knight was present. The committee wants to create a separate website for the 75th festival and gala to get information out there and for people to purchase tickets. They want to create a link on the city's website that will go to the 75th anniversary website.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Forester to approve the request by the 75th anniversary committee. All voted "Aye".

18. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON DESIGNATING A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

19. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER ADVISING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON PERSONNEL, CITY'S FISCAL CONDITION, PANDEMIC EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SCHEDULING COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS, FUTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND OTHER CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Personnel-interviews have been completed for the Public Works Director position. We have come to the conclusion on who to hire.

FY 2025 budget-the budget schedule is enclosed.

Summer Music Series-enclosed is a list of the music series.

Parks Foundation-all we are waiting on is the tax-exempt status from the IRS. The bylaws will be amended at the June 6th Park Board meeting.

July 29th-is the 20th anniversary of the death of Officer Nathan Laurie. There will be a remembrance on July 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the Event Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:

20. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Claridge-thanked CA Anderlee for his work on the squatters. Thanked CM Gregory and John Paul Jones for their water report.

Mayor Houk-Blue Angels will be coming back to Fort Worth every other year.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-thanked everyone for their support. Been on a roller coaster of a month.

CM Holland-Johnny Rutherford could have lived anywhere but he chose River Oaks as his home.

CM Forester-thanked CM Gregory for the issues that he had. Shout out to the Police Chief for the house watch program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

21. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071 Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek advice from attorney;
- b. Section 551.072 Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate;
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel matters – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee,
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Houk went into Executive Session under Section 551.071 for Item #18.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Houk reconvened into Open Session.

RECONVENE:

22. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

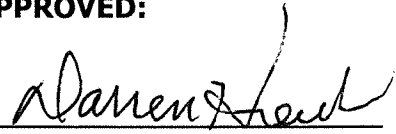
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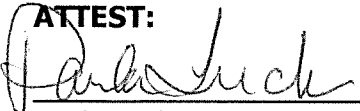
At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Darren Houk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary