

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 13, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
PWD TODD HENDERSON
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD

ABSENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Turner called the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

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.

NONE

WORKSHOP/ACTION FROM WORKSHOP:

6. WORKSHOP: DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 CITY OPERATIONAL BUDGET PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER.

Enclosed is the proposed budget, tax rate study, Police step plan, Fire new step plan, and the five-year budget plan. This proposed budget is based on the proposed tax rate. The Fire step plan is a 8.63% increase, the Police step plan is a 3.4% increase, and all other employees is a 3% increase. The differences in General Fund are: New Fire step plan \$72,289.00 increase, Police step plan \$52,603.20 increase, other employees \$29,087.00 increase, medical insurance (18.36%) \$41,770.00 increase, TML insurance \$1,995.66 increase, from the 5-year plan \$119,469.00 shortfall, ambulance service (July-Sept) \$20,000.00 new expense, Incode 10 upgrade \$30,500.00 new expense, and building repairs (HVAC system) \$8,000.00 new expense. Revenue from the CISD school bond building permits is \$447,500.00. This budget proposal does not include a residential garbage rate increase but does include a commercial garbage rate increase. Marvin & Paula's salary is reimbursed by EDC, TIRZ, and Water. Next year (2025-2026) enterprise vehicles will be sold so we probably will get about \$200,000.00 in revenue. The ambulance service is \$80,000.00 per year but we will only owe one quarter, which is \$20,000.00. In Water, there is a sewer rate increase of 2.7%.

General Fund appx \$72,000.00 in the black; Water Sewer appx \$4,000.00 in the black; Crime Control appx \$33.00 in the black; Economic Development appx \$70,000.00 in the black; and Storm Water appx \$40,000.00 in the red.

The Hotel/Motel tax that we collect from short term rentals, we cannot use in the General Fund for operating expenses. We can only use this for tourism (fireworks, parade, springfest, etc).

The next budget meeting will be August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

7. ACTION FROM WORKSHOP, IF ANY.

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

8. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Received thank you letter from Herman Earwood on the Black Oak property.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner-thanked all who supported her during the loss of her dad. Thanked the Fire Dept, Police, and Event Center for their support tonight.

CM Rodriguez-prayers are with our Police. Fort Worth Police lost a Sergeant.

CM Holland-Nathan Laurie's service was very well done.

CM Forester-thank everyone for what they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(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.

NONE

RECONVENE:

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


NONE

ADJOURN:

11. ADJOURN

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Turner adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:


Leigh Ann Turner, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary