

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
APRIL 10, 2017**

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 10th day of April at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Workroom prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular Council meeting.

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Mayor
	Tim Welch	Mayor Pro Tem
	Tito Rodriguez	Council, Place 1
	Rita Wright Oujesky	Council, Place 2
	Tom Lombard	Council, Place 3
	Tim Barth	Council, Place 4
	Mike Benton	Council, Place 5
	Scott Turnage	Council, Place 6

Staff Members:	Mark Hindman	City Manager
	Karen Bostic	Assistant City Manager
	Paulette Hartman	Assistant City Manager
	Mike Curtis	Managing Director
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary
	Maleshia B. Farmer	City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council had no questions for staff.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR CITIZEN.

City Manager Mark Hindman called on City Secretary Alicia Richardson. Ms. Richardson introduced Amy Halcomb, the department's record analyst. Ms. Halcomb began employment with the city on March 31.

3. DISCUSS SEVERE WEATHER MONITORING, NOTIFICATION, AND ACTIVATION

Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Owens presented an overview of the monitoring, notification, and activation of alerts associated with severe weather. The city, in conjunction with other agencies--North East Fire Department Association (NEFDA) and National Weather Service (NWS)--utilize multiple radar sources to track severe weather. The city utilizes Everbridge, a notification system, to inform recipients of inclement weather. In addition, the public receives wireless emergency alerts from the National Weather System, which uses cell towers to push the message to those in affected areas. The city also has twenty (20) outdoor warning sirens, with ten (10) located in North Richland Hills, three (3) in Watauga, five (5) in Haltom City, and two (2) in Richland Hills. Mr. Owens commented the sirens are automatically activated for tornado warnings in the four city area. The activation criteria includes:

- NWS issues a tornado warning or severe thunderstorm warning with the phrase "destructive winds in excess of 70 miles per hour, or higher, are likely with this storm" for your immediate area;
- trained spotters have reported a tornado in the jurisdiction, or in a neighboring jurisdiction that has the potential to affect North Richland Hills;
- reported hail of 1.25" in diameter or greater; or
- other emergencies as needed.

Council had no questions for staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:07 p.m. that the Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, specifically Section 551.072: deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - (1) Iron Horse Boulevard at Browning Drive, (2) 6609 Davis Boulevard, and (3) 6617 Davis Boulevard. Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m. and concluded at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:36 p.m. that Council would convene to the regular City Council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Mayor
	Tim Welch	Mayor Pro Tem
	Tito Rodriguez	Council, Place 1
	Rita Wright Oujesky	Council, Place 2
	Tom Lombard	Council, Place 3
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A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Lombard gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Council member Lombard led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

A.3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

A.3.1 PRESENTATION BY THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION DESIGNATING HOMETOWN NORTH RICHLAND HILLS AS A GREAT PLACE IN TEXAS.

Planning Manager Clayton Comstock introduced immediate past president of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association Wendy Shabay.

Ms. Shabay congratulated the City of North Richland Hills for HomeTown being recognized as a great neighborhood by the state chapter's great places in Texas program.

A.4 CITIZENS PRESENTATION

Mr. Ben Molina, 7800 Mockingbird Lane, Lot 204, expressed his gratitude for public safety personnel. He commented on the importance of maintaining a positive image by keeping the community tidy.

A.5 REMOVAL OF ITEM(S) FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TURNAGE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MARCH 27, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no items for this category.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were no items for this category.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items for this category.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

F.1 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-020 AUTHORIZING A SUSPENSION OF THE APRIL 21, 2017 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES

APPROVED

Assistant City Manager Karen Bostic presented item. Oncor filed an application with cities seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by \$317 million (7.5% over present revenues). Oncor is asking the city to approve an 11.8% increase in residential rates and a 0.5% increase in street lighting rates. The City of North Richland Hills is a member of a 156-city coalition, known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor. The purpose of the resolution is to suspend the April 21, 2017 effective date of Oncor's rate increase for the maximum period allowed by law and authorizes the Steering Committee to act on behalf of the best interest of the city and coalition.

Council had no questions for staff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BENTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-020.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-021, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

APPROVED

Director of Economic Development Craig Hulse presented item. The proposed resolution appoints a ten (10) member committee for the purpose of serving as a resource for city endeavors, and to periodically review and recommend updates to city plans and strategies related to economic development. The following members are recommended for appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business/Trade</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Rena Arnold	Real Estate	June 30, 2018
Mark Wood	Real Estate	June 30, 2018
Bill Brandenburg	Entertainment	June 30, 2018
Jay Redford	Office/Service	June 30, 2018
Bob Brown	Manufacturing	June 30, 2018
Lee Hertel	Banking	June 30, 2019
Xavier Villarreal	Medical	June 30, 2019
Ron Huggins	New Car Dealership	June 30, 2019
Janice Townsend	Retail	June 30, 2019
Michael Wright	Office/Service	June 30, 2019

Council had no questions for staff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-021.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON WORK SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Trevino announced no action is necessary as the result of discussion in executive session.

H. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

H.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Welch made the following announcements.

The 2016 Sounds of Spring Concert Series kicks off this Friday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRH Centre Plaza and admission is free. Seating is on the lawn, so do not forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair. A variety of gourmet food trucks will be on site for each concert and there will be free games and activities for children. For more details, please go online or call the NRH Centre.

The North Richland Hills Fire Department conducts CPR classes each month for the community. Classes are American Heart Association approved and each participant receives a book and course completion card. The next class is being held Saturday, April 15. For more information please visit our website or contact Fire Administration.

Kudos Korner - Chuck James, Johnny Reyes, Thomas Wade, Steven Wester and Dallas Wyatt in the Public Works Department - A citizen emailed appreciation for the crew that worked to repair a water main break on his street. He said it was not an easy repair, "especially in light of the circumstances of deep digging, flooding waters, and darkness approaching." Throughout the evening the crew remained professional and courteous and he and his family appreciated all that they did to get the water back on.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Oscar Trevino, Mayor

Alicia Richardson, City Secretary