

**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
JANUARY 27, 2025**

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 27th day of January at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Workroom prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

Present:	Jack McCarty	Mayor
	Tito Rodriguez	Place 1
	Ricky Rodriguez	Associate Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
	Suzy Compton	Place 3
	Matt Blake	Place 4
	Blake Vaughn	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5
	Russ Mitchell	Place 6
	Kelvin Deupree	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7
Staff Members:	Paulette Hartman	City Manager
	Trudy Lewis	Assistant City Manager
	Caroline Waggoner	Assistant City Manager
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer
	Bradley Anderle	City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. DISCUSS ITEMS FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council member Blake asked staff for clarification on items B.2, B.3, and B.4.

City Manager Paulette Hartman commented that the City of North Richland Hills serves as the grant fiduciary for the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. As the fiduciary, North Richland Hills receives and distributes grant-funded monies/equipment to entities that are members of the TAG Center.

Council member Blake asked when the City Council would receive an update on the Texas Anti-Gang Center Program. Ms. Hartman commented that staff will provide an overview of the program, the city's present role, and seek direction from City Council

regarding the city's participation at the February 10 meeting.

2. ETHICS TRAINING

City Attorney Bradley Anderle reviewed local and state legislation outlining policies, requirements and training for ethics. Chapter 43, Texas Administrative Code requires entities doing business with the Texas Department of Transportation to have an internal ethics program and annual training on the ethics and compliance program. He reviewed ethics outlined in the city charter and city policies.

3. DISCUSS AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Director of Finance Jay Patel presented an overview of the city's current rate structure, area cities ambulance fees, and staff's recommendation to revise the city's rates. Staff proposes to increase the rate to the 70th percentile of market rate or less; maintain discount for North Richland Hills residents of 15% or more; simplify billing to be less itemized, improving the medical insurance pay ratio; and continue third party billing.

There being no objection, Mr. Patel informed City Council that staff would bring forward an ordinance to amend ambulance fees.

4. DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF CREDIT CARD PROCESSING RECOVERY FEES

Director of Finance Jay Patel presented staff's analysis and recommendation to assess a \$3.50 per credit card transaction to recover credit card processing fees. There being no opposition from City Council, staff will place an item on a future agenda for approval.

5. DISCUSS REGULATIONS RELATED TO OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES AND CARPORTS.

Managing Director of Development Services Clayton Comstock reviewed terms related to carports, existing carport allowances, historical context for carports, existing approval process for variances, building codes related to carports, and common standards for North Texas cities.

City Council and staff discussed the number of requests the city received for carports; the number of allowed accessory structures; allowance of one permanent accessory structure; state law limiting city's requirement for building materials; front building line and setback from the property line; updating the city's frequently asked questions regarding carports; resale value of properties; construction of carports without permits; conducting a FlashVote survey to receive input from residents regarding carports; and unsightliness of carports used for storage.

Ms. Hartman informed City Council that staff will conduct a FlashVote survey regarding carports, update the frequently asked questions on the city's website regarding carports, and provide information about the number of carports approved by right versus approved by variance.

CITY MANAGER REPORT PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON DONATIONS ON WATER BILL, EFFICIENCY AUDIT RFP'S, AND UPDATE ON POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT.

In response to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn's request, staff looked into the feasibility of placing donations on the city's water bill. The city attorney advised it would be unconstitutional to allocate city funds to organizations outside city services/programs. Ms. Hartman informed City Council the current voluntary opt-in donation in the amount of \$1.50 on the water bill supports special events and arts, animal services, and the library fund. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn asked the city to provide additional opportunities for citizens to opt-in for voluntary donations. Currently citizens are only able to opt-in when they originally sign up for their water service.

Ms. Hartman shared that the city received a tremendous response to the city's efficiency audit request for proposals. The publication reached more than 2,000 vendors, with 33 downloads for the fleet services audit, 63 downloads for the information technology audit, and 38 downloads for the planning audit. The deadline for proposals is February 12.

Ms. Hartman provided an update on the Chief of Police recruitment. A meet and greet will be held on February 5 with the three finalists. City Council will have an opportunity to interact with the finalists. She shared that one finalist removed their name. The finalists will also meet with police department focus groups on February 5. She plans to have her final section by February 14.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Mayor McCarty proposed to conduct a town hall, similar to what was recently conducted by the City of Euless. They had a 30-minute presentation, each attendee with the opportunity to ask one question and time limit of two to three minutes.

There being no opposition, Ms. Hartman informed City Council that she would add an item on the next agenda for City Council to discuss the format and topics for town hall meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. SECTION 551.087: DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS - 7813, 7821, 7829 ARTHUR DRIVE, 7801 GUY STREET AND 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 SMITHFIELD ROAD.**

2. **SECTION 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK ADVICE ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT - (1) HALE V. WALTERBACH; (2) CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS V. MANUEL FINANCIAL NO. 2, LLC ET AL, CASE NO. CC240015; AND (3) CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS V. MANUEL OLDSMOBILE, INC., CASE NO. CC240019, MUNICIPAL COURT NO. 2, CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Mayor McCarty announced at 6:29 p.m. that the City Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, specifically, Section 551.087: Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations - 7813, 7821, 7829 Arthur Drive, 7801 Guy Street and 6405, 6413, 6417, 6421 Smithfield Road and Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act - (1) Hale v. Walterbach; (2) City of North Richland Hills v. Manuel Financial No. 2, LLC et al, Case No. CC240015; and (3) City of North Richland Hills v. Manuel Oldsmobile Inc., Case No. CC240019, Municipal Court No. 2, City of North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas. Executive Session began at 6:39 p.m. and concluded at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor McCarty announced at 7:31 p.m. that City Council would convene to the regular City Council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order January 27, 2025 at 7:35 p.m.

Present:	Jack McCarty	Mayor
	Tito Rodriguez	Place 1
	Ricky Rodriguez	Associate Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2
	Suzy Compton	Place 3
	Matt Blake	Place 4
	Blake Vaughn	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5
	Russ Mitchell	Place 6
	Kelvin Deupree	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 7

Staff Members:	Paulette Hartman	City Manager
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A.1 INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Deupree gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Deupree led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

A.3.1 2024 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS

Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Kristin James introduced Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful Commission member Donah Tyner who presented the 2024 Christmas Lighting Awards.

A.4 CITIZENS PRESENTATION

The following speakers asked City Council to end the city's rental inspection program; Matt Bryant, 1600 Forest Vista Court, Southlake, Texas, and Eileen Miller, 605 Elaine Street, Keller, Texas.

Twyla Reese-Hornsby, 8309 Euclid Avenue, shared that she did not receive a response from the police department when she reported a road rage incident via email. She offered suggestions for improving responses.

A.5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following speakers commented on work session item No. 5, off-street parking spaces and carports; Bill Finstad, 7701 Terry Drive, Markos Drago, 7100 Trinidad Drive, and Sean Nutt, 6448 Ironhorse Boulevard, Apartment 5L.

Sean Nutt, 6448 Ironhorse Boulevard, Apartment 5L, spoke on agenda item No. F.4, creating and appointing members to a Charter Review Commission. He asked City Council to consider appointing citizens to the Charter Review Commission.

A.6 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 BLAKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

- B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- B.2 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS ANTI-GANG (TAG) CENTER ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT, AS GRANT FIDUCIARY FOR THE TAG CENTER GRANT #2848910, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR KEVIN SCOTT MCRORY, TAG CENTER ADMINISTRATOR TO \$193,596.00.**
- B.3 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS ANTI-GANG (TAG) CENTER ANALYST AGREEMENT, AS GRANT FIDUCIARY FOR THE TAG CENTER GRANT #2848910, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR REBECCA CIFERRI, TAG CENTER ANALYST TO \$100,760.40.**
- B.4 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS ANTI-GANG (TAG) CENTER ANALYST AGREEMENT, AS GRANT FIDUCIARY FOR THE TAG CENTER GRANT #2848910, INCREASING THE ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR JESSICA MAST, TAG CENTER ANALYST TO \$95,002.70.**
- B.5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FY2026 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #5348801.**
- B.6 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-005, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE FY 2024 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM - VEHICLE ACQUISITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$852,500 WITH THE MATCH BEING UP TO \$85,250 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

- B.7 AWARD RFB 25-007 TO CIRCLE C CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT - LOWERY LANE PROJECT (UT2303), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE RELATED CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT.**
- B.8 AUTHORIZE AN ANNUAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WHECO ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY PURCHASES RELATED TO THE SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM (SCADA) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$100,000.**
- B.9 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3887, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE IV - "SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM", SECTIONS 78-211 AND 78-213.**
- B.10 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASE CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD INCREASING AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT #723-23.**
- C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- C.1 ZC24-0116, ORDINANCE NO. 3885, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM CJ REAL ESTATE LLC FOR A REVISION TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT 114 TO ALLOW A QUICK SERVICE RESTAURANT AT 7601 BOULEVARD 26, BEING 0.66 ACRES DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, RICHLAND TERRACE ADDITION.**

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing.

Managing Director of Development Services Clayton Comstock informed City Council, the applicant is requesting a revision to Planned Development 114, for 0.66 acres, located at 7601 Boulevard 26. The proposed use is a quick-service restaurant to be located in the parking lot in front of WareSpace. The area is designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as retail commercial, and the current zoning is NR-PD, Nonresidential Planned Development. Mr. Comstock provided site photos of the property.

Applicant Mickey Thomas, MJ Thomas Engineering, LLC., 4700 Bryant Irvin Court, Fort Worth, Texas, worked with staff to provide landscaping. Mr. Thomas provided an overview of the vehicular circulation for the proposed coffee shop.

Mr. Comstock presented staff's report. The applicant is requesting a revision to the planned development for a Starbuck's quick-service restaurant with drive-through service. The Planning and Zoning Commission, at their January 16, 2025 meeting, recommended approval with a vote of 6-0.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor McCarty closed the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3885.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

C.2 CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-006, ADOPTING THE 51ST YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

APPROVED

Mayor McCarty opened the public hearing.

City Council received a presentation from Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Kristin James.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor McCarty closed the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-006, ADOPTING THE 51ST YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

D.1 TR25-01, ORDINANCE NO. 3886, CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 106, SIGNS, OF THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS AND WALL SIGNS.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Managing Director of Development Services Clayton Comstock. He shared with the City Council that since the staff's presentation at their January 27 work session, the language for the maximum sign area is recommended

to be 10% versus 15%. The proposed ordinance includes 15%, and if the City Council agrees with the staff's recommendation, the motion will need to reflect the updated percentage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3886, WITH THE MODIFICATION OF SECTION 11 FOR MAXIMUM SIGN AREA OF 10%.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

D.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2025-007, AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR A PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES MASTER PLAN NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING DOCUMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$500,000 WITH THE CITY'S LOCAL MATCH BEING UP TO \$100,000.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Managing Director of Development Services Clayton Comstock.

City Manager Paulette Hartman thanked Clayton Comstock for his time and service to the City of North Richland Hills.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-007, AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR A PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES MASTER PLAN NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING DOCUMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$500,000 WITH THE CITY'S LOCAL MATCH BEING UP TO \$100,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

E. PUBLIC WORKS

- E.1 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS WITH TEX-PRO CONSTRUCTION LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 ANNUALLY AND WESTHILL CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 ANNUALLY TO PERFORM UTILITY STREET CUT AND CONCRETE REPAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFB 25-008.**

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Public Works Operations Manager Kenneth Garvin.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM VAUGHN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS WITH TEX-PRO CONSTRUCTION LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 ANNUALLY AND WESTHILL CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 ANNUALLY TO PERFORM UTILITY STREET CUT AND CONCRETE REPAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RFB 25-008.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

- E.2 APPROVE ORION CELLULAR LTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BADGER METER INC. FOR WATER METER CELLULAR CONNECTIVITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,508,637.20 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2033.**

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Director of Finance Jay Patel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE TO APPROVE ORION CELLULAR LTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BADGER METER INC. FOR WATER METER CELLULAR CONNECTIVITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,508,637.20 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2033.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

- F.1 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY26 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM, GRANT #3367209.**

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from Police Chief Mike Young.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY26 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM, GRANT #3367209.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY26 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #3544407.

APPROVED

City Council received presentation from Police Chief Mike Young for items F.2 and F.3.

City Manager Paulette Hartman thanked Mike Young for his dedication and 39 years of service to the City of North Richland Hills.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM VAUGHN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FY26 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #3544407.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.3 CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, HALTOM CITY, WATAUGA AND RICHLAND HILLS CONTINUING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE JOINT CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

APPROVED

This item was presented in conjunction with item F.2.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, HALTOM CITY, WATAUGA AND RICHLAND HILLS CONTINUING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE JOINT CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.4 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-008, CREATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from City Manager Paulette Hartman. The proposed resolution appoints the City Council to serve as the City Charter Review Commission.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM VAUGHN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-008, AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

F.5 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3888, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 2-93 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES - GUIDELINES FOR NAMING CITY FACILITIES.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from City Manager Paulette Hartman. At the request of City Council, staff added language that allows City Council to rename a facility that has been previously named for an individual if they are convicted of a felony. The proposed language is the same that was approved by voters at the 2023 Charter Amendment Election regarding removal of an elected official from office. If an individual is convicted of a felony, or is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest to a misdemeanor or a felony involving a crime of moral turpitude for fraud, deceit, or theft or dishonesty. An approval to change the name of a previously named facility would require a three-fourths vote of the City Council. The other change directed by City Council includes language that prior to consideration to name a facility for a retired city employee or elected official that at least 90 days must have elapsed since retirement or leaving office.

Council member Mitchell recommended that Section 2-93(6) be removed in its entirety or remove the first red-lined sentence.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM VAUGHN, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3888, AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT SECTION 2-93(6) REGARDING THE RENAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES BE REMOVED FROM THE ORDINANCE BEFORE ITS FINAL ADOPTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-1; WITH COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON VOTING AGAINST.

F.6 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-009, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE NRH LINKS (LINKS-U) UNIT.

APPROVED

City Council received a presentation from City Manager Paulette Hartman. The proposed resolution appoints Mayor McCarty, Associate Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn to serve on Council committee to work with the NRH LiNKs Unit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BLAKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DEUPREE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-009, AS PRESENTED.

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 McCarty announced that there was no action necessary as the result of the Executive Session.

H. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

H.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Associate Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made the following announcements.

NRH2O Family Water Park is hosting the annual Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Texas on Saturday, February 1, and the NRH Police Department is celebrating its 25th year participating. If you are brave enough to join them, please visit the Special

Olympics Texas website to sign up.

Experience the enchanting sounds of the kora, a 21-stringed West African harp, as part of the Celebrating Culture Series. This free performance will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 10 at the NRH Library. Visit the library's website for more details.

Tickets are on sale now for the Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance. The dance will be held on Saturday, February 15 in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available through the NRH Centre's website.

Kudos Korner - Mark Hill in the Water Department - A resident recently emailed about Mark's above and beyond customer service. He had approached Mark, who was working in his neighborhood, about an issue with his water meter box. Mark immediately stopped what he was doing, came over to his home to assess the situation and replaced the faulty meter box. He said the service Mark provided was more than he expected stating, "It was a small thing, but it made my day." Thank you, Mark! Keep up the great work.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer