

**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 23, 2017**

**WORK SESSION**

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 23rd day of January 2017 at 5:30 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
	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 Farmer	City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order at 5:30 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**

Planning Manager Clayton Comstock introduced new employee John Chapman who is the department's new Planning Technician.

**3. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

Public Information Officer Mary Peters provided an update on the city's social media

accounts. The city hall's first social media account was created in 2009. The statistics show that 78% of Americans have a social media account. The percentage of Americans reading news from Facebook has increased by 11% from last year. Ms. Peters reviewed the types of information and news posted and shared by city social media accounts. There is a new social media platform called Nextdoor. It is a private social network for neighborhoods. There are approximately 8,300 North Richland Hills residents registered with Nextdoor. The messages and posts are private to those that live in the neighborhood. Governmental agencies are not able to view or search discussions.

Council and staff discussed the Open Meetings Act and the laws that govern discussion among City Council members without a properly posted agenda. Council agreed to forward any discussions that require a city response to Ms. Peters.

Council was complimentary of Ms. Peter's efforts to keep citizens informed of city business. Council asked staff to provide posts and updates regarding economic development and the TEXRail.

#### **4. DISCUSS THE TRAFFIC ON RUFÉ SNOW DRIVE AND GLENVIEW DRIVE FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE NEW IL TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOL**

City Engineer Caroline Waggoner informed Council the new charter school has been in operation for three weeks. The attendance and traffic patterns for a charter school differ from public schools. The school is regionally located and practically has no carpooling, pedestrian or bicycle traffic. The school does not have a bus transportation system. There are distinct times when the area has concentrated vehicular traffic. Currently, Rufe Snow Drive has four travel lanes. Ms. Waggoner showed Council the proposed roadway intersection that provides for five travel lanes. Ms. Waggoner also shared with Council the city's interim mitigation until the Capital Improvement Project is complete.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:08 p.m. that Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.074: Personnel matters to deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of public employees - Municipal Court Clerk; Section 551.071: Consultation with City Attorney to seek advice about pending or threatened litigation or settlement offer, or other legal matters which are exempt from public disclosure under Texas Rules of Professional Conduct - (1) Skyler Hotze v. City of North Richland Hills, Texas, Cause No. 153-282939-15 in the 153rd District Court of Tarrant County, Texas; (2) Pending or potential litigation with Chesapeake Energy Corp., and Total E&P USA, Inc; (3) Legal issues related to North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, Article IV, Division 2, Junked Vehicles. Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m. and concluded at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Trevino announced at 7:20 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 7:22 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
	Tim Barth	Council, Place 4
	Scott Turnage	Council, Place 6

Staff Members:	Mark Hindman	City Manager
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary
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#### **A.1 INVOCATION - COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ**

Council member Rodriguez gave the invocation.

#### **A.2 PLEDGE - COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ**

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

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

There were no items for this category.

#### **A.4 CITIZENS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ian Floyd, 3116 Woodridge Drive, Hurst, Texas requested an all-weather facility at Iron Horse Golf Course. The addition of lights and a covered hitting bay would increase practice time for patrons.

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

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

### **B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**APPROVED**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JANUARY 09, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**B.2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2017-002, RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BY TARRANT COUNTY FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON HARMONSON ROAD FOR THE 42ND YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT.**

**B.3 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER CLOTHES/BUNKER GEAR WITH THE CITY OF THE COLONY.**

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**C.1 ZC 2016-19, ORDINANCE NO. 3445, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-2 SINGLE FAMILY TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON 5.08 ACRES LOCATED AT 7301 NE LOOP 820.**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing and called on Planning Manager Clayton Comstock to present the item.

Planning Manager Clayton Comstock informed Council this item is initiated by the City to rezone 5.08 acres located at 7301 Northeast Loop 820 from R-2 Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial. The purpose of the request is to accommodate the sale and future use of the property. If approved, the proposed zoning would allow the building and property to be used for office, service, or retail establishments. The area is designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as Public/Semi-Public and the current zoning is R-2 Single Family Residential. Mr. Comstock provided site photos.

Council had no questions for staff.

Mayor Trevino asked for anyone wishing to speak on the item to come forward. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BARTH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3445.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**D. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

There were no items for this category.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS**

**E.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-001 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE WASTEWATER TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (WALKER-CALLOWAY SYSTEM) WITH THE TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS.**

**APPROVED**

Managing Director Mike Curtis informed Council the purpose of the request is to approve Resolution No. 2017-001 that authorizes approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Wastewater Contract with the Trinity River Authority of Texas. The amendment allows the Trinity River Authority of Texas to issue bonds on behalf of the cities of North Richland Hills and Hurst in order to make repairs and improvements to the Walker-Calloway Sewer System. The City of Hurst has taken official action to approve the amendment.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Welch's question, Mr. Curtis informed Council the first of seven phases will begin in late summer to early fall.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM WELCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TURNAGE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-001.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**E.2 APPROVE THE 2016 - 2017 PREVENTIVE STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

**APPROVED**

Council member Turnage, Chair of Capital Improvement Program Committee, introduced item. He commented that Council made a commitment years ago to address city streets. Staff was tasked with coming up with a method to systematically grade and prioritize streets for Council's consideration. He thanked Mr. Blankenship and his team for their hard work.

Mr. Boe Blankenship informed Council the recommended program encompasses maintenance projects on 116 streets consisting of two streets receiving a sub-grade stabilization and asphalt rehabilitation, asphalt overlay on 19 streets, slurry seal on 45 streets, and crack sealing on 50 streets. The method for selecting streets focuses on targeted areas based on several variables: NRH pavement management system; the citizen's survey results; and other city priorities such as Planning and Economic Development Department goals. The first targeted area of the 2016-2017 program is the North Hills area in the southern portion of the city. The second and largest area is north of Harwood Road and south of Chapman Road. A third area also includes some streets in between Starnes / Rumfield Road and Bursey Road.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TURNAGE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD TO APPROVE THE 2016 - 2017 PREVENTIVE STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**F. GENERAL ITEMS**

**F.1 CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON DEAYER DRIVE AND LIBERTY WAY.**

**APPROVED**

Public Works Operations Manager Boe Blankenship presented item and was available to answer questions from Council.

Council had no questions for staff.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUESKY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON DEAYER DRIVE AND LIBERTY WAY.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**F.2 ACTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 7 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO FILL VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL.**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Trevino informed Council of David Whitson's decision to step down from the City Council. Mayor Trevino commented that it was hard to accept David's resignation and that he would be surely missed by Council and the public. Mayor Trevino thanked Mr. Whitson for his many years of service to the City.

As outlined by the City Charter, a vacancy may be fulfilled by an appointment recommended by the Mayor with approval of the majority of Council. Mayor Trevino believes it is important to have a full Council to consider and be part of the upcoming goals work session and development cases in the city. Mayor Trevino announced that he recommends Mike Benton, who currently sits on the Planning and Zoning Commission, be appointed to Place 5 to fulfill the vacancy on City Council.

Council member Lombard concurred with Mayor Trevino's comments about David Whitson's service to the city.

Council member Wright Oujesky remarked that it is with heavy heart to accept Mr. Whitson's resignation. He is an integral part of the community and with his church and she will miss him.

Council member Barth agreed with comments about David. He has been a great mentor and leads by example in letting his faith guide his approach and actions.

Mayor Pro Tem Welch thanked David Whitson for his service to the city.

Council member Rodriguez thanked David for his many years of service. He also thanked David's family for sharing and supporting him while he served on the City Council.

Council member Turnage Scott agreed with previous comments and that he will miss his fellow colleague.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ TO APPOINT MIKE BENTON TO THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 5.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**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 Executive Session.

## **H. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

### **H.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council member Turnage made the following announcements.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Daddy Daughter Valentines Dance which will be held on Saturday, February 4 in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. The tickets are \$15.00 per person and may be purchased at the NRH Centre Guest Services Desk.

The Common Ground Community Garden and Keep NRH Beautiful are holding a Spring Gardening Seminar on Saturday, February 4. This free event will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the Library. Topics include vegetable gardening, unique watering methods, composting, butterflies, and more.

Kudos Korner - Trish Watson in Neighborhood Services - The manager of a restaurant expressed thanks and appreciation for Trish's responsiveness after a vehicle drove into their building on Thanksgiving. Trish went above and beyond, coming out after hours on a holiday, to complete an inspection so the restaurant could reopen. They are grateful to be in a community with such dedicated and service oriented city employees, the manager said.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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Oscar Trevino, Mayor

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Alicia Richardson, City Secretary