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 11, 2021

Via Webex Video Conference

WORK SESSION

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met in work session on the 11th day of January at 6:00 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. regular Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino stated in accordance with the Texas Governor's March 13, 2020 Disaster Declaration and subsequent suspension of certain Texas Open Meetings Act Provisions, this January 11, 2021 work session meeting of the North Richland Hills City Council is hereby called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Trevino stated that tonight's meeting will be conducted using Webex video conference in order to observe physical distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Trevino conducted a roll call of City Council members to confirm the presence of a quorum.

Present via video conference:
Oscar Trevino, Mayor
Tito Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1
Rita Wright Oujesky, Place 2
Suzy Compton, Place 3
Mason Orr, Associate Mayor Pro Tem, Place 4
Mike Benton, Place 5
Scott Turnage, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 6
vacant, Place 7

Staff present via video conference:
Mark Hindman, City Manager
Alicia Richardson, City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer
Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

There being no posted items on work session or questions from the Council regarding items on the regular agenda, Mayor Trevino moved to the next item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. SECTION 551.087: DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS - 8358 DAVIS BOULEVARD, LOT 2R8R, BLOCK 1, DAVIS-NORTH TARRANT PKWY ADDN

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:07 p.m. that the City Council would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.087: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations - 8358 Davis Boulevard, Lot 2R8R, Block 1, Davis -North Tarrant Pkwy Addn. Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m. and concluded at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Trevino announced at 6:45 p.m. that City Council would convene to the regular City Council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

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A.1 INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Turnage gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Turnage 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

Ms. Sarah Louise Meleco was registered to speak, but was not available on the video conference or by telephone to address the Council.

A.5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

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 MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR DECEMBER 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

B.2 MODIFY 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.

B.3 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC FOR CONSUMABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $123,998, USING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIDLOTHIAN.

B.4 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH FOR THE ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF $174,240.00.

B.5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-001, ACCEPTING THE 2021 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $62,801.38.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C.1 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3678, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020/2021 ADOPTED BUDGET.

APPROVED

Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing and called on Director of Budget and Research Robert Myers to introduce the item.

Mr. Myers informed City Council the item for their consideration is a budget amendment in the amount of $16,125,000 to add funding in the amount of $15,740,000 for new street projects associated with the street bond program and $385,000 for the Iron Horse Boulevard project, also part of the street bond program. The proposed street projects include Bedford Euless Road ($3,415,000); Glenview Drive West ($4,515,000); Nor'East Drive ($1,530,000); North Hills Drive ($2,120,000); Meadow Oak Drive ($570,000); Pearl Street ($690,000); Southampton Drive ($1,080,000); Diamond Loch West Courts ($130,000); Stonybrooke Drive ($870,000); and Nob Hill Drive ($820,000).

Staff is bringing forward a change to the Iron Horse Boulevard reconstruction project to adjust the funding based on the receipt of a grant award from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Staff proposes the project be split into the Iron Horse Boulevard East ($5,275,000) and Iron Horse Boulevard West ($4,230,000). The updated costs for the projects include an estimate for inflation in construction costs for an overall increase of $385,000. Mr. Myers shared with City Council the funding sources for these two projects include $4,220,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, $1,825,000 in certificates of obligation, and $3,460,000 in general obligation debt.

Mayor Trevino asked Assistant City Secretary Traci Henderson to call on those who completed a public meeting appearance form to speak during the public hearing.

Mr. John Schleeter, 6553 Northern Dancer Drive, commented on the prioritization of the Iron Horse Drive East and West projects. Mr. Schleeter asked why the east section (mainly commercial) is prioritized over the west section (predominately residential).

Mayor Trevino informed Mr. Schleeter the east section is tied to the grant received by the U.S. Economic Development Administration for Prestige Ameritech, a mass producer of personal protective equipment, and the priority to get road fixed is to move product during the pandemic.

There being no other forms submitted, Mayor Trevino asked if there was anyone on the video conference wishing to speak for or against the item to raise their hand. There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Trevino closed the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3678.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

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 AUTHORIZE SECOND AND FINAL ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LTD FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES.

APPROVED

Assistant City Manager Karen Manila informed City Council the City's contract for solid waste and recycling with Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd. is in it's final year. The initial five-year term expired January 31, 2020, and provided for two additional one-year terms. The City Council, at their November 11, 2019 meeting, approved the first one-year extension. The item for their consideration this evening is to authorize the final one-year extension. At the November 11, 2019 meeting, City Council directed staff to renegotiate a new contract with Republic. Due to the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, staff was not able to renegotiate with Republic.

Staff and City Council discussed the number of complaints received from residents.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BENTON TO APPROVE FINAL ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

F.2 CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-002 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,225,000.

APPROVED

Director of Finance Mark Mills informed City Council the item for their consideration is a reimbursement resolution in an amount not to exceed $20,225,000. The resolution authorizes the City to reimburse expenditures with the proceeds of future debt. The resolution includes the following projects: Bedford-Euless Road ($3,415,000); Glenview Drive West ($4,515,000); Iron Horse Boulevard (Browning to Rufe Snow) ($3,460,000); Nor'East Drive ($1,530,000); North Hills Drive ($2,120,000); Meadow Oak Drive ($570,000); Diamond Loch West ($130,000); Pearl Street ($690,000); Southampton Drive ($1,080,000); Stonybrooke Drive ($870,000); Nob Hill ($820,000); and College Hills ground storage tank rehabilitation ($840,000).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM ORR, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WRIGHT OUJESKY TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-002 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,225,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

F.3 ACTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 7 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO FILL VACANCY ON CITY COUNCIL.

APPROVED

City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson informed City Council the item for their consideration is to fulfill the vacancy on City Council, Place 7 created by the resignation of Timothy J. Welch. The City Charter provides a method to fulfill vacancies on the council. If less than 180 days remain for the term of office and there is only one vacancy, the mayor with the approval of the majority of council, may appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Trevino informed City Council he recommends the appointment of Kelvin Deupree to fulfill the vacancy of the unexpired term for City Council, Place 7.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM TURNAGE, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KELVIN DEUPREE TO FULFILL THE VACANCY OF UNEXPIRED TERM FOR CITY COUNCIL PLACE 7.

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 stated there was no action necessary as the result of Executive Session.

H. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

H.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made the following announcements.

Tarrant County Public Health is administering the COVID-19 vaccine to medical workers, residents 65 and older, and people 18 and older who have at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Appointments are required. To register and get more information, please visit www.tarrantcounty.com/covidvaccine or call the Tarrant County Coronavirus Hotline at 817-248-6299.

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed next Monday, January 18, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Library, Tennis Center and Animal Adoption & Rescue Center will also be closed. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open. Garbage and recycling will be collected as normally scheduled.

Kudos Korner - Officers Koba, Breta, Lizak and Bulger in the Police Department - The U.S. Postal Inspection Service recently recognized our K9 officers and their partners for their outstanding service to the Postal Service's Fort Worth Division Office. Thank you to these officers for their continuous hard work.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer