

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2020

- **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Paul Voelker	Mayor
Janet DePuy	Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Dubey	Councilmember
Mark Solomon	Councilmember
Kyle Kepner	Councilmember
Ken Hutchenrider	Councilmember
Steve Mitchell	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
Don Magner	Deputy City Manager
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Pete Smith	City Attorney

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM, RICHARDSON ROOM

A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS

There were no public comment cards submitted.

B. VISITORS

Tom Huch, 3406 Sweetwater Drive, addressed Council regarding building inspections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In compliance with Section 551.071 (1) and (2) and Section 551.087(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code, Council will convene into a closed session to discuss the following:

- Consultation with City Attorney
 - Briefing to Discuss the Code of Ethics Ordinance Renewal
- Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
 - Commercial Development – U.S. 75/Renner Rd. Area

Council Action

Council convened into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council Action

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:38 p.m. Councilmember Kepner moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Richardson an economic development agreement for Project Turnpike in the Glenville Drive/Lookout Drive area. Councilmember Solomon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE RENEWAL

Don Magner, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the following recommended refinements and amendments to the Code of Ethics.

Recommended refinements

Officer or official means any member of the city council and any appointed member of a city board, commission or committee established by ordinance, Charter, state law or otherwise, on a temporary or permanent basis, operating either under the direct or indirect authority or subject to either the direct or indirect control of the city council. Such term includes but is not limited to the members of the city plan commission, the board of adjustment, the building and standards commission, the tax increment reinvestment financing zone boards of directors, the civil service board and appeals board, the library board, the parks and recreation board, the cultural arts commission, animal shelter advisory board, and the sign control board environmental advisory commission. Such term also includes the members of the boards of directors of corporations, such as the Richardson Improvement Corporation.

Sec. 2-5 – Additional Standards

(d) No member of the city council shall fail or refuse to file a personal financial statement as required by Texas Government Code Chapter 145, as amended.

(e) No member of the city council shall fail or refuse to file a conflicts disclosure statement as required by Texas Government Code Chapter 176, as amended.

Recommended Amendments

Sec. 2-7 – Complaints against officers

(c) If it is determined by the city attorney that the facts as alleged could constitute a violation of this code of ethics, then the city attorney shall, within 15 business days after receipt of the complaint, notify the mayor and city council members of the existence and nature of the complaint. The city council shall cause a meeting to convene, whether regular or special, within 15 business days after being so notified by the city attorney to further consider said complaint in executive session with mayor or any three members of the city council (excluding the mayor) causing such a meeting to be convened. In any event, the city attorney shall immediately proceed to fully investigate the alleged improprieties. For purposes of this investigation, the city attorney shall have all of the powers of investigation as are given to the city council by reason of the City Charter and shall report back to the city council as soon as possible but in no event more than 15 business days from the date of notification of the city council unless an extension is granted by the city council. Said report shall be comprehensive and explain in detail all facts, findings and conclusions in support of the city attorney's opinion as to whether a violation of this code of ethics occurred. The city attorney has the same power to subpoena witnesses and the production of documents, books, records and other evidence as are given the City Council under the City Charter when acting pursuant to this subsection. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to fail to obey a subpoena or to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section and shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00)."

Sec. 2-7 – Complaints against officers

(f) The city council may appoint outside legal counsel or may direct the city attorney to appoint outside legal counsel, or the city attorney in the city attorney's discretion, may appoint outside legal counsel, to perform the duties and responsibilities of the city attorney under subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section. The outside legal counsel shall have the same power to subpoena witnesses and the production of documents, books, records and other evidence as the city attorney under section (c) when acting pursuant to this subsection. It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to fail to obey a subpoena or to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section and shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Sec. 2-11. – Acknowledgement of Code of Ethics.

The city will provide each officer a copy of the Code of Ethics at the time such person is initially elected or appointed. Each officer shall within ninety (90) days after such person is initially elected or appointed file with the city secretary an acknowledgement, in a form provided by the city, that such person has received a copy of, and has read the Code of Ethics.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Don Magner, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the elements of the proposed social media policy for elected and appointed officials.

- Application
- Definitions
- Best Practices & Guidelines
- Professional & Personal Conduct Standards

E. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY