

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following Council members present:

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

Absent:

Bob Dubey	Councilmember
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The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
Don Magner	Deputy City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Jessica Almendarez	Management Analyst
Jim Spivey	Police Chief
Coby Pewitt	Assistant Chief of Police
Gary Tittle	Assistant Chief of Police
Michael Bussiere	Assistant Chief of Police
Lori Smeby	Director of Parks and Recreation
Yvonne Falgout	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Bob Clymire	Budget Officer

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A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS

There were no public comment cards submitted.

B. VISITORS

There were no visitors' comments submitted.

C. RECOGNITION FOR GARY THOMAS, PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (DART)

Mayor Voelker read a proclamation honoring Gary Thomas, President, and CEO of DART on his retirement. Gary Slagel, Richardson DART Board Member, presented Mr. Thomas with a token golden shovel. Staff and Councilmembers expressed their sentiments to Mr. Thomas on his career and retirement.

D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS COVID-19 RESPONSE

Don Magner, Deputy City Manager, reported on this item for Council, reviewing the vaccine status and strategy.

E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND 2020 YEAR END REVIEW

Chief Spivey reported on this item for Council.

- Crime and arrest statistics
- Crime watch and neighborhood patrols
- Business crime watch and corporate partnerships
- Unidos Program
- Internship Program
- National Night Out
- COVID-19 department statistics and impact

F. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE OVER 65 AND DISABLED PERSON EXEMPTION

Kent Pfeil, Chief Financial Officer, reported on this item for Council.

- City Council's Financial Policies provide that the Over 65 & Disabled Persons Exemption is reviewed annually
- Goal to maintain a tax benefit of approximately 30% of the average senior's home value
- Exemption was maintained at \$100,000 for FY 2020-21
- Last increased from \$85,000 to \$100,000 in 2019 for FY 2019-20
- The current \$100,000 exemption is estimated to generate a 30.69% tax benefit after factoring residential value growth of 5%
- Staff recommends maintaining the current exemption amount of \$100,000

G. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PARKS AND RECREATION COST RECOVERY STRATEGY

Lori Smeby, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Yvonne Falgout, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on this item for Council. Staff explained the cost-recovery philosophy and process to develop a cost recovery framework that will be used to present data-driven fee recommendations in the future.

H. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Bob Clymire, Budget Officer, reviewed the following funds for the first quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021 with a focus on the performance of revenues and expenditures against the same period for the last fiscal year.

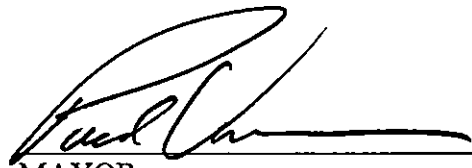
- General Fund
- Water and Sewer Fund
- Solid Waste Services Fund
- Golf Fund
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

I. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY