

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2024

• **Call to Order**

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

Bob Dubey	Mayor
Arefin Shamsul	Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis Dorian	Councilmember
Jennifer Justice	Councilmember
Dan Barrios	Councilmember
Joe Corcoran	Councilmember
Ken Hutchenrider	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Don Magner	City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Charles Goff	Assistant City Manager
Michaela Dollar	Assistant City Manager
Dannette Garcia	Assistant City Manager
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Haley Alsabrook	Management Analyst
Anita Cothran	Director of Finance
Todd Gastorf	Assistant Director of Finance
Jennifer Davidson	Director of Library Services
Vrena Patrick	Assistant Director of Library Services
Bill Alsup	Director of Health
Danea Newman	Environmental Health Manager

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM #CH 157

1. INVOCATION – JOE CORCORAN

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS – JOE CORCORAN

3. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2024 MEETING

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Councilmember Dorian seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

4. VISITORS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS

City Manager Magner acknowledged a public comment card submitted by Zakaria Alhasan, 16303 Bedford Falls, Frisco, regarding support of a ceasefire resolution for the Israel-Gaza War.

The following speakers addressed Council in support of the City of Richardson approving a ceasefire resolution.

Ahmed Alkarboly, 448 Tiffany Trail
Jacqueline Sisser, 2323 Trellis Place
Ameer Wahdan, 448 Tiffany Trail
Raycia Cummings, 139 S. Clark Road, Cedar Hill

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE SALE OF SERIES 2024 DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Anita Cothran, Director of Finance, reviewed the debt issuance plan for Series 2024.

- **\$67,530,000 General Obligation Bonds (Tax Exempt)**
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 - 47,330,000 Street Improvements 20-Yr
 - 4,065,000 Municipal Public Buildings 20-Yr
 - 12,000,000 Municipal Public Buildings 20-Yr
 - 2,410,000 Sidewalks 20-Yr
 - 1,000,000 Drainage 20-Yr
 - 725,000 Parks 20-Yr
- **\$20,955,000 Certificates of Obligation (Tax Exempt)**
 - **\$3,000,000 Tax-Supported Certificates of Obligation**
 - 3,000,000 Library Renovation Supplement 20-Yr
 - **\$1,610,000 Tax-Supported Certificates of Obligation**
 - 1,610,000 Fire Equipment 8-Yr
 - **\$1,645,000 Self-Supporting Certificates of Obligation**
 - 1,645,000 Solid Waste Equipment 8-Yr
 - **\$ 14,700,000 Self-Supporting Certificates of Obligation**
 - 1,200,000 Water and Sewer CIP 15-Yr
 - 13,500,000 Water and Sewer CIP 20-Yr
- **\$88,485,000 Total Sale, Series 2024 – Preliminary Estimate, subject to change.**

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE OVER 65 AND DISABLED PERSONS EXEMPTION

Todd Gastorf, Assistant Director of Finance, reviewed the following recommendation for fiscal year 2025.

- The current \$130,000 exemption is estimated to generate a 28.33% tax benefit after factoring residential value growth of 5%
- Staff recommends increasing the exemption to \$145,000
 - This increase will provide an estimated 31.60% tax benefit for FY 2025
 - Total savings of \$813 or \$84 increase for a Senior
 - City exempted taxes are estimated at \$7,231,764

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE LIBRARY SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN AND OUTREACH VAN

Library Director Jenny Davidson reviewed the 2024-2029 Library Services Strategic Plan and process with the following strategic priorities.

People

The Library provides a space for reading, learning, and sharing ideas – the center for life-long learning for its patrons. The Library seeks to increase the sense of community and citizen engagement through programming initiatives that celebrate Richardson's diversity. Material selection will reflect the evolving interests and lifestyles of the community. The Library will look

for additional opportunities to add to its current outreach Library services to engage users who do not come to the physical library.

Place

Maintaining services in a smaller temporary space and actively completing the planning stages of a renovated Library building will continue over the next five years. According to the Library Master Plan and Guiding Principles, the Library renovation goal is to revitalize and transform Richardson's iconic building into a vibrant, flexible 21st-century Library that serves all of Richardson's stakeholders.

Technology

The Library's online presence serves as a virtual branch, offering information and services 24/7. The Library strives to be current on the best technologies for delivering content to patrons as well as providing current materials, programs, and services to explore new topics in digital literacy. The Library will continue seeking new and better digital platforms for providing content and will be adding enhancements to the online catalog to improve the customer experience. The Library will maximize potential website opportunities for easier citizen engagement and better marketing of popular Library materials and services.

Ms. Davidson also provided an update on the Library Outreach Van with services expected to begin in April. She also reviewed visitor, outreach, and circulation statistics since the Library's relocation to the temporary space.

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE MOBILE FOOD VENDOR ORDINANCE UPDATE

Danea Newman, Environmental Health Manager, reviewed changes to the mobile food vendor ordinance.

- House Bill 2878 was passed by the Texas State Legislature. Effective September 1, 2023, any mobile food vendor conducting business in multiple municipalities within Dallas County must secure a permit from the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department.
- Mobile food vendors operating in the Dallas County portion of the city of Richardson and other municipalities within the county are no longer required to obtain an annual permit from the City of Richardson Health Department.
- A mobile food vendor permit issued by Dallas County does not exempt the vendor from adhering to Richardson's local laws and regulations about zoning, parking, non-food truck restrictions, requirements for police and fire permits, and other relevant ordinances.
- HB 2878 affects only two (2) counties, Tarrant and Dallas. If mobile vendors operate on the Collin County side of the city, they are still required to obtain an annual permit from the Richardson Health Department.

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC POOL REGULATIONS

Danea Newman, Environmental Health Manager, reviewed proposed changes to the public swimming pool operations and maintenance ordinance.

- Complete replacement of current ordinance
- Adopt, by reference, the Texas Dept. of State Health Services (DSHS) Pool Code

- Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 265
 - *Subchapter L (Public Swimming Pools and Spas)*
 - *Subchapter M (Public Interactive Water Features)*
 - *Subchapter K (Artificial Swimming Lagoons)*

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONSIDER ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 4481, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP TO GRANT A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM C-M COMMERCIAL WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO PD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (THE “GLENVILLE-US 75 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT”); ADOPTING USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING A CONCEPT PLAN AND BUILDINGS ELEVATIONS, FOR A 4.44-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GLENVILLE DRIVE AND US HIGHWAY 75, RICHARDSON, TEXAS.**
- B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 24-02, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT OFF-SYSTEM, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER.**
- C. CONSIDER AWARD OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS:**
 - 1. BID #12-24 – WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS CONTRACTS TO ONSTAGE SYSTEMS AND MESMERIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOUND, STAGE, AND PRODUCTION SERVICES PURSUANT TO UNIT PRICES.**
 - 2. BID #21-24 – WE RECOMMEND THE AWARD TO M-CO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR FLOYD ROAD LARGE VALVE IMPROVEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,442, WHICH INCLUDES ALTERNATE #1.**
 - 3. BID #22-24 – WE RECOMMEND THE AWARD TO CANDOR BUILDER, LLC FOR 2021 BOND ALLEY GROUP 4 WAKE DRIVE & BAYLOR DRIVE ALLEYS PAVING & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,924.**
- D. CONSIDER AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (“RFP”) #702-24 – WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE AN ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT TO ONSTAGE SYSTEMS FOR WILDFLOWER VIP VIEWING PLATFORMS PURSUANT TO UNIT PRICING.**

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

11. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR