

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 08, 2022 at 6:30 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, August 8, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM at Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N., Richwood, Texas 77531 with the following agenda:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was held during the Board of Adjustments meeting.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledges were led during the Board of Adjustments meeting.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Boykin, Mayor:	Present
Mike Johnson, Position 1:	Present
Melissa Strawn, Position 2:	Present
Matthew Yarborough, Position 3:	Absent
Rory Escalante, Position 4:	Present
Carey Lankford, Position 5:	Absent

Others present: Eric Foerster, City Manager; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary; Patricia Ditto, Finance Director; Clif Custer; Public Works Director; Stephen Mayer, Chief of Police; Philip Knop, City Attorney.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held July 11, 2022

B. Approval of minutes from special meeting held July 18, 2022.

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Rory Escalante.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carries.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 22-495, amending Appendix C - Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances, adding replat fee schedule.

Kirsten Garcia presented need for changes to fee schedule.

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-495, amending Appendix C - Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances, adding replat fee schedule.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Melissa Strawn.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carries.

- B. Public hearing and action on FY 2022-2023 proposed budget of the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Public comment from resident, Josh Strawn. He has concerns regarding doubling community outreach and training and travel increase. He expressed opinions regarding the purchase of a portable radar trailer, stating he has seen people racing that. Mr. Strawn recommended the department look at ballistic plates with possibility of schools in our area being targeted and possibly look at license plate readers.

Discussion held on travel and training and what this costs is going up.

Motion to approve FY 2022-2023 proposed budget of the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Rory Escalante.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carried.

- B. Consider and record vote for proposed tax rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year of \$0.606810 which is a tax increase up to 2.9% above the No New Revenue Tax Rate for the City of Richwood, to be adopted at a future meeting.

Patricia Ditto presented the proposed tax rates for FY 2023.

Motion to approve 2022-2023 Fiscal year of \$0.606810 which is a tax increase up to 2.9% above the No New Revenue Tax Rate for the City of Richwood, to be adopted at a future meeting.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Melissa Strawn.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carried.

- D. Discuss and consider approving a resolution setting the date and time for public hearing for FY 2023 proposed tax rate for September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve a resolution setting the date and time for public hearing for FY 2023 proposed tax rate for September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Rory Escalante, Seconded by Mike Johnson.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carried.

- E. Discuss and consider approving a resolution setting the date and time for the Public Hearing for FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget for September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve a resolution setting the date and time for the Public Hearing for FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget for September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Melissa Strawn, Seconded by Rory Escalante.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

Motion carried.

- F. Discussion regarding the City's water usage from Brazosport Water Authority.
Discussion held on tracking processes and looking for loss within residential meters.
Discussion held on usage trends and why spikes occur when BWA usage is higher.
Discussion held on how to manage water usage within the drought.
Discussion held on possible notice to citizens on how to identify leaks and be conservative in drought contingency.

VIII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer presented.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric presented his report.

Discussion held on welfare of officers out with Covid.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mike reported he attended the KRB meeting, it went well. He expressed appreciation to our first responders, especially Fire Department for their hard work in this heat. He also expressed appreciation to the public works department.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor reported on the TCEQ public meeting held.

Mayor urged everyone to be careful during these extreme drought conditions. Be mindful of accidentally starting fires within the city.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at at 7:27 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on this 12th day of September 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary