MINUTES
RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Kirsten Garcia, City Manager, led the invocation.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Mayor Durham led the pledges.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present:
Mayor Michael Durham
Councilmember Mike Johnson
Councilmember William Yearsin
Councilmember Jeremy Fountain

Absent:
Councilmember Paul Stallberg

Others present: Kirsten Garcia, City Manager; Jeremy Richards, Chief of Police; Carol Wang, Finance Director; Clif Custer, Public Works Director; and Jacob Herrington, City Attorney.

A quorum was present.

V. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

Paul Stallberg | 2024 - 2026

William Yearsin | 2024 - 2026

Jeremy Fountain | 2022 - 2026

Mayor Durham presented plaques to outgoing Council Members in recognition of their service to the community.

VI. CANVASS THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 26-540 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 2, 2026 election.

Motion to adopt the 26-540 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 2, 2026 election.

Motion made by William Yearsin, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Randy Ryle, Position 1

B. Kai York, Position 4

C. Stephen Scot Mayer, Position 5

Kirsten Garcia, City Manager, swore in new council members.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Yearsin addressed the Council regarding his core values of honor, courage, and commitment. He encouraged Council members and City leadership to act with integrity and make decisions based on what they believe is right.

Carol Wang, a city employee, addressed the Council regarding her employment and pending termination. She stated that she believes she is the most qualified candidate for her position and discussed the training she received from the interim supervisor, as well as her prior professional experience. She also expressed concerns regarding her interpretation of the circumstances surrounding her employment and stated that she believes discrimination may be a factor.

IX. PROCLAMATION

A. Police Week Proclamation - May 10-16, 2026

Mayor Durham read the proclamation aloud.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appoint Anne Nadia Nelson to the Keep Richwood Beautiful Board.

B. Reappoint members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board: Buster Primm, Randy Day, David Acord, and Lauren LaCount.

C. Appoint Anne Nadia Nelson and Glenn Patton to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board.

D. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held April 13, 2026.

E. Approval of minutes from special called meeting held April 22, 2026.

F. Approval of minutes from special called meeting held May 4, 2026.

G. Approve a Resolution changing authorized representatives for the Local Government Investment Cooperative.

H. Approve a Resolution changing authorized representatives for the TexPool Investment account.

I. Approve a Resolution changing authorized representatives for the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR).

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Randy Ryle.
Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, William Yearsin, Kai York, Jeremy Fountain, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and consider appointing Mayor Pro-Tem and Committee Liaison positions.
1. Mayor Pro-Tem
2. Crime Control & Prevention District

3. Keep Richwood Beautiful
4. Fire Department

A motion was made to appoint Mike Johnson as Mayor Pro Tem, Kai York as Council Liaison to the CCPD, Stephen Mayer as Council Liaison to the KRB, and Randy Ryle as Council Liaison to the Fire Department Board.

Motion made by Kai York, Seconded by Mike Johnson.
Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, Kai York, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

B. Discussion, workshop, and possible action regarding amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure, including updates to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Kirsten Garcia, City Manager presented.

Motion to approve amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure, including updates to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Randy Ryle.

Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, Kai York, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action to review the City's comprehensive fee schedule, including all applicable fees (including impact fees), and provide direction to staff.

William Yearsin, resident, addressed the Council regarding municipal fees, including how they are assessed and the application of impact fees.

Bob Page, resident, spoke regarding inspection fees and offered comments on how fee revenues should be utilized.

Duwayne Dunn, resident, discussed various City fees and requested clarification regarding their purpose, including which fees are intended to generate revenue and which are required to cover service costs.

Carol Wang, Finance Director, addressed the Council and requested that concerns regarding alleged abuse of power within the City be reviewed.

Staff was directed to review the matters discussed and bring information back to the Council at a future meeting.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of the City's contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for debris removal and debris monitoring services, including consideration of a requested CPI adjustment, authorization for contract execution, or direction to staff to pursue competitive procurement.

Kirsten Garcia, City Manager, presented.

Discussion was held regarding the term of the agreement, including whether a longer-term commitment would provide more favorable pricing and whether it would be beneficial to lock in rates for an extended period.

Kai York made a motion to renew the agreement. The motion died for lack of a second.

Randy Ryle made a motion to seek an extension of the current agreement with pricing locked in and to continue negotiations. Kai York seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, Kai York, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

E. Consider items removed from consent agenda

No items removed from consent agenda.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:

1. William Yearsin, City Council Position 4

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

During discussion related to the Executive Session item, Mr. Yearsin stated that he wished for the matter to be addressed in open session. The City Attorney advised that there was no basis to move forward with the complaint.

Mr. Yearsin addressed the Council regarding his constitutional right to free speech. Mr. Page also addressed the public regarding the matter under consideration.

Upon returning to open session, Randy Ryle made a motion to take no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Johnson and carried.

2. City Secretary

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Pursuant to Chapter 551.072, Deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property:

1. Regarding the proposed acquisition of approximately three (3) acres located at or near 1960 Brazosport Blvd. North, including authorization for the City Attorney to prepare and negotiate a purchase agreement and related closing documents.

XIII. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:

1. William Yearsin, City Council Position 4
No action taken.

2. City Secretary

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Laura Tyner as City Secretary, effective May 19. The motion was made by Kai York and seconded by Stephen Mayer.

Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, Kai York, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

Pursuant to Chapter 551.072, Deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed acquisition of approximately three (3) acres located at or near 1960 Brazosport Blvd. North, including authorization for the City Attorney to prepare and negotiate a purchase agreement and related closing documents.

A motion was made to approve the Cordoba Law Firm to handle preparation of the purchase agreement. The motion was made by Kai York and seconded by Mike Johnson.

Voting Yea: Randy Ryle, Mike Johnson, Kai York, Stephen Mayer

Motion carried.

XIV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, gave report.

XV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

XVI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Councilmember Ryle - stated he will do his best to represent what the public wants and will work to fill Paul's shoes.

Councilmember Johnson - no report.

Councilmember York - expressed gratitude for the support and trust of Council. He stated he will represent the community to the best of his ability, acknowledged there is more to learn, and added that he will make up for it through hard work and a commitment to reflect the community's wishes.

Councilmember Mayer - echoed Kai York's sentiments, thanked those who came out and voted for him, Randy Ryle, and Kai York, and stated he is excited to continue serving.

XVII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Durham welcomed all new Council Members and thanked those who participated in the election, noting a desire for increased voter turnout. He also expressed appreciation to the outgoing Council Members for their service.

He also extended birthday wishes to his wife and noted her promotion to Principal of Polk Elementary School.

XVIII. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

No items to report.

XIX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fees schedule evaluation

Ceres agreement

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

These minutes were read and approved on June 8, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary