

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND HILL

Tuesday, May 03, 2016
7:30 P.M.

Richmond Hill City Hall Council Chambers

Present from City Council: Harold Fowler, *Mayor*; Russ Carpenter, *Mayor Pro-Tem*; *Councilmembers:* Johnny Murphy, John Fesperman, Jan Bass

Staff Present: Chris Lovell, *City Manager*; Linda Blankenship, *Asst. City Clerk*; Ralph Catlett, *Fire Chief*; Scott Allison, *Director of Planning & Zoning*; Randy Dykes, *Asst. Planning & Zoning Director*; Bob Whitmarsh, *Finance Director*; Mark Long, *Code Enforcement*

Visitors: Darryl Peterman, Kate Barker, Jamie Parker, Ron Elliott, Melissa Rosales, Gaby Rosales, Jose A. Rosales, Joseph Triplet, Lilliana Triplet, Steve Croy, Norma Heid, Kae T. Heid, David Dobson, Emily Dobson, Olivia Krisinki & parents, Ben DuBenion, Charles Way

Mayor Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Councilmember Carpenter gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Catlett.

Presentation of GA Cities Week Art and Essay Winners: Mayor Fowler called all the students forward and congratulated them and presented their awards to them. Students also got their picture in the newspaper.

Art: Gaby Rosales, 1st Place; Lilliana Triplet, 2nd Place; Olivia Krisinski, 3rd Place

Essay: Emily Dobson, 1st Place; Cameron Rouse, 2nd Place; Dominique Shouse, 3rd Place

Mayor Fowler and Council congratulated the students.

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting **April 19, 2016**

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the April 19, 2016 City Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration and Personnel: Linda Blankenship

Nothing to report.

Public Safety:

Police Department: Chief Billy Reynolds

Nothing to report.

Fire Department: Ralph Catlett

Nothing to report.

Public Works: Charles Heino, Enviroworx

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Culture: Harvey Lashley

Nothing to report.

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement: Scott Allison

1. First Reading of a request filed by **C'Mere, LLC.** to amend the master plan of Plantation Village within the Richmond Hill Plantation PD-2. The property is currently designated as commercial/single family/multi-family and the proposed master plan change includes revising the location, permitted uses, and setback requirements of commercial and single family designations. The property consists of 28.8 acres located on Ford Avenue (SR 144) between Magnolia Manor and Holly Hill. Map 054 Parcel 068-06. Mr. Allison told Council this was the first reading and that he would review more at the second reading.
2. Approval/Disapproval of a request filed by **Elvia Rodriguez** requesting the rezoning of 0.34 acres of property from R-2 High Density Residential zoning district to RMHD Residential Mobile/Manufactured Home zoning district. The property is located at 45 J.P. Rushing Road. Map 0461 Parcel 163. Mr. Allison stated that this would be considered spot zoning in this area and for that reason the Planning & Zoning Commission did not approve the request. The other manufactured homes in close proximity to this property pre-date our current ordinance which states manufactured homes must be in an RMHD zone. Mr. Allison did note there were other options such as a pre-fabricated home.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to Disapprove request filed by Elvia Rodriguez requesting the rezoning of 0.34 acres of property from R-2 High Density Residential zoning district to RMHD Residential Mobile/Manufactured

Home zoning district. The property is located at 45 J.P. Rushing Road. Map 0461 Parcel 163. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

3. Approval/Disapproval of the freestanding and building signs for **Crossroads South** located at 2801 US Highway 17. Mr. Allison told Council they had copy of sign in their packet. It would be made of carbon steel & painted green to match their building signs. Celtic Green is their Logo color. The brick will be same color as brick on the building. The Hobart Sign facing Highway 17 will be removed and "Cross Roads South " will replace, it will be made of carbon steel individual letters and color will be Celtic Green. Each subtenant will have a building sign that is made of carbon steel and be Celtic Green. Those signs will face the Montessori School. They currently have 4 tenants, but hope to have more. They are all in compliance with City Ordinance.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the freestanding and building signs for Crossroads South located at 2801 US Highway 17. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fesperman. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

Finance Department: Bob Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh stated that the City had funds to go ahead and pay off the old WWTP loan and he thought it was a good idea to do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER TOPICS: Chris Lovell

Mr. Lovell stated he thought it would be a good idea to pay off the old Treatment Plant as well and they were going to look into it to make sure that the City would not be short changing itself as far as interest rates.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Fowler stated that the new WWTP is fully operational and the City is no longer under a Consent Order from EPD and State of Georgia to pay those monthly fines.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve/Disapprove a request from Tiffany Wingart to serve **beer and wine only** at a Hail and Farewell event in the Wetlands Center in J. F. Gregory Park on May 4, 2016.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the request by Tiffany Wingert to serve beer and wine only at a Hail and Farewell event in the Wetlands Center at J. F. Gregory Park, on May 4th, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fesperman. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Murphy, and Bass.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Carpenter stated that our friends at The Ford Plantation, along with GA Game Changers are having a Tour De Ford, a 10 mile inaugural race. This will be held at The Ford Plantation, Saturday August 13th beginning at 8:00 a.m. The proceeds will benefit the Richmond Hill Historical Society and Mayor Harold (Speed Lightning) Fowler will lead off the runners. Mayor Fowler noted that said "Lead Off, not finish".

City Manager Lovell noted the National Day of Prayer will be held this Thursday, May 5th, here at City Hall beginning at 12:00 noon. Mayor Fowler added it would be held at the Bryan County Annex at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to take a recess for refreshments only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Murphy, Carpenter, Bass and Fesperman.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P. M. in a motion by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Fesperman, Carpenter, Bass and Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blankenship
Asst. City Clerk

