

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

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

Presentation of Ford Ave. Property Master Plan on June 21st @ 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall

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*; ; Scott Allison, *Director of Planning & Zoning*; Randy Dykes, *Asst. Planning & Zoning Director*; Mark Long, *Code Enforcement Officer*; Bob Whitmarsh, *Finance Director*; Jason Sakelarios, *Police Captain*; David Williams, *Fire Marshall*

Visitors: Jamie Parker, Darryl Petermann, JoClaire Hickson, Courtney Ainsworth, Tom Sawyer, John Reynolds, Kate Barker, Jennifer Durham, Robert Flanders, John Davenport, Hongju Cao, Rick Wissmach, Steve Myers, Richard Flanders, Stephanie Dammer, K. DePlacito, Cleveland Critton, John Hart

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

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting **June 7, 2016**

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the June 7, 2016 City Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

Swearing In of Ethics Committee: Tom Sawyer

Mayor Fowler called Mr. Tom Sawyer forward to take Oath of Ethics Committee Member as follows:

OATH OF AN ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER

I, Tom Sawyer, do solemnly swear or affirm that:

I will faithfully execute the office of an Ethic Committee Member of the City of Richmond Hill, and to the best of my ability support and defend the Constitution of Georgia, and the Charter, ordinances, and regulations of the city of Richmond Hill;

Tom Sawyer

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 21st day of
June, 2016

Mayor Fowler thanked Mr. Sawyer for donating his time and service.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration and Personnel: Linda Blankenship

Nothing to report.

Public Safety:

Police Department: Chief Billy Reynolds

1. Monthly Report. Captain Sakelarios reported to Council that Officer Ward and the other folks that were in the accident the other night are doing well.

Fire Department: Ralph Catlett

1. Monthly Report. Captain Williams was present to answer any questions.

Public Works: Charles Heino, Enviroworx

1. Monthly Report

Parks, Recreation and Culture: Harvey Lashley

Nothing to report.

Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement: Scott Allison

1. Approval/Disapproval of a petition filed by **Hongju International and Drew Davenport** requesting a conditional use permit to allow a massage therapy clinic in a C-2 Downtown Commercial zoning district. The property location for this request is 10275 Ford Avenue Unit B. Map 0531, Parcel 073. Mr. Allison stated it's located behind the Remax Building. A Public Hearing was held and no one spoke against use.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the petition filed by Hongju International and Drew Davenport requesting a conditional use permit to allow a massage therapy clinic in a C-2 Downtown Commercial zoning district. The property location for this request is 10275 Ford Avenue Unit B. Map 0531, Parcel 073. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

2. Approval/Disapproval of building elevations for **Port Royal Apartments Clubhouse** located on the north side of Port Royal Road between Sterling Links Way and Harris Trail with Map and Parcel numbers 055-005-004 and 0524-086-18. Mr. Allison told Council that item's 2 & 3 were interrelated. Mr. Allison told Council that it had some Ford Era design.

Councilmember Bass asked if the clubhouse was going to have a restaurant and commented that it was a beautiful building.

Mr. Rick Wissmach stated the front part would consist of three offices, the center is a Great room, and in the back is a fitness area. Next to that is a game room that would have a kitchen and there would also be some covered cabanas on the outside. Councilmember Bass thanked Mr. Wissmach.

Councilmember Carpenter commented that he really liked the Ford element. Mayor Fowler thanked Mr. Wissmach and his group for all the effort they had put into the design.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the building elevations for Port Royal Apartments Clubhouse located on the north side of Port Royal Road between Sterling Links Way and Harris Trail with Map and Parcel numbers 055-005-004 and 0524-086-18. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

3. Approval/Disapproval of revised building elevations for **Port Royal Apartments** located on the north side of Port Royal Road between Sterling Links Way and Harris Trail with Map and Parcel numbers 055-005-004 and 0524-086-18. Mr. Allison stated this is a proposed revision.

Mr. Wissmach stated that once the clubhouse had been designed they had decided to incorporate some of those designs into the apartments. If you notice they now have porches on the back to view the golf course. Now they look more like a Plantation house and keeping the exterior design the same, which ties in more with the clubhouse.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the revised building elevations for Port Royal Apartments located on the north side of Port Royal Road between Sterling Links Way and Harris Trail with Map and Parcel numbers 055-005-004 and 0524-086-18. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

Councilmember Murphy commented that it's a great feeling to see how far you had come and what a great project it had become for the community. Councilmember Murphy stated he wanted to compliment everyone for what a great job they had done.

Councilmember Murphy asked about toning the white down to some of the earth tone pallets to blend in from the golf course side. Mr. Wissmach stated they would work with the staff on that.

Mayor Fowler and Council thanked Mr. Wissmach.

4. Code Enforcement Monthly Report submitted.

Finance Department: Bob Whitmarsh

1. Approve/Disapprove Financial Report for April/May, 2016. Mr. Whitmarsh stated the city was at 60% of its predicted revenue for five months and is expecting some larger revenue

items to be coming in.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the Financial Report for April. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the Financial Report for May. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval/Disapproval of proposed "Homeless" Policy. Mr. Lovell stated the Policy stays the same but the Ordinance did have some changes and that was to allow Council to approve/disapprove some of the items such as camping due to the 187 acres in which possibly as example a Boy Scout group would like to have a camp out.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the proposed "Homeless" Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

2. Approval/Disapproval of proposed Ordinance regarding Urban Camping and Other Improper Uses of Public Places Within the City

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance regarding Urban Camping and Other Improper Uses of Public Places within the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

CITY MANAGER TOPICS: Chris Lovell

Mr. Lovell stated this item had been pulled from agenda.

1. Approval/Disapproval of Job Descriptions for the City Manager, Finance Director, City Clerk, Executive Assistant, Utility Billing Technician II, and Customer Service Representative

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Carpenter thanked EOM for their ongoing efforts to control the rain flooding in White Oak.

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 8:03 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

