

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

Tuesday, July 5, 2016
7:30 P.M.

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*; Jason Sakelarios, *Police Captain*; Charlie Heino, *EOM*; Harvey Lashley, *Park & Tree Director*

Visitors: Jamie Parker, Ron & Sandra Elliott, Billy Albritton, Charles Way, Lance Cooper, Sue Hopfensperger

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.

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting **June 21, 2016**

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 City Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

Presentation and award of FEMA Community Rating System designation by Sue Hopfensperger of the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO)

Mayor Fowler introduced Ms. Hopfensperger

Ms. Hopfensperger explained that by the City of Richmond Hill volunteering to participate in FEMA'S Community Rating System, policyholders who have Flood insurance in the city can expect to save about \$120.00 a year. This is a 15% reduction and is due to the efforts by city staff to proactively reduce flood risk beyond FEMA'S minimum requirements. Ms. Hopfensperger presented Mayor Fowler with a plaque for the city's achievement in obtaining the ISO rating of Class 7.

Mayor Fowler thanked Ms. Hopfensperger and also city staff Scott Allison and Randy Dykes for working so hard.

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. Approval/Disapproval of a request by **Gerald R. Hynko** of Redeemed Restoration Company for a Home Occupation to be located at 197 Lewis Drive. Mr. Allison stated Mr. Hynko would be doing furniture repair, and artwork sales. There would probably be a once a week delivery.

Councilmember Murphy asked if there would be any late night noise with machines. Mr. Allison stated it would fall under the Noise Ordinance and they would get with Mr. Hynko to explain it.

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the request by Gerald R. Hynko of Redeemed Restoration Company for a Home Occupation to be located at 197 Lewis Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

2. Approval/Disapproval of site plan for **Burger King** to located at 4414 US Hwy 17 and zoned C-4 Interchange Commercial. Map 0473 Parcel 005. Mr. Allison stated the next two items are related; this would be located by McDonalds at Highway 17 & I-95. They have accommodated for a landscape plan that will come back before council. They do have room for overflow parking. Mr. Cooper is present to answer any questions.

Mr. Lance Cooper came forward to answer any questions Council may have. Councilmember Murphy stated that he would like to see any trees saved if possible and maybe even consider putting a bench under the tree. Councilmember Murphy also asked about opening date. Mr. Cooper replied they would open tomorrow if possible but stated he was not sure. There was a brief discussion about lighting for the overflow parking.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the request of site plan for Burger King to be located at 4414 US Hwy 17 and zoned C-4 Interchange Commercial. Map 0473 Parcel 005. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

3. Approval/Disapproval of building elevations for **Burger King** to be located at 4414 US Hwy 17 and zoned C-4 Interchange Commercial. Map 0473 Parcel 005. Mr. Allison stated the brick would be tan and the stucco is a brownish color with a lighter color tile at the top.

Councilmember Carpenter asked how close is the tan brick to Savannah Grey. Mr. Allison stated it was hard to say without actually seeing it. Councilmember Murphy asked Mr. Cooper if they would consider using the Savannah Grey. Mr. Cooper stated he would relay that back to them.

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve building elevations for Burger King to be located at 4414 US Hwy 17 and zoned C-4 Interchange Commercial. Map 0473 Parcel 005. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

4. Approval/Disapproval of the request by **Simcoe at Creekside, LLC** for Final Plat for Creekside Phase V-B located off of Brisbon Road. Mr. Allison stated everything had been done for the final plat approval. Mr. Mowry was present for any questions.

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the request by Simcoe at Creekside, LLC for Final Plat for Creekside Phase V-B located off of Brisbon Road. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, Bass and Murphy.

5. Approval/Disapproval of the request by **C'Mere, LLC** for Final Plat for Plantation Village to be located off of HWY 144 between Magnolia Manor and Holly Hill Road.

Councilmember Murphy recused himself. Mr. Allison stated this is Final Plat approval, lot 3 is the 51 acres that the city purchased. This plat is mainly to get the lots sold.

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the request by C'Mere, LLC for Final Plat for Plantation Village to be located off of HWY 144 between Magnolia Manor and Holly Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Carpenter, Fesperman, and Bass.

Councilmember Murphy rejoined meeting.

Finance Department: Bob Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh stated that he would soon be putting City Digest in Council's mailbox.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER TOPICS: Chris Lovell

1. City Council Appointment of Resident to the Richmond Hill Planning Commission. Mayor Fowler stated they had a vacant seat on the Planning Commission and he had a couple of names. Mayor Fowler stated that when he called out the names he would like a show of hands from council on who they would like to appoint. Mayor Fowler called out

Mr. Ron Elliott. Mr. Elliott was approved unanimously. Mayor and Council stated they would like to thank everyone who donates their time and service for the betterment of the community.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Carpenter stated he would like to thank several departments for the great jobs they do. Harvey and his department for the park, it looked better than it ever has; Linda and her committee for the great job they did with the July 4th event; Charlie and EOM for the great job they do with the medians down Highway 17.

Mayor Fowler stated he agreed as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P. M. in a motion by Councilmember Carpenter. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bass. Motion carried in the affirmative by Councilmembers Fesperman, Carpenter, Bass and Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blankenship
Asst. City Clerk

