



**CITY OF RICHMOND HILL
WORKSHOP OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020
5:30 PM**

Present from City Council: Russ Carpenter, *Mayor*; *Councilmembers:* Kristi Cox, Mark Ott, Steve Scholar, and Robbie Ward

Staff Present: Chris Lovell, *City Manager*; Dawnne Greene, *City Clerk*; Bob Whitmarsh, *Finance Director*

WORKSHOP AGENDA

The Mayor and City Council met on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 to discuss the following topics:

1. Potential Agenda Items
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Councilmember Requests for Future Meetings
5. Communications

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

Before potential agenda items were discussed, Chris Lovell (City Manager) briefly addressed the city's tax digest. Council asked if educational information about the millage rate could be published on the city's Facebook page prior to the upcoming public hearings. Dawnne Greene (City Clerk) stated that an educational piece would be published. Councilmember Cox inquired about the dates of the upcoming public hearings. Mrs. Greene stated that the meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 11:30 AM and Tuesday, August 4th at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Lovell discussed financing options for the city's excavator purchase. He stated that the best financing package was offered through South State Bank, and he would be providing Council with more detailed information before the next meeting.

Mr. Lovell provided council with an update on the plans for the city's new fire station. He stated that staff intends to bring site plans to Council in September. Councilmember Cox voiced her concern about the city using a mobile home at the fire station site when there is a city ordinance prohibiting mobile homes within city limits. Mr. Lovell stated that he would investigate and discuss with Scott Allison, Assistant City Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lovell reviewed the need to replace two of the city's F-150s. He stated that the repair cost for the vehicles exceeds their value, and the city will continue to borrow two vehicles from EOM until the purchases are approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lovell announced that Memorial Health has submitted an application to annex the property on Port Royal Road. Mr. Lovell stated that the agenda item for the August meeting will be accepting the application. The first reading of the annexation application will occur at the September council meeting. Councilmember Ott voiced his concern for the speed at which the application is progressing. Mr. Lovell stated that he would pass along any concerns to Memorial Health and do his best to get answers to Councilmember Ott's questions.

Mr. Lovell presented Council with a zoning variance request for the property located at 216 Waverly Lane.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mayor Carpenter asked Council about their opinions regarding the timeline for submitting workshop agenda requests to staff. Council concluded that the staff should receive at least two weeks' notice for any request.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Scholar inquired about the status of the Boles Park renovations. Mayor Carpenter stated that work is expected to begin within the next few days.

Councilmember Cox inquired about the Richmond Heights drainage project. Mr. Lovell stated that the city did not receive any bids for the drainage repair, and the city will have to re-bid the project.

Mayor Carpenter asked staff about the new bulk trash pickup dates. Mrs. Greene stated that bulk trash pickup will occur on October 5th, 7th, and 9th.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawnne Greene
City Clerk