

**Rivergrove City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2019**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at River Grove Elementary School at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Heather Kibbey, Council President Arne Nyberg, and Councilors Carolyn Bahrman, Brenda Ruble, and Bill Tuttle were present. City Recorder Leanne Moll declared a quorum.

Councilor Nyberg asked to share a final Park update. He noted that he planted a 17' tall willow oak in honor of his granddaughter. He also explained that a portion of a corkscrew willow in Lloyd Minor Park fell on a home on Tualamere Avenue earlier in the day. City Arborist Brian French pruned the tree and cleared the site. Council will need to make a long-term care plan for all of the corkscrew willows in Lloyd Minor Park. Councilor Nyberg also shared that he is working on a replacement for the unsteady bench in Lloyd Minor Park.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Minutes from the December 10, 2018 City Council Meeting**

**Motion:** Councilor Tuttle moved to accept the November 14, 2018 minutes with the following amendments. Councilor Nyberg **seconded** the motion. **It passed 5-0.**

1. Page 1, Section 2, Paragraph 2 to read: "... the Tree Ordinance is an interesting case..." and later "... Councilors who have trees on their property and are not sure if they will be affected..."
2. Page 2, Ms. Mann's Testimony to read: "...the Planning Commission's recommendation..."
3. Page 5, paragraph 2 to read: "...the developer of Beacons Riversedge Woods removed all the trees..."

**2. Financials – December 2018**

**Motion:** Councilor Ruble moved to accept the December 2018 financials as presented. Councilor Nyberg **seconded** the motion. **It passed 5-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members**

Outgoing Councilor Carolyn Bahrman, Councilor Arne Nyberg, and Mayor Heather Kibbey were recognized for their service to the City.

**2. Swearing-in of New Council Members**

Mayor Kibbey swore in David Pierce, Jeff Williams, and Walt Williams to Council.

**3. Election of Mayor and Council President**

**Motion:** Councilor J. Williams **moved** to nominate Councilor W. Williams for Mayor; Councilor Ruble **seconded** the Motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** The gavel was passed to Mr. W. Williams.

**Motion:** Mayor W. Williams nominated Councilor Ruble to be Council President. Councilor J. Williams **seconded** the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Since Mayor W. Williams and Councilor Pierce have an equal number of votes, Council will decide their term limits at the Wednesday, February 4, 2019 meeting.

#### **4. Committee Appointments**

Councilor J. Williams will take over the Transportation Committee and Councilor Pierce will be in charge of the Parks and Open Spaces.

#### **5. 2018-19 Goals**

Council postponed their discussion of the 2019 Council Goals until the Wednesday, February 6, 2019 Council meeting.

#### **6. Resolution 260-2019: Establishing the Planning Commission as the Tree Board.**

There was no discussion on the motion. It was noted that the correct Resolution Number is Resolution 260-2019.

**Motion:** Mayor Williams **moved** to pass Resolution 260-2019, which establishes the Planning Commission as the community Tree Board. **Seconded:** Councilor Ruble. **Motion passed 5-0.** Williams moved; Ruble seconded

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

City Recorder Leanne Moll explained that the City received many complaints about a tall play structure at 5775 Dogwood Drive. Ms. Moll confirmed that that structure will need a building permit from the county, even if it is lowered to 20' or below in height. Ms. Moll also noted that the City had received several tree removal permits. Ordinance 89-2018 passed in December.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Transportation**

##### **2. Parks**

City Recorder Leanne Moll explained that City Arborist Brian French recommended that the corkscrew willow trees in Lloyd Minor Park be removed. Council will need to make a decision for the removal or the long-term care of the corkscrew willows.

##### **3. Giving**

Councilor Ruble explained the changes she envisions for the Giving Program in 2019.

#### **COUNCILORS' AND CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS**

City Recorder Leanne Moll announced that the City has received a letter from **three** residents that is prefatory to requesting an LCDC enforcement action. The residents are arguing that the final tree code, as adopted by the Council, was very different than the one reviewed by the Planning Commission and, therefore, it violated the citizen involvement process. City Staff is working on a response to these residents and Council has sixty days to respond to the complaint. This item will be on the next City Council agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilor J. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded** by Councilor Tuttle.

The **motion passed 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Moll  
City Manager/City Recorder