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TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, 2017. NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR BENTON, COUNCILOR BALDERAS ALONG WITH INCUMBENT COUNCILOR BARTA SWEAR INTO OFFICE.

Ms. Lorene Lindsey, a Rosenberg resident, long-time animal advocate, and Treasurer of Fort Bend Pets Alive!, congratulated and welcomed new leadership in the City of Rosenberg at City Hall along with 150 other attendees. In her speech, Lindsey told the council, "I believe with new leadership, there comes new ideas, new energy, new dreams, and new hopes. And hopefully, some new opened hearts."

Ms. Lindsey referred to the high-kill animal shelter in the City of Rosenberg that is in dire need of attention. Ms. Lindsey sincerely invites every city official to meet with animal lovers who care and who are willing to help by implementing modern life-saving solutions that are proven to work. Some of these life-saving solutions have been effective in many communities all over the nation, and they will cost the city and taxpayers *zero* dollars.

Newly-elected William Benton makes it very clear in different speeches that the council will not deter anyone who wishes to speak in the "General Comments From the Audience" portion, which is scheduled to take place immediately after announcements and before "Consent Agenda." He insists the "General Comment From the Audience" portion will remain at the beginning of the meeting and not be pushed to the end of "Regular Agenda" items, a move that in the past has significantly hindered public discourse with delays. Mayor Benton encourages the public to engage and voice their opinions. He emphasizes the council will be receiving updates at Council Workshop meetings held every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6PM. He is interested to know the figures documented in monthly reports and the euthanasia rates in particular. Mayor Benton invites the public to sit in monthly Council Workshop meetings as well.

The new tone under new leadership grabs our attention, but *change in action* is what the public is eager to see. The City of Rosenberg is in a poised position to make a comeback by regaining the no-kill status it achieved in April 2016.

Fort Bend Pets Alive!'s offer to complement the life-saving transformation still stands. Ms. Lindsey advised the council, "You (the City Council) just have to want it. You (the City Council) could do it tomorrow if you wanted it."

**"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by
how its animals are treated."
~Mahatma Gandhi**

About Fort Bend County Pets Alive! FORT BEND PETS ALIVE! is a non-profit, 501(C)3 organization, dedicated to help make Fort Bend a no kill community through promoting programs such as adoptions, education and community outreach, low cost spay and neuter surgeries, fostering, Positive Alternatives to Shelter Surrender (PASS), and promote rescuing from euthanasia list.

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