

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 9th, 2016

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of May 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

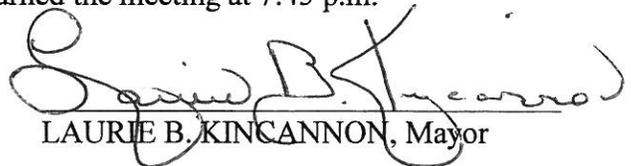
1. INVOCATION & PLEDGE. Invocation was given by Alderman Walker.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Biedenfeld, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Maynor and Walker.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Olson.
 - Absent: Mayor Kincannon.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and Beidenfeld reported on the flower boxes placed in the downtown business area by Columbia Blooms. Tindol thanked the city workers for their help with the San Jacinto Festival. Walker gave a report on National Day of Prayer and the upcoming Columbia United. Kincannon read a proclamation for Hurricane Awareness Week. Alderman Biedenfeld read a proclamation for EMS Week and Alderman Walker read a proclamation for Police Week.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mrs. Alma Spears of 338 Bennett commented on a recent fire and the fire hydrants in her area not functioning. It was discussed that CDBG project contractor was to repair 9 hydrants throughout the city within a 6 week period. City Engineer, David Sheblak, stated that he would request a halt to the construction timeline for the repairs to be made immediately. David Linder, County Commissioner Pct. 4, addressed council and the citizens present to convey his appreciation for letting him be their representative.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – Get 'n Go property has sold so the Well No. 4 transmission line easement was redone. Documents are being submitted for the USRDA grant application and a public hearing will be scheduled. * TxDOT sidewalk project has been awarded to Fuqua Construction Co. for \$741,699.95 and there is a 60 day waiting period before work authorization that TxDOT is trying to get waived. Highway 36 project Kick-off meeting is scheduled for May 25th. * Bob Wright buildings in the 500 Block of E. Brazos will undergo a voluntary demolition authorization and liens will be placed on the properties. * WWTP received minimal damage due to the recent flooding. Plant Supervisor is in contact with TCEQ regarding the flow exceeding the permit limits. * Street resurfacing and pothole repair list has been submitted to County Engineer for assessment. Sewer lines in the Woodbine/Dyson area are scheduled to be televised soon and it may be the next area for CDBG funding. Lamar Street is closed to through traffic until a leak can be repaired. * City pool has been replastered and will open at the end of school. * Goal setting budget workshop is scheduled for May 16th at 7p.m. and city offices will be closed May 30th for Memorial Day Holiday.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S).
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - F. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - H. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD'S FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. Application were submitted in Council's packet.

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Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve all consent agenda reports and items including the approval of HOT funding for Chamber in the amount of \$564.53, First Capitol Historical Foundation for \$2,807.59, and the City for \$11,409.92. All voted Aye.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. DELINQUENT TAX AND COURT FINE/FEES COLLECTION REPORT – MIKE DARLOW, ATTORNEY FOR PERDUE, BANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP. Mike Darlow reported that the largest property on the tax roll had been appointed a receiver, an offer was made and countered and he is hoping for a sale in late June to get it back on the tax roll. He distributed reports showing outstanding delinquent taxes due/collected and also reported that pink cards had been mailed out on all outstanding court collections due.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT TO UTILITY ACCOUNT – 1302 S. COLUMBIA DRIVE: Mrs. Humbird, the property owner was present to state she had a leak outside and at the toilet. She had made the repairs and submitted receipts. Walker made motion to forgive suspended amount of \$341.70. Tindol seconded motion and all voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT TO UTILITY ACCOUNT – 1116 DYSON: The property owner was present to explain that he had inherited the property upon his father's death and does not live in the home. He discovered a broken toilet and submitted receipts of repair. Walker made motion to forgive the suspended amount of \$593.74. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER TAX RESALE PROPERTY KNOWN AS LINCOLN HEIGHTS (A0040 JH BELL DIV 8)(WEST COLUMBIA), BLOCK 3, LOT 1-2, ACRES .1905 BY NEXT LOTS NOW, LLC.: City staff had brought to the attention of Mike Darlow and Ro'Vin Garrett's office that there was an outstanding demolition lien on this property in the amount of \$3600 plus accrued interest. Darlow reported that it was filed after the sheriff's sale and recommended options for the city if the offer is rejected. It was suggested that the lien could be handled at the time of sale once property is "flipped". Walker made motion to approve the offer of \$2731.66 to get the property back on the tax roll. Tindol seconded motion and all voted Aye.
 - D. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL ORDINANCE: Walker reported that a citizen's dogs that had previously been tethered within their fenced yard had received injuries trying to escape the fencing once they were unchained to meet the new no-tethering law. He recommended to amend the ordinance to allow for tethering those animals that would be within a fence, but whose health and safety would be at risk. City Attorney Olson questioned the enforcement of the ordinance under these circumstances and stated he would confer with the police chief on the matter and bring back some more appropriate legal options for council's consideration. No action taken.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Pro-Tem Biedenfeld adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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