

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2017

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 13th day of February 2017, 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 Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld. Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney David Olson.
 - Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and welcomed them to the meeting. No presentations were given.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Kincannon limited comments to 3 minutes instead of the usual 5 minutes due to the lengthy agenda and number of citizens for public comments. * Paula Raeke of 903 Loggins commented that she would like to see a sidewalk be installed along Texaco from Gray St. to Loggins where the children walk to and from the Elementary school. She is concerned about their safety and is willing to help with a survey of the number of walkers there are and in writing grants to help with funding. She was asked to make her concerns known to the school board, also. * Tempe Pell of Columbia Lakes read a prepared statement regarding Columbia Blooms' desire to continue plans to beautify the city. * Sandy Hurst of 205 River Glen Drive discussed the economic impact of landscaping and noted that it reduces crime rate, increases land value, tax revenue generation, and encourages tourism. She stated that council needs to be informed to make decisions. * Commissioner David Linder commented that he has been honored to represent the city and thanked council for their hard work. * Bruce Shoemaker of 646 South St. commented that he was against the replanting of the Capitol of Texas Park and thought it looked neat and maintained in its current state.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – * The city engineer's report on Well No. 4 was distributed for review. * The TxDOT Sidewalk project is moving along and citizens have already started using them in the areas that are completed. Local businesses and residents along Hwy 36 are meeting with representatives regarding right-of-way acquisitions and some are planning relocations. * Public Works crew have begun patching potholes, the list of street resurfacing has been submitted to the county and Commission Linder was asked to provide more material for the pothole patching machine. * VCUD contract is due to expire in November and Kincannon appointed Walker and Biedenfeld to meet with VCUD representatives to review and propose a new contract. * The house on Snow has been demolished and the old Post Office building has begun being brought up to code. * Animal Control Officer, Dale Miller is retiring just shy of 25 years of service. * City offices will be closed February 20th in honor of Presidents Day. * March 7th is Brazoria County Day in Austin.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S). Minutes were submitted in Council packet.
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT. Reports were

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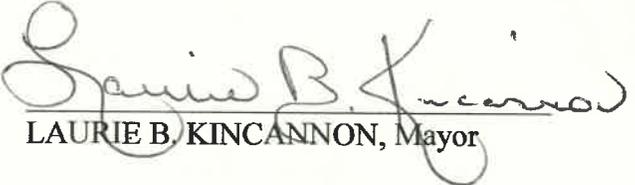
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- submitted in Council packet.
- D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Reports have not been submitted to date.
 - F. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - G. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
- Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to approve all consent agenda reports submitted. All voted Aye.
- 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
 - 8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COLUMBIA BLOOMS PROPOSAL: Walker reported that in response to council approving Columbia Blooms proposal for a butterfly garden at the Capitol of Texas Park, there was lots of feedback from both citizens and the press to keep it as is. Walker then made a motion that was seconded by Maynor to make no changes to Capitol of Texas Park. Upon discussion, Biedenfeld recommended compromising by assigning another location for their project of which no one stated opposition. Kincannon stated that however vote goes, she will work to find a more suitable location. All voted Aye.
 - 9. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. CONSIDER SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY ON W. BERNARD ST. BY MOHAMMED HOSSAIN, OWNER: Attorney David Olson advised to table until plat has been submitted by property owner. No action taken.
 - B. CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD BYLAWS REVISION: The Parks board voted to hold their regular meetings the third Tuesday of odd-numbered months and the revision to the bylaws must be ratified by council. Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to approve the revision. All voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING EDC LA CASONA RESTAURANT PROJECT: Biedenfeld commented that the language in the La Casona purchase agreement was an improvement over that with Stripes to the city's benefit. Walker made a motion to approve EDC Resolution No. 476 authorizing the EDC La Casona Restaurant Project and adopt council Resolution No. 477 and two public readings. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted Aye. First reading was at this meeting and the second reading is scheduled for February 21st at 7:05 p.m. following the EDC public hearing.
 - D. CONSIDER 2016/17 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR STREET REPAIR: Sutherland reported that although the estimate for the post-water line repair of Lamar Street was under her spending limit it had not been a budgeted item. The budget adjustment is required to be brought to council for approval. Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Thomas to approve budget amendment of \$24,950 for street repairs. All voting Aye.
 - E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING ZION TOWNHOMES PROJECT: Mr. Worley of The Worley Company and Randy Rogers, builder of the Zion Townhomes project were present to address council and distributed plans and façade photos. It was discussed that residential projects are not eligible for 4B Sales Tax funding from the EDC. There are 18 townhomes proposed by 3 units of 6 each and they should not have a large

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- impact on infrastructure costs. This action item will be brought back before council upon completion of written details and resolution per advice of Attorney David Olson.
- F. CONSIDER VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Supervisor, Matthew Fisher reported that the current F450 that is the only vehicle capable of hauling the gooseneck flatbed trailer that transports larger equipment is there is no back up once it goes down for repairs. Estimates for a 2017 Dodge chasis and separate bed were discussed. Walker and Tindol agreed that this purchase could be postponed. Walker made motion to postpone until the next budget cycle or until the actual need arises. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER CREATING FULL-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION: The growing workload created by new development was discussed. Delay issues including those created by TxDOT regulations were discussed. Walker recommended waiting until a new budget cycle and didn't feel a full-time position was needed yet. Sutherland rebutted by reporting on the current specific needs. Inspector Terry Elliott reported on the actual time involved that projects take and offered to meet with Walker one on one to discuss topic further. Maynor suggested a part-time contracted inspector to help alleviate the workload in the interim. It was discussed that other West of the Brazos cities were seeing the same issues with Brazoria's inspector offering some help where needed, but all have other full-time duties. Maynor stated to get the ball rolling to get Elliott some help. Attorney Olson will discuss options with city manager at a later date. Tindol requested an estimate for an independent contractor be submitted for the March meeting.
- H. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY TO CONDUCT CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION: Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Tindol to approve the agreement with Brazoria County to conduct the city's 2017 General Election. All voted Aye.
- I. CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING CITY ELECTION: Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Tindol to adopt Resolution No. 478 calling the city's 2017 General Election. All voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary