

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 14TH, 2018

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 14th day of May, 2018 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 congratulated the incumbents on their re-election and presented Police Week Proclamation to Assistant Chief Dvorak and Officers Progress, Harwell, and Nash. Dvorak then presented a Lifesaving Award to Officer Harwell for his brave act of rescuing a passenger from a burning vehicle after a recent automobile accident. Biedenfeld reported on scheduling a court safety meeting, early voting for run-off election, and support of Houston Rockets against Golden State Warriors. Tourism/EDC Director Chris McCann was announced as Employee of the Month.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – *Public Works completed Rev. Swinney area sewer line replacement project and cleaned ditches. South half of Gray/Loggins area sewer line project will be completed in a week or so. * CDBG project is being reviewed for re-bids as the pipe-bursting method didn't meet the standards for the area's slope. The method necessary will be more costly than the grant funds awarded, but the balance could be paid from Capital Improvement funds. * The city has changed its electrical provider from Hudson to Cirro and rates per kilowatt have dropped from .05760 to .03880 for all city accounts. * FEMA status report was given for the Hurricane Harvey flood event stating that five of seven projects have been completed with a total of \$576,175 expended. * Budget Workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 21st and re-elected incumbents will be sworn in. * The City is hosting the county-wide Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 10th. * City offices will be closed for Memorial Day Holiday on May 28th.
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 REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. November 2017 through March 2018 reports were submitted in Council packet
 - F. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 Motion was made by Beidenfeld and seconded by Tindol to approve all consent agenda reports. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.

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8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGULATING MURALS: It was discussed that murals would be regulated by the property owner deeming it a mural or a sign. If it is deemed a mural, it must be registered. Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Thomas to adopt Ordinance No. 658 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE VI ("SPECIFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS") OF CHAPTER 16A ("SIGN GUIDELINES") TO ADD A NEW SECTION 16A-42 ("MURALS") OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR MURALS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted Aye.

- B. CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE REGULATING PLUMBING CROSS-CONNECTION PROGRAM: It was discussed that the cross-connection program protects the city's drinking water from backflow. The amended regulation places the burden on property owners. Biedenfeld made motion that was seconded by Tindol to adopt Ordinance No. 659 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 4, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, BY ADDING LOCAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING AND RESIDENTIAL CODES RELATING TO BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING PROGRAM CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY UP TO \$2,000 PER OCCURANCE; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted Aye.

- C. CONSIDER ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES: This item was tabled.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CANVASS ELECTION: Results of the City's 2018 General Election were discussed with incumbent's Kincannon, Tindol, and Biedenfeld being successfully re-elected to their positions. Walker made motion to accept the election results. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SUSPENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT PROPOSED GAS RATE INCREASE: It was discussed that by suspending the effective date of the proposed gas rate increase the city retains original control over rates for an additional 45 days. Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Tindol to adopt

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Resolution No. 497 suspending the effective date of CenterPoint proposed gas rate increase. All Voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary