

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 23rd day of July, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. Tindol were absent.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING(S):**
 - A.) **VACATING, ABANDONING, AND CLOSING A STREET EASEMENT ON JACKSON ST. AND EXECUTING A QUITCLAIM DEED WITH JOAO AND MARGARET GODINHO** – Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:07 PM. Mr. and Mrs. Godinho were present. With no public comments being made, Kincannon closed the public hearing and reconvened the open meeting to address Agenda Item No. 3.
 - B.) **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018/19 FISCAL YEAR** - Kincannon again closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:15 PM. With no public comments being made, Kincannon closed the public hearing and reconvened the open meeting at 7:16 PM.
3. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE ABANDONING STREET EASEMENT AND EXECUTING QUITCLAIM DEED WITH JOAO AND MARGARET GODINHO:** It was discussed that the city's water/sewer lines would be capped at the property line. Only fees would be tap fees if they request to tie into the sewer line at a future date for pool drainage. Motion was made by Walker, contingent upon financial obligation being met, to adopt Ordinance No. 661 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO LONGER REQUIRE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF JACKSON STREET IN COLUMBIA OUTLOT NUMBER 99 IN THE J.H. BELL 1-1/2 LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT 40, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS; VACATING, ABANDONING, AND CLOSING SAID PORTION OF STREET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY SECRETARY TO ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING SAID ABANDONED PORTION OF STREET EASEMENT TO JOAO GODINHO; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CODE PROVISIONS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND/OR INFORMAL POLICIES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Biedenfeld seconded the motion and all voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. **BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Topics discussed were the need for two vehicles in Public Works and the Police Department working on funding some items this year to clear up funding for vehicles in next fiscal year. Sutherland gave a report of budget distribution ratios with General Fund making up 55% and Utility 34% of overall budget. An inquiry as to what type of debt qualifies for Debt Service was responded to that only that debt which goes to the voters, not loans. Revenues were discussed with possible increases proposed for Varner Creek Charges, RV fees and Utility Rates. Sutherland stated that the reimbursement of Sales Tax revenue received in error would be paid off in September of 2019. Grant revenue report had \$965,556 in CDBG funds over the past ten years, \$745,028 in TxDOT Sidewalk Grant funding and in excess of \$243,300 in Police Department grants since the hiring of Chief Odin.

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Department heads are researching what items/projects can be funded this year to alleviate the 2018/19 budget. The Fire Department's needs are leak repairs and 30 year old lighting upgrade. Options discussed were the Texas New Mexico Power and Texas Energy grants. The next meeting is August 13th and Walker requested a five year utility rate and CPI index analysis be prepared along with additional property tax information for discussion.

5. ADJOURN: Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary