

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2019

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 12th day of August, 2019 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 Tindol, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld.
 - Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Derra Purnell.
 - Absent: Alderman Tindol.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Kincannon recognized one of the Police Department Chaplains, Pastor Nate Bienhoff of Cornerstone Nazareth as being chosen as one of The Facts Unsung Heroes. * Police Chief Odin and volunteer, Clara Dannhaus Toney received recognition by Freeport Police Chief Garivey of Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Program Accreditation from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation. A very small percentage of police departments in Texas hold this recognition. * CBISD Superintendent Steve Galloway distributed information regarding the upcoming bond issue for the school district and stated that there would be rearrangement of all Pre-K classes to the Wild Peach campus and construction of a new wing at the Jr. High campus to house all 6th Grade.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Sheryl Davis addressed various issues from posting of annual audits and providing a visual tool for recycling options on the website to removal of demolition debris at 306 Jefferson. She also stated that she had begun a petition regarding flooding issues and suggested contracting with a parts dealer to help with junk car issues.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – Well 4 update was given stating all information has been submitted to TCEQ and are awaiting final approval. * WWTP permit expired June 30th and application is under TCEQ review. Public comment period is through September 13th. Manuel Espinoza has been promoted to plant supervisor and will test for his Class B Wastewater license later this month. Nick Hadjistavrou received his Class D License. * WCPD received the Texas Police Chief's Best Practice's Recognition and presentation will be made at August meeting. K-9 Officer Progress has completed training and the vehicle has a few adjustments to be made before being placed into service. Fundraiser for K-9 and Blue Santa was a success. The Dow Grant will fund solar speed limit signs around the school campuses and is being coordinated with the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project. * The City has executed the contract for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant and have been authorized to move forward with the project. * First Capitol Pool will close to the public on August 17th but Water Aerobics classes will continue into September. * City offices will be closed September 2nd for Labor Day.
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. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - F. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Report was not submitted in Council packet.

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G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.

H. Consider HOT Advisory Board Funding Recommendations.

Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to approve consent agenda reports that were submitted. He inquired about signage and Sutherland stated replacements were pending that normally are covered by HOT funds, but those funds have been short recently. All voted Aye.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER BUILDING PERMIT FEES: It was reported that new legislation forced changes to building permit fees for new residential structures to a per square foot calculation. It had been proposed to consider this for building permits for existing residential structures that didn't change the square footage. After monitoring the effect it would have on those permits, staff recommended a flat rate instead. Motion was made by Walker that was seconded by Biedenfeld to instate a \$20 flat fee plus \$20 fee per inspection on existing residential building permits that do not increase square footage by adopting Ordinance No. 670 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS
 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES
 APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ALL
 OTHER CONSTRUCTION PERMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION
 4-3, "PAYMENT OF FEES REQUIRED."

All voted Aye.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER BUILDING SET-BACK VARIANCE – 721 LOGGINS DR.: Kenny Stanford of 721 Loggins Dr. requested a variance to the set-back regulations for a shed he is building/relocating in his back yard. The structure will be 8' from back utility easement and 3' from the side of property. It was discussed that the variance would not be toward the utility easement in the back, but from the side property line encroachment and the neighbors had no objection. Motion was made by Tindol that was seconded by Walker to approve the set-back variance. All voted Aye.

B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT: It was discussed that the City's bank depository contract with Prosperity Bank would expire on September 30th. Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to authorize the advertisement of bids. All voted Aye. Biedenfeld requested the bid requirements be reviewed by the city attorney for any updates needed.

C. CONSIDER VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS: Sutherland reported that the current tax rate of \$.8200 would raise \$53,278 more tax revenue than the effective rate and the rate adopted could not be more than the proposed rate. It was also reported that the CPI increase is estimated at 1.6%. Walker made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$.82/\$100. Maynor seconded the motion. Walker, Maynor, Tindol and Biedenfeld voted Aye. Thomas was absent and Kincannon did not vote. Motion carried. Walker stated he would like to make it \$.81.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE WEST COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH ITS LEGAL COUNSEL: Kincannon closed the open meeting and Council entered into an executive session at 7:50 p.m. Kincannon then reconvened Council into an open meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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- E. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED SESSION: There was no action taken.
10. ADJOURN: Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary