

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, MARCH 11th, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 11th day of March, 2013, 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. Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Walker and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 - Absent: Alderman Schwebel.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon welcomed everyone and recognized unopposed council candidate for Alderman Position 3, Roy Maynor. Awards were presented to Capt. Darryl Tiner and Matthew Fisher (absent) for 5 years service. Walker commended the volunteers that installed park equipment at First Capitol Park provided by the Dow grant.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mr. Sam Stampert invited council to an Earth Day celebration at the library on April 27th.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that TxDOT has delayed the Highway 36 project until Fall to address detention issues; Playground equipment was installed at First Capitol Park with the help of more than 40 volunteers and equipment for Dixon Park is ready to be ordered with a grant balance of \$15,940; Capitol of Texas Park is being cleared and re-planted; An update of the seismic project was given; Capital Improvement Committee has begun review of RV regulations; WCPD reserve force were recognized; Columbia Lakes survey was completed and ready to distribute; and Brazoria County Days in Austin is scheduled for next week.
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. October and November Reports were submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve all items on the consent agenda. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER CONCEPT OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD: Walker recapped the sign ordinance regulations stating that it was expressly designed to prohibit signs of this nature from being within the city limits and felt there was nothing to be voted on. With Griggs agreeing, there was no action taken.
 - B. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR AERIAL SPRAYING: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve the agreement with Brazoria County Mosquito Control to continue aerial spraying. All voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER DISMISSAL OF UNCOLLECTABLE MUNICIPAL COURT FINES: Sutherland reported that municipal court cases from 2002 and prior had been pursued by

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all avenues and were deemed uncollectable and that council action was necessary for their dismissal. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Biedenfeld to dismiss all open cases from 2002 and prior. All voted Aye.

D. CONSIDER SETTING 2013/2014 BUDGET CALENDAR: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to approve the budget calendar for fiscal year 2013/2014. All voted Aye.

E. CONSIDER THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE OPEN POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE: Sutherland reported on various options for the hiring process of the position of Police Chief including hiring from within the department or having the Texas Association of Police Chiefs advertise and review applications for a \$600 fee. Also discussed was hiring a recruitment firm or appointing a local board. Biedenfeld suggested the salary review committee could review first submittals, but Walker opposed this stating he felt it would be bypassing council to do so. Thomas recommended that council review all applications. Biedenfeld made motion to have council review all applications submitted for position of Police Chief. After discussion of a specific time frame, he amended motion to place timeline of 60 days for open hiring process. Walker seconded amended motion. All voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary