

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2012

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of January 2012, 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 Pro Tem Walker, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, and Gilbert.
City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
Absent: Kincannon.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS:
 - Walker reported that the mayor was absent due to illness. He wished everyone a happy new year and announced the employees of the month for the month of December were Ron Thompson and Rafael Jimenez.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the Hwy 35 downtown sidewalk project; No update on the Hwy 36 overpass; Capitol of Texas Park ownership proposal was rejected by the Community Foundation Board; The county's street resurfacing project of last year's list will begin soon and materials are estimated at \$47,000; Mike Eulenfeld resigned as Fire Marshal and she will be taking nominations; The emergency siren is inoperable and is being replaced; Public hearings on the Westview annexation will be held January 17th and February 13th; A tree needs to be removed from Town Park behind the museum and there was an incident reported of a citizen tripping on the pavers in the pocket park although signage is posted at the back entry. Signage will be posted at the front entry as well. Council requested the Museum contract be reviewed at the February meeting; and city offices will be closed January 16th for MLK holiday.
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. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to approve all Consent Agenda items consisting of approval of all department reports. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE: Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Thomas and Ordinance No. 605 was duly adopted captioned as
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA,
TEXAS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE REVIEW OF ARTICLE II,
CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED
JUVENILE CURFEW, THE CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE THAT CURFEW AND THE
ACTION OF THE COUNCIL VOTING TO RATIFY, CONFIRM

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AND CONTINUE THAT CURFEW WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, REGULATING THE USE OF STREETS DURING CERTAIN NIGHTTIME HOURS, AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS SUCH AS PERMITS, REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS OR INFORMAL POLICIES OF THE CITY WHICH ARE IN ANY MANNER INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE CONSTITUTES A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted Aye.

- B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS ALONG S. 14TH STREET: Motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Schwebel and Ordinance No. 606 was duly adopted captioned as

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING THE LIST OF INTERSECTIONS TO BE CONTROLLED BY STOP SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-101 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA AND DIRECTING THAT THE LIST OF SUCH INTERSECTIONS ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY, ADDING STOP SIGNS ON 14TH STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH SWEENEY STREET, OPPOSING TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR POLICIES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Thomas, Schwebel, Gilbert and Walker voted Aye. Tindol voted Nay. Motioned carried.

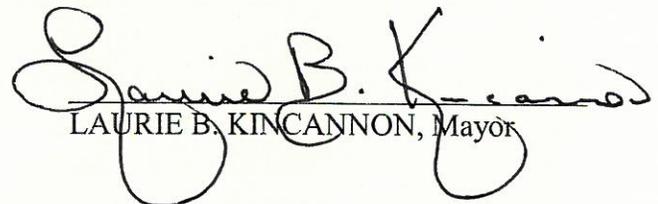
9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF EDC BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION – MR. CHARLES BENNETT: Sutherland reported that Mr. Bennett has purchased the old Carousel shopping center and the EDC has made the recommendation to fund his grant application in the amount of \$1,500.00 for façade improvements, \$300.00 for sign improvements and \$1,425.00 for property improvements. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas. All voted Aye.

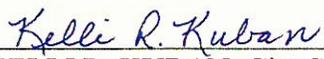
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- B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS: Sutherland reported that CDBG funds will pay for engineering fees but it is required to authorize advertising for proposals of which a firm will be selected at the February meeting. Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Thomas to advertise for proposals for engineering services. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO DISPLAY "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert to adopt resolution to display "In God We Trust" in council chambers. Schwebel made a motion to amend to delete wording regarding individual beliefs of members of council. There was no second to amend. All voted Aye to the original motion and Resolution No. 425 was duly adopted.
- D. CONSIDER SOFTBALL AGREEMENT: Sutherland reported that the softball agreement had been updated, but she had concerns regarding the WCGSA having custodial rights due to the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant funds received. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to table for further research on this issue. All voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Parks and Recreation Board has five terms expiring of which one member has resigned and all others are interested in serving another term. Motion was made by Schwebel and was seconded by Gilbert to appoint Liz Dodds to the vacant seat and re-appoint Tamara Tisdale, Charlie Singletary, Kevin Mahurin and Fannie Bellard. All voted Aye.
10. CLOSED MEETING –THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION OR A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 ENTITLED "OPEN MEETINGS" OF A TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AS FOLLOWS: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DELIBERATE THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: Mayor Kincannon closed the public meeting to enter into a closed session at 7:27 p.m and reconvened in public meeting at 7:48 p.m.
11. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED MEETING: Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Tindol to pay employee vacation hours subject to loss due to unforeseen circumstances. All voted Aye.
12. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary