

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14th, 2012

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 14th day of May, 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 after the meeting being called to order by Gilbert.
2. ROLL CALL. Kuban called the roll of the Council.
Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert. City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
Absent: City Secretary Kuban.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon presented Gilbert with a plaque in appreciation of his service on council and introduced newly elected Alderman von Biedenfeld. Walker also thanked Gilbert for his service. Kincannon then presented the Employee of the Month award to Ron Thompson.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Shirley Grice reported on children playing unattended on Long Street and requested something be done regarding the curfew or holding parents more accountable before a child is injured.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following topics: TxDOT updates, Highway 36 overpass, TNMP Agreement for Attachments to Distribution Structures; Emergency Siren, Columbia Museum Contract, Drainage, Streets, Waste Water, Application for Building Permits, Parks and Recreation events, condition of Replica and Float, Waste Connections route change and Budget.
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 Walker, seconded by Thomas and was duly adopted to approve all Consent Agenda items. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – MIKE DARLOW OF PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT, LLC: Attorney Mike Darlow presented report of delinquent ad valorem tax collections and municipal court warrant collections. No action necessary.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE ADDING YIELD SIGN AT E. BERNARD AND 14TH STREET: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Thomas. Accident history of intersection was discussed. Complaints and speeding traffic prompted the painting of the intersection. Walker, Thomas and Schwebel voted Aye. Gilbert and Tindol voted Nay. Motion carried.
 - B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE DESIGNATING BUSINESS HIGHWAY 35 BETWEEN BRAZOS AND S. COLUMBIA DRIVE AS NO THROUGH TRAFFIC: After a citizen's report of various issues of the trucking industry motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert to designate

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- South Business 35 as No Through Truck Traffic between Brazos and S. Columbia Drive. All voted Aye. Signs are to be placed at both ends of traffic.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. CONSIDER SET-BACK VARIANCE – MODERN NAILS BY VINCENT PHAM, OWNER: provide for the required set-back distance of 7.5' from each side property line. He requested a variance of 6.5' for one side and it was recommended by City Inspector Terry Elliott to grant. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to grant the variance. All voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER VERONICA DAVIS REQUEST: Veronica Davis presented letter intending to file suit for wrongful arrest, incarceration and detention of her James Thompson and Taurean Edwards and requested dismissal of Public Intoxication charges and return of monies paid. Her argument was that a private yard was not a public area. She also made arguments regarding the city prosecutor, judges and alleged profiling. No discussion or action could take place due to the notice to file suit.
- C. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD'S FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to grant funding of \$150 to Chamber of Commerce and \$757.82 to Columbia Museum. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER POLES FOR BANNERS POLICY: Sutherland reported that Texas-New Mexico Power Company requires a Joint Usage Agreement for the use of their poles for the hanging of banners, Christmas decorations, etc. and most cities already have this agreement in place. TNMP has agreed to set poles at the area of the Dollar General sign and the city would then maintain them and set policy for their usage. Applicants would be responsible for all permits, installation and removal of banners under the proposed policy. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to set poles at the area recommended by TNMP and put policy in place. Thomas, Tindol, Walker and Gilbert voted Aye. Schwebel voted Nay. Motion carried.
- E. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR 2012 CDBG S. 14TH STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the advertisement of bids for the 2012 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Improvement project. All voted Aye.
11. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary