

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
 OF A REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2011

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. INVOCATION & PLEDGE. Was given by Alderman Walker.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
  - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert. City Manager Sutherland and City Attorney Griggs.
  - Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS:
  - Kincannon greeted those present and commended Walker on the National Day of Prayer.
  - Walker reported on upcoming Columbia United program.
  - Kincannon read proclamations for Hurricane Awareness Week, Police Week and EMS Week.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the Highway 35 downtown sidewalk project; Lift station modifications are incomplete; Brazoria County continue to work on drainage; New telephone system should begin this month; Corrosion Eliminators have repaired the #3 ground storage tank and will prepare to sandblast interior for painting; CDBG program information has been submitted for sewer line replacement on S. 14<sup>th</sup> at Humble going south; Mr. Wenzel is working with the Brazoria County Engineers Office for certification of Hwy. 36 mobile home park; Plans are underway for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at First Capitol Park; and budget workshop is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S).
  - B. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet. This item was requested to be removed from this and future consent agendas to continue to be read aloud.
  - C. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - D. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - E. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - D. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Reports for March and April were submitted in Council's packet.
  - E. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.

Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Thomas and was duly adopted to approve consent agenda items as submitted. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY BY LEE SCHMITT –LEGAL  
 DESCRIPTION: STARK (A0040 JH BELL DIV 8)(WEST COLUMBIA), BLOCK K, LOT K7B, ACRES 1.300: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to accept the bid of \$3,100 from Lee Schmitt for tax resale property. All voted Aye.
  - B. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE REGULATING GAME ROOMS AND GAMING MACHINES: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Gilbert to duly adopt Ordinance No. 594 captioned as:

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE IX ENTITLED "AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINE GAME ROOM" BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE LOCATION OF SUCH MACHINES, PROHIBITING ANY LOCATION WITHIN 1000 FEET OF A CHURCH, SCHOOL OR HOSPITAL; AMENDING THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONDITION OF PREMISES TO PROHIBIT DARKENED WINDOWS AND LOCKED EXIT DOORS; AND REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL APPLICANTS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL KINDS OF ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, RULES OR POLICIES WHICH ARE IN ANY MANNER INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted Aye.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER PLAT SUBDIVIDING LOT 33 OF CREWS SUBDIVISION AT END OF FRENCH LANE: Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to approve the subdivision plat for Mr. Mike French. All voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY BY TYRONE MORGAN –LEGAL DESCRIPTION; RAINBOW (A0040) JH BELL DIV 8)(WEST COLUMBIA) BLOCK 2 LOT 15, 129 CARVER: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Thomas and was duly adopted to accept the bid offer of \$750 by Mr. Tyrone Morgan for tax resale property. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER PRESENTATION TO SECURE FINANCING FOR S. BUSINESS HIGHWAY 35 ANNEXATION UTILITY EXTENSION PROJECT: Mr. Mark McLiney of Southwest Securities gave a presentation of financing options for the Annexation Utility Extension Project. He discussed the differences between tax notes and certificates of obligation. Tax notes require only the adoption of an ordinance and may be carried no longer than seven years whereas certificates of obligation require more actions by council and may be carried up to thirty years therefore accruing more financing expenses. Tax notes require approximately five bank bids. Also, they may be paid off without penalty after three years. McLiney recommended a shorter note with less interest and also a reimbursement resolution for the repayment of funds expended to acquire tax notes. Sutherland proposed a meeting immediately prior to the scheduled budget workshop for him to bring bank bids and consider ordinance. Walker recommended scheduling a public hearing although not required. McLiney stated that funds could be available by mid-June if contract and ordinance approved at budget workshop.
- D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to re-appoint Laurie Kincannon and Daniel Carreon to the HOT Advisory Board. All voted Aye. Walker requested a larger pool of nominees and bios before filling the final vacant seat.
- E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to re-appoint Robert Thomas, Debbie Lanehart and Darlene Shoemaker to the EDC

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Board of Directors. All voted Aye.

F. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD FUNDING

RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Thomas to accept the recommendations of the HOT board to fund \$2,787.90 to the City for balance of website set-up fees and talking Replica sign; \$1,100 to the Charlie Brown Heritage Foundation for advertisement expenses; and \$150 to the Chamber for phone expenses promoting tourism. All voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary