

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 2011

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 23rd day of May, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, Gilbert and Walker. Also, City Manager Sutherland. Absent were City Secretary Kuban.
2. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTE TO FUND BUSINESS HIGHWAY 35 ANNEXION UTILITY EXTENSION PROJECT – Mayor Kincannon opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Frank Harris commented on his opposition to the City funding the cost of the utility extensions and felt the land owners should be responsible for these costs. No other citizens commented. Public hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m. and regular meeting re-opened.
3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWEST SECURITIES TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Ryan Cunningham of Southwest Securities reported on the contract specifics and bids including the lowest interest rate of 2.76% of Branch Banking and Trust Company. Tindol questioned the City's ability to pay back the approximately \$50,000 per annum fees and commented that he would rather see raises be addressed. Walker stated that funding raises before neglected infrastructure was an irresponsible practice. Thomas stated that the City needed to find ways to increase growth without raising taxes. Sutherland commented on the Alliance grant that was denied because of the lack of shovel ready property. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Thomas to approve the contract with Southwest Securities as the City's financial advisor. Thomas, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert voted Aye. Tindol voted Nay. Motion carried.
4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE: Motion was made Walker, seconded by Thomas and was approved to adopt Resolution No. 419 reimbursing City's utility extension expenses. Thomas, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert voted Aye. Tindol voted Nay. Motion carried.
5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2011", LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED WITH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Schwebel and was approved

to adopt Ordinance No. 595 captioned as

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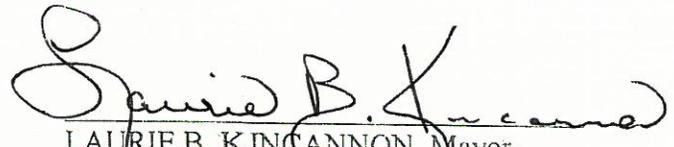
Thomas, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert voted Aye. Tindol voted Nay. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – SINCLAIR STREET: Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to authorize the advertising of bids for Sinclair property as single parcel. All voted Aye.
7. REVIEW OF CENTRAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AGREEMENT: Schwebel brought agreement stipulation of a June 30th deadline for any changes to be made to the attention of council. She reported on all current funding options and suggested to decrease the current amount of \$48,000 which she stated was first implemented as a way to get CEMS to a self-sustaining level of operation. Tindol commented on the extreme operation costs and opposed any decrease. Gilbert questioned what the funding covers and was informed it is specifically for insurance and fuels costs. CEMS board member Allan Sassin reported on the history of the ESD and grant information. Walker commented that the voluntary fees collected with utility bills was never intended to be a factor of the current agreement and participate or not when applying for service. Gilbert stated that service should be bid but Sutherland explained that this service does not fall under that purchasing requirement. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to make no changes to the current agreement. Tindol and Walker voted Aye. Schwebel and Gilbert voted Nay with Gilbert stating that he still felt that service should be bid. Thomas abstained only stating that all departments should share in budget reductions. Kincannon voted Aye making motion carry. CEMS Board member Sassin stated that they would be willing to discuss a 5% reduction.
8. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland gave report of goal setting workshop stating that some of the accomplishments of the current budget include the new website through Hotel/Motel funding, forestry grants for Fire Department training, approximately 9000 feet of ditches cleaned and the development of the Capital Improvement Fund. Items pending are the pothole and street repairs, installation of the new phone system and a/c replacement for the Police Department and Civic Center through a grant. She stated that the Department budget reviews have begun and that her goal was to provide the same level of services, maintain equipment, facilities, lift stations and manholes. Tindol inquired about installing a windmill to address the water usage issues at First Capitol Park lake. Walker suggested the old city hall be promoted by the EDC. The positive action of acquiring CDBG funds for main trunk line replacement was also discussed.

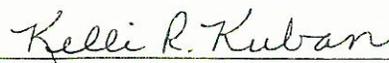
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C. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary