

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 14TH, 2014

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 14th day of July 2014, 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 Biedenfeld.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld. City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 - Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and reported on the backyard fireworks at First Capitol Park on July 4th and thanked HEB for sponsoring the event and local CHS graduate, Aaron Hoot, for conducting the show in such a professional manner. Biedenfeld invited the public to a presentation on tenant and landlord education being held at the library.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following –
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 by Chief Odin along with the Police Department report 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 Biedenfeld to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - A. CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTE ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS TO ENLARGE AND EXTEND THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA TO INCLUDE A .50 ACRE TRACT, KNOWN AS LOT 1 OF M&S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF 1.165 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE REMAINDER OF THE J.G. DANCE 457.5 ACRE TRACT IN THE J.H. BELL 1 ¼ LEAGUES GRANT, ABSTRACT NO. 40, WEST COLUMBIA, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS: Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:08 P.M. There were no public comments or questions. This hearing was closed at 7:09 P.M.
 - B. CONSIDER THE ON-PREMISE WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SMOKIN' R BBQ, 226 E. BRAZOS, WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS BY STEVEN AND MELINDA ROCHEN, OWNERS: Kincannon entered into this public hearing at 7:09 P.M. There were no public comments or questions. This hearing was closed at 7:10 P.M.

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C. 2013 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT: Kincannon entered into this public hearing at 7:11 P.M. There were no public comments or questions. Kincannon closed hearing and reconvened in open meeting at 7:12 P.M.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON THE ON-PREMISE WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SMOKIN' R BBQ, 226 E. BRAZOS, WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS BY STEVEN AND MELINDA ROCHEN – OWNERS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the city secretary's signature on the Smokin' R BBQ application for on-premise beer and wine retailer's permit. All voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR MOBILE HOME VARIANCE AT 108 CRAWFORD LANE BY RACHAEL PIERCE: Walker suggested that this item be heard after item I and all agreed. It was proposed to add Crawford Lane form Hwy 36 to Forrest Trail to those areas allowed for mobile home ordinance. Clayton Homes representative was present to report that the home purchased by Ms. Pierce was licensed and insured and a top of the line model. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to request city attorney draft amended ordinance to include the north side of Crawford Lane. All voted Aye. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Thomas to approve the mobile home variance requested by Ms. Pierce. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER ABANDONMENT OF EASEMENT ALONG LOT 14, BLOCK 3 OF CROCKER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION: It was discussed that there were no utilities in this 20 foot easement and abandoning it would allow an additional 12.5 foot for construction. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to approve the abandonment of the easement. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve the appointments of Officers Nicholas Yeley and Tawny Ostheimer to the reserve force. All voted Aye.
- E. AUTHORIZE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to authorize the county tax assessor-collector to calculate and publish the effective tax rate. All voted Aye.
- F. CONSIDER NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL: Motion was made by Biedenfeld to nominate the incumbents to the TML IRP Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER EARNEST MONEY CONTRACT ON 400 BLOCK E. BRAZOS BY CDI REAL ESTATE, LLC: It was discussed that the contract was submitted by Stripes Convenience store and city attorney stated he felt it was a fair contract and had stipulations to build by end of 2016 per EDC parameters. Walker addressed the closed meetings that were held. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to accept the earnest money contract as presented by CDI Real Estate, LLC. All voted Aye.
- H. CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS: Walker gave a report of the Capitol Improvement Committee's formation and purpose

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and discussed the funds and the city's pro-active decisions saving money. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the advertising of bids for lift station improvements. Biedenfeld inquired about how broadly it would be advertised and was informed that advertising was handled by engineer. All voted Aye.

- I. CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE TO ADD NORTH SIDE OF CRAWFORD LANE TO DESIGNATED AREAS FOR MOBILE OR MANUFACTURED HOMES: See agenda item B.
 - J. SUBMISSION OF 2014/15 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REVIEW: Sutherland reported that there were still deficits in both the General Fund and the Utility Fund that department heads were working on to balance. Public hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 21st at 7:00 P.M.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary