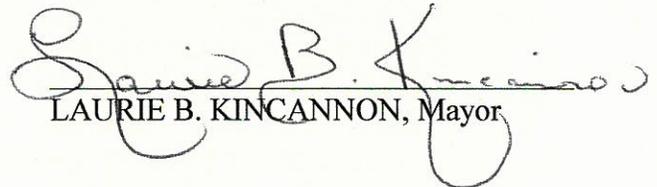


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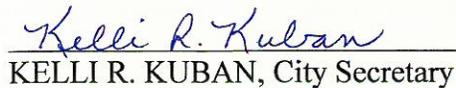
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 21st, 2014

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 21st day of July, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Maynor, and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. Absent were Tindol and Walker.
2. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 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 40, WEST COLUMBIA, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS: Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:01 P.M. There were no public comments or questions. This hearing was closed at 7:01 P.M.
3. PUBLIC HEARING – 2014/15 PROPOSED BUDGET: Kincannon entered into this public hearing at 7:01 P.M. Sutherland presented a power point presentation on the proposed budget for the 2014/15 fiscal year highlighting the city's goals. She reported on the Police Department current vehicle repairs needed resulting in an estimated deficit of over \$10,000. There are two vehicles currently out of service. Council was supportive of replacing enough of the fleet to counteract the costly repairs as the older vehicles break down. Chief Odin reported on a 5-year replacement plan. Kincannon closed this public hearing and reconvened in an open meeting at 7:12 P.M.
4. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland reported that there is a deficit of approximately \$62,000 in the General Fund and \$74,000 in the Utility Fund based on the proposed budget to date but that department heads would continue to work to submit a balanced budget to council. Expense proposals and Revenue increase options were discussed. Biedenfeld stated that he would be supportive of fee increases to support operations and continued preventative maintenance. Other topics discussed were: Water rates were still lower than others in the area; Property tax rate had not been increased in the past 10 to 12 years; Sidewalk grant match would need to come from fund balance whereas Sweeny has a mandatory sidewalk fee assessed; Hopeful sales tax revenue increase; and options for cost of living employee raises versus performance based in addition to providing wages to keep employees. Sutherland also reported that she would be meeting with the county engineer to discuss roads. Biedenfeld requested to see comparisons of areas water rates and Kincannon requested a map of infrastructure repairs.
5. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary