

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2015

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 15th day of January 2015, 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.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Walker and Biedenfeld.
 City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban.
 - Absent: Aldermen Maynor and City Attorney Griggs.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone to the meeting.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following: Approval was given on the engineering contract with John D. Mercer & Associates for the CDBG project to replace water lines on E. Hamilton and the design phase will begin and will go out for bids; New police vehicle has been delivered and animal control facility is almost complete; There will be a clean-up at First Capitol Park this weekend sponsored by Phillips and county probationers have cleaned the pocket park downtown; 2013/14 annual audit fieldwork has been completed; JAG grant has been completed and city has been reimbursed for \$116,550 for dispatch consoles, I-pads for patrol cars, portable radios, software and training; Representatives will be at the American Legion throughout the month to offer help with Affordable Care Act insurance; Public hearing will be held on January 15th to receive input regarding registered voters being able to cast ballots at any voting center in the county, the same as during early voting; and the Chamber banquet will be held January 15th at Heritage Hall.
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 not included in Council's packet.
 - F. CEMS REPORT. Report was not included in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 Tindol made motion to accept all consent agenda items submitted for approval and motion was seconded by Thomas. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. PUBLIC HEARING(S):
 - A. CONSIDER APPLICATION OF A "WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT" FOR STRIPES NO. 1070, 101 E. BRZOS, WEST COLUMBIA TX 77486 BY SSP BEVERAGE LLC, PO BOX 9036, CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78469-9036: Mayor Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:06PM. There were no public comments so Kincannon closed the public hearing at 7:07PM.

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B. ABATEMENT OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 414 N. 17TH ST. THAT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE UNOCCUPIED AND NOT SECURED AGAINST UNAUTHROIZED ENTRY, INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR CONTAINING CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING HAZARD TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WEWLFAREE OF CITIZENS AND LIKELY TO ENDANGER PERSONS AND PROPERTY, THEREFORE DEEMED DILAPIDATED, SUBSTANDARE AND/OR UNFIT OF R HUMAN HABITATION: Mayor Kincannon opened the second public hearing at 7:07PM to discuss the demolition of the house located at 414 N. 17th St. There were no public comments so Kincannon closed the public hearing and entered back into an open meeting at 7:08PM.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER SOFTBALL AGREEMENT: City Attorney Griggs was not present and no updated draft had been submitted to date establishing a goal of allowing the city more control of the property and its use. Item was tabled and no action taken.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER APPLICATION OF A "WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT" FOR STRIPES NO. 1070, 101 E. BRAZOS, WEST COLUMBIATX 77486 BY SSP BEVERAGE LLC, PO BOX 9036, CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78469-9036: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the city secretary's signature on Stripes' Wine and Beer Retailer's off-premise permit. All voted Aye.

B. CONSIDER ISSUING ORDER OF ABATEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to authorize the mayor's signature on the Order of Abatement of Substandard Structure to allow the demolition of the house located at 414 S. 17th St. All voted Aye. Walker conveyed his appreciation to the code enforcement officer for her hard work and due diligence regarding these condemned properties.

C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND POLICY: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve Resolution No. 445 adopting the Tax Abatement guidelines and policy. All voted Aye. Walker confirmed there had been no changes made. Sutherland reported that there were residential abatements available, as well as commercial.

D. CONSIDER ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY 35: It was discussed that TxDOT has approved an 80/20 matching grant for the construction of sidewalks on both sides of Highway 35 from the corner of 17th to Hwy 36. The city's options for funding their 20% were discussed as financing while interest rates are low, using fund balance, or a combination of both. The city's goal of having a 6 month operating reserve fund balance was reported to have not been met to date and EDC funds must sustain if buy-back of the Don Davis property becomes necessary. Walker inquired about the time frame for groundbreaking on the project and suggested additional information be obtained prior to handing over the approximate \$120,000 required. He also felt that the project was within the guidelines for EDC and Capitol Improvements to share the costs. Action was tabled for further information.

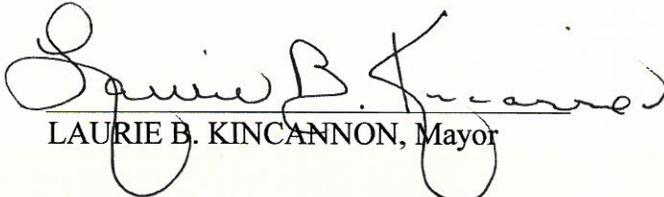
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E. CLOSED MEETING: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION OR A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 ENTITLED "OPEN MEETINGS" OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AS FOLLOWS: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION: Mayor closed the public meeting and recessed council into a closed session at 7:23PM and reconvened into an open meeting at 7:56PM.

F. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED MEETING: There was none.

11. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.



LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary