

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JUNE 8th, 2015

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 8th day of June 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 Maynor.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Maynor and Biedenfeld.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs
 - Absent: Aldermen Walker.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone; Biedenfeld thanked the Library for allowing him to host a renter's rights presentation for renters and landlords; Maynor gave a Columbia United update; Sutherland, in Walker's absence, thanked the mayor for the Charter School commencement speech and congratulated the area graduates for him; Kincannon invited the public to the upcoming benefit honoring Teena Meanza and then presented the Employee of the Month certificate to Sabrina Vandergriff.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mrs. Alma Spears of Bennett Street thanked the city for repairing the fire hydrants.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that the city pool is open the summer season, swim lessons are taking place and the backyard fireworks display is being planned with HEB as a sponsor; All city fire hydrants are in working order; Estimates for test wells have been received and USRD grant application is being completed; Chief Odin has applied for participation in 1033 program for Federal Surplus equipment that could assist in emergency management and he and Cpl. Haney attended ICAC training in Atlanta, GA; Connect CTY recently had only a 26% success rate and all citizens were encouraged to register or update their contact information; Matula & Matula are completing the CDBG water line project along E. Hamilton and valves are being reviewed; Electric panel box has been upgraded at the Museum through HOT funds; City personnel have been participating in Emergency Management conference calls regarding the recent flooding; and city offices will be closed July 3rd for the holiday.
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 in Council's packet.
 - F. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.

Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Thomas to approve all consent agenda items.
 All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY KNOWN AS STAR (A0040 JH BELL DIV 8), BLOCK 1, LOT I11 (CAUSE #48604), ACRES 1.000, CARVER AND WASHINGTON BY RODOLFO MENA, JR.: Sutherland reported that she found no issues regarding drainage for this property, but recommended notifying the tax office of the road

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easement that runs through it. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve the offer of \$1,000 by Rodolfo Mena, Jr. to place property back on the tax role. All voted Aye.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – LORETTA WASHINGTON: Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Tindol to apply a credit of \$225.23 for water account adjustment for Mrs. Washington at 200 W. Bernard St. All voted Aye.

B. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to appoint Biedenfeld as Mayor Pro-Tem. All voted Aye. Kincannon thanked Walker in his absence and voiced her appreciation for his service.

C. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS: Motion was made by Tindol to re-appoint Laurie Kincannon and Brian Gupton to the HOT Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye. Third board position is to be filled upon nominations at next meeting.

D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Motion was made by Tindol to re-appoint Robert Thomas, Billy Jenn and Darlene Shoemaker to the EDC board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Maynor and all voted Aye.

E. CLOSED MEETING - THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION OR A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 ENTITLED "OPEN MEETINGS" OF A TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AS FOLLOWS: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION – GLASPIE V. CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA: Kincannon closed the public meeting at 7:25PM and council entered into a closed session. Council reconvened in an open meeting at 7:48PM.

F. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED MEETING: Biedenfeld made a motion to authorize the city manager to negotiate and settle claim as determined in the fiscal interest of the city based on recommendation of council. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary