

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015, 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 7:05 p.m. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Maynor, and Biedenfeld. Absent were Tindol and Walker.
2. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.8300/\$100, A 5.50% TAX INCREASE ABOVE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into a public hearing at 7:05 p.m. There were no public comments. Kincannon closed the public hearing and reconvened in open meeting at 7:06 p.m.
3. CONSIDER EDC BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT RECOMMENDATION FOR SIGN IMPROVEMENT – DR. JARED HUVAR: Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Thomas to approve the EDC Business Incentive grant recommendation for sign improvement by Dr. Jared Huvar. All voted Aye.
4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PRESENTATION – BUSTON RETAIL COMPANY BY LISA HILL-McCAY: Lisa McCay made a presentation of Buxton Retail Company. Buxton has helped Fulshear and other cities grow their retail options. They represent more than 25,000 various retailers and restaurants and have approximately 175 cities as clients. They have brought more than 35 million square feet of retail space to those cities. They are the only company nationwide to partner with Visa for retail purchasing survey data. A proposed cost of \$50,000 annually retains for the city an experienced Buxton staff (including McCay), training, research data, correspondence with potential retailers, etc. This cost would be funded by the EDC. No action necessary at this time.
5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AREAS FOR MOBILE HOMES: This item was tabled.
6. BUDGET WORKSHOP: No action taken.
7. ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary