



WEST COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SUPPLEMENTAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos

Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

INVOCATION & PLEDGES: Invocation was given by City Manager, Debbie Sutherland.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present were Mayor Kincannon, Council Members Thomas, Tindol, Burke and Raynes, City Attorney Powell, City Manager Sutherland, and City Secretary Avirett. Absent was Council Member Maynor.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS: Council Member Tindol announced the dates and events happening for the Light of the First Capitol Festival the first weekend in December. Kincannon reminded everyone that there is no regular meeting in the month of December.

PRESENTATION(S).

1. Patrick Bourne - Public Improvement District Update - Brian Jirard gave council an update on the PID and the next steps that will be taken. He reported that they plan to begin construction in the first quarter of 2023.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.

Members of the public wishing to address Council should seek recognition by raising their hand, and when acknowledged, move to the podium, and state their name and address. Specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made by a member of the general public but any deliberation, discussion or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made that is not on the agenda shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda of a future meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The public is requested to limit presentation of comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items to five (5) minutes.

Stacy Hernandez - 310 Lamar - Hernandez addressed council regarding a complaint regarding her horse. Hernandez brought a petition from neighbors and wanted to let the council know that the horse was well taken care of. Hernandez said that the adjoining property owners allow her to use their property to keep her horse. Sutherland asked Hernandez to leave her petition with the City Secretary and the city will investigate the issue.

Willie Johnson - Austin St. - Mr. Johnson inquired about the status of the Code Enforcement issues in the Rainbow Subdivision

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

2. Public Works * Municode * Grants * Parks * Housing * BCAD * Upcoming Meetings & Events *
Citizen's Comments from Last Month

Public Works crews continue to repair water and sewer leaks. New Stop and Yield signs will be installed in upcoming weeks. * BTEL continues to install fiber optic in the business sections of the city. * New Hours for the Public Works Dept. began October 14th. The Supervisor will report to council in January on the results of the schedule change. * There is a survey on the city's website for a possible recycling opportunity in town. * The drainage study for Oak St. has been ordered. The drainage on the NE portion of town is completed. The city will seek out funding for some of all of these projects * Municode review is undergoing a legal review. The city will receive a draft to review after the first of the year. * The county has begun its update of their Hazard Mitigation Plan and the PIE workshop exercise will help West Columbia update its

information included in the county plan. * The city received Community Development Block Grant funding for the roof at the replica. * GrantWorks continues to work up an applicaiton to submit for the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities grant program. * Pocket Park donor signage is being completed and a grand opening is being scheduled. * Dixon bricks are expected to be delivered later this month. * New signs for First Capitol Park adding information regarding leashed pets have been installed and the new mowing contractor is working with the city to make sure all expectations are met. * 40 acres is progressing after a PID team meeting was held. A review of the development agreement continues. * BCAD Reappraisal plan is available upon request. BCCA is November 16th hosted by Oyster Creek. * Veteran's Day Parade in Sweeny will be Friday November 11th * Sheryl Davis' comments from the prior meeting were addressed. The branch on Austin St. was removed. The hydrant on Pruitt Ln. that Stephanie Grice mentioned was flushed on October 25th. A meeting was held with animal control to review city ordinances, clarify interpretations and make recommended changes to the city's ordinances regarding Renee Hargroves' complaint about farm animals in the city. It was suggested that police enforce traffic more on state highways. Chief Odin submitted reports reflecting numerous stops on both SH 36 and 36 with citations and warning issued.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items on the consent agenda were submitted to council in the council packet. Tindol motioned to approve the consent agenda. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Police Department Report
6. Municipal Court Report
7. Code Enforcement Report
8. Public Works Report
9. Consider HOT Advisory Board Funding Recommendations

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA. There was none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

10. Public Hearing: Ordinance Violations - (1) Ordinance 289, Section 13-107 Junked Vehicles, (2) Ordinance 619 Section 13-32 Accumulation of Weeds, Rubbish, Etc., and (3) 2015 International Property Management Code - Section 304.1 - Unsafe Conditions
Kincannon opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. She reported that the second legal step after this public hearing was a resolution later in the agenda. There were no comments in regard to the properties listed on the public hearing notice. There were citizen questions regarding the procedures for these types of code enforcement actions. Sutherland explained that after proper notification the property owners must be given time to remedy the problem then they are placed on the following month's council agenda. Kincannon closed the public hearing at 7:55
11. Application for Wine Only Packaging Store for Stellar 3, 704 W. Brazos Ave., West Columbia TX
Kincannon opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.. There were no comments in regard to the application for Wine Only Packaging Store for Stellar 3, 704 W. Brazos Ave. West Columbia TX. Kincannon closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS.

12. Discuss and Consider Resolution to Abate Junk Vehicles - 223 W. Jackson, 211 Dow St., 109 Prewitt St. - Burke motioned to approve the resolution to abate junked vehicles at 223 W. Jackson, 211 Dow St. and 109 Prewitt St. Tindol seconded the motion, and all voted aye. Motion passed.
13. Discuss and Consider Resolution to Abate Junk Vehicles - 110 Carver St. - Burke motioned to approve the resolution to abate junked vehicles at 110 Carver St. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
14. Consider Application for Wine Only Package Store Permit for Stellar 3, 704 W. Brazos Ave., West Columbia, TX - Council inquired about the type of permit. Owners explained which type of TABC permit they would be applying for. Burke motioned to approve the City Secretary's signature on the TABC Wine Only Package Store Permit for Stellar 3 at 704 W. Brazos Ave. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
15. Consider Replat of Property at Austin St. - Willie Johnson - Burke motioned to approve the replat of Mr. Johnson's property on Austin St. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
16. Discuss and Consider Approving a Contingent Fee Contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP Pursuant to Section 552.001(b) of the Local Government Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent utility accounts owed to the City of West Columbia and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code - Mike Darlow of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott explained the contract to council. Burke motioned to approve the contract and Tindol seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed. Burke stated that the ordinance was not listed on the agenda so they needed to approve that at the next meeting.
17. Second Reading of the Resolution No. 579 - Discovery Days Learning Center LLC - Tindol motioned to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 579. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
18. First Reading of Resolution Approving EDC Development Agreement with Republic BBQ - Burke motioned to approve the first reading of the first reading on the Resolution Approving EDC Development Agreement with Republic BBQ. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted aye.
19. Discuss and Consider Drainage Update by John G. Phillips III, West Brazos Drainage District #11 - Wayne Patterson Property - John Phillips III of the West Brazos Drainage District #11 told council that they are working to get the problem on N. 11th St, solved. He mentioned digging a ditch behind the county maintenance barn and other ideas the drainage district was discussing. Mr. Phillips discussed the drainage problem on Ellis Ln. Thomas stated that the ditch behind the apartments was silted in. Thomas explained that the path of the water. Phillips reported that the drainage district was trying to reach the owners of the property to get permission to dig. Patterson expressed his concerns with his property and reported that this is a 30 year problem. Kincannon stated that the entire street needs to be redone. Kincannon told Mr. Patterson about a program through the county that can help elevate your house to keep it from flooding.
20. Discuss and Consider Ordinance on Admin Fee for Violate Promise to Appear and Failure to Appear Citations - Burke motioned to approve the ordinance regarding administration fees for

violate promise to appear and failure to appear citations. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

21. Discuss and Consider Seeking Proposal for GIS Mapping of the City's Utilities - Sutherland explained the benefits and importance of having a GIS mapping system. Tindol motioned to approve the city to seek proposals for GIS mapping of the city's utilities. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
22. Discuss and Consider Amendment to Chapter 13 "Nuisances" of the Code of Ordinances – Burke motioned to approve the amendment to Chapter 14 "Nuisances" and Raynes seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed.
23. Consider Resolution Authorizing Submission of Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program Application - Ballistic Rifle Shields - Tindol motioned to approve the resolution authorizing submission of bullet-resistant shield program application. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.
24. Consider Vacation Leave Buyback for Police Department - Chief Odin explained to council that the shortage of officers has caused him, the assistant chief, and the lieutenant to work patrol to cover the shortage. They have been unable to use their vacation. Tindol motioned to approve vacation leave buyback for the police department. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The West Columbia City Council may convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property and/or Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

25. Administration Salaries - Kincannon closed the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. and went into Executive Session until 10:05 p.m.
26. Action as Result of Executive Session - Kincannon opened the meeting back at 10:06 p.m. Kincannon announced the action as a result of executive session was that council approved 4% raises for City Hall Staff.

ADJOURN.

Meeting was adjourned by Kincannon at 10:07 p.m.

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Kaili Avirett, City Secretary

Laurie B. Kincannon
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