

WEST COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SUPPLEMENTAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE



Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos
Monday, May 08, 2023, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

INVOCATION & PLEDGES. Mayor Laurie Kincannon led invocation and pledges.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL. Roll call of council was done by Avirett. Present were Mayor Kincannon, Council Members Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, Burke, and Buchanan. Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Attorney Powell, Public Works Director Fisher, Police Chief Odin, and City Secretary Avirett.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS. Kincannon greeted everyone and informed them that Darrell L. James, Sr. was elected to Council Position 3 in the May 6th General Election. Tindol thanked the Chamber, City of West Columbia, Police Department, and the FFA for their part in the success of the San Jacinto Festival. Tindol also asked for prayers for the family of Bill Wommack who recently passed away.

PRESENTATION(S).

1. **Proclamation - Hurricane Preparedness Week** - Tindol read the proclamation.
2. **Proclamation - Police Week** - Maynor read the proclamation.
3. **Proclamation - EMS Week** - Buchanan read the proclamation.
4. **Service Award Presentation - Roy E. Maynor, Jr.** - Kincannon read a proclamation that was asked to be presented just before the meeting for National Museum Week. Kincannon then thanks Roy E. Maynor, Jr. for his 10 years of service as a council member and presented him with a plaque.

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 the presentation of comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items to five (5) minutes.*

Labonne Casey, West Columbia Chamber CEO and President thanked the city staff for their help with the San Jacinto Festival. Casey described the importance of the relationship between the city and the chamber. Casey clarified some miscommunications between the museum and the chamber regarding the museum building.

Ms. James addressed council letting them know that May 14th is a significant day in Texas History.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

5. **Public Works * New Construction * Municode * Grants * Parks * Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Sutherland reported on Public Works: The city is required to inventory service lines for lead and copper. Public works Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor attend training on the requirements and are developing a plan for identifying such connections * New Construction: Dollar Tree has purchased the property at the corner of E. Brazos and S. 14th and construction will begin soon. * Municode: Staff and Council continue work finalizing the draft city codes. * Grants: Sutherland updated council on the status of any pending grant applications and upcoming grant opportunities. * Parks: Dixon Park update that the final bricks have been ordered. Water aerobics has begun at the pool. Swim lessons registration is scheduled for May 16th, 18th, and 20th. * Upcoming Meetings & Events: May 15-18 Flushing of water hydrants, May 15 - Special Council meeting to canvass the election, May 17

BCCA hosted by the City of Sweeny, May 19 - Texas Historical Commission presentation to Chesney's Jewelry as a Texas Treasure business, May 27- Community Resource Fair from 9-2PM and Summer Pool season opens, May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices will be closed.

CONSENT AGENDA. *All the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor or a member of Council, in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.*

Tindol motioned to approve the items on the consent agenda. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye.

6. Previous Meeting Minutes
7. Treasurer Report
8. Municipal Court Report
9. Police Department Report
10. Code Enforcement Report
11. Fire Marshal Report
12. Public Works Report
13. Consider HOT Advisory Board Funding Recommendations
14. W.W. Payton Pay Request #9

OLD BUSINESS.

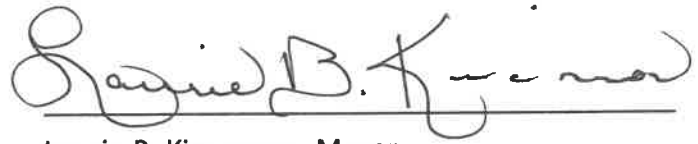
15. **Discuss and Consider Resolution Regarding Code Violations at 524 Austin St. and 418 Bowie St.** Building Inspector Michael Azbell notified council that the property at 524 Austin St. has been cleared and brought back up to code. Ms. Grice, one of the 6 owners of the property at 418 Bowie St., let council know that there are still a few things left. Azbell confirmed that most of the code violations have been taken care of but there are still a few things to be done. Powell reminded council that they can adopt the resolution and then direct Azbell when to proceed. Maynor motioned to adopt the resolution and Tindol seconded the motion. Burke asked that she report back at the next council meeting. All voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS.

16. **Discuss and Give Update on Museum Lease and Update on Museum Planning** Dietrich von Biedenfeld called in via zoom to join in on this discussion. Burke went over a few changes to the museum contract that he had with Powell. Barbara Stubbs of the Columbia Historical Museum spoke to council regarding the improvement of the communication between the city and the museum and ways to move forward. The council further discussed moving forward and getting the contract completed.
17. **Discuss Scheduling Issues at the Columbia Historical Museum** Burke motioned to appoint a joint scheduling committee between the city, chamber, and museum to improve scheduling of museum tours. Powell went over some of the most recent changes to the museum contract. Buchanan seconded the motion and all voted aye.
18. **Discuss West Columbia Chamber of Commerce, City of West Columbia and Columbia Historical Museum Relations** Casey addressed this under Citizen's Comments.
19. **Consider Renewal of License Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for use of the San Jacinto Room/Visitor Center** Casey reiterated how important that the collaboration between the city and chamber is. Buchanan motioned to renew the license agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for use of the San Jacinto Room/Visitor Center. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted aye.

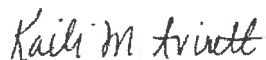
20. **Consider Resolution Denying Application for Approval of Rate Change Submitted by Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, and Authorization to Participate in Proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas** Burke motioned to approve the resolution denying application for approval of rate change submitted by Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and Authorization to Participate in proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted aye.
21. **Consider Resolution Denying Application for Approval of a Rate Change Submitted by Texas-New Mexico Power Company and Authorization to Participate in Proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas** Tindol motioned to approve the resolution denying application for approval of a rate change submitted by Texas New Mexico Power Company and Authorization to participate in proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye.
22. **Discuss and Consider Resolution Declaring Certain City Property to be Surplus and to Donate Surplus Equipment to Varner Hoff Plantation State Historic Site** Tindol motioned to approve the resolution declaring certain city property to be surplus and to donate surplus equipment to Varner Hogg Plantation. Maynor seconded the motion and all voted aye.

ADJOURN. Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Laurie B. Kincannon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kaili M. Avirett, City Secretary

