

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 10TH, 2021

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 10th day of May, 2021, 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, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld. Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Rutherford.
 - Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and welcomed the Boy Scouts present and Tindol thanked them for leading the recent San Jacinto Festival parade. Proclamations for Hurricane Preparedness Week, Police Week and EMS Week were then presented to the various entities. Walker gave information on the upcoming Columbia United event.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – * Recent rains caused several sewer issues and smoke tested was conducted in various areas. Points of infiltration were marked and one manhole was discovered to have a hole in the side. Repairs will be made and testing continued until all issues in the Jefferson Lift Station area have been addressed. * Repairs to the pool bathhouse are nearing completion and interns from Phillips 66 will be painting the building next month. * Additional lead and copper testing is underway and should take approximately a month for TCEQ to submit letter or any action needed. Museum has opened to the public with notices posted to not drink water until test results return. Inactivity of the lines during COVID likely cause of issue. * TxDOT contractors are back at work on Hwy 36 project Segment 10 and clearing has begun in Segment 11. They have also been resurfacing Business 35 from Brazos to Hwy 36. CenterPoint has been making repairs in various locations throughout town and failed to give any notice. TNMP has been contacted regarding repairs to Ellis Ln. caused by construction of their new sub-station. * The remainder of the COVID Relief Funds have been received. * Brazoria County Appraisal District's estimated ad valorem values for 2021 are \$211,311,646. * Citizen request to relocate a water sample test site from their yard has resulted in an acceptable plan to be accomplished by June 2021. Citizen comment regarding safety concerns with traffic at Sinclair and S. Columbia Dr. during food distribution at a local church has remedied itself with the completion of the parking lot and having an attendant during days of distribution.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S). Minutes were submitted in Council packet.
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - E. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Report has not been submitted to date.
 - F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report has not been submitted to date.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.

Motion was made by Biedenfeld to accept reports that were submitted. The motion was seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.

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7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. CONSIDER AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AND RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING – 1.0 ACRE PORTION OF JG DANCE 457.5 ACRE TRACT OF JH BELL 1 ½ LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT 40, T00 MARSHALL DR. BY RILLA W. BOYD, OWNER: A voluntary petition for annexation of 500 Marshall Dr. was submitted by Rilla Boyd. Walker made a motion to approve the agreement for provision of services and adopt Resolution No. 553 setting a public hearing for June 14th. All voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF THE SAN JACINTO ROOM / VISITOR CENTER: Chamber CEO LaBonne Casey reported a 15% growth in membership and commended the working relationship between the Chamber and the City. Motion was made by Tindol to approve the renewal of the license agreement at \$1 per month plus utility expenses for the use of the San Jacinto Room as the Chamber of Commerce office and Visitor Center. The motion was seconded by Thomas and all voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER 380 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WATERSTONE DEVELOPMENT – WILLOW FARMS: Doug Roesner of Baker & Lawson Engineering gave a report of Cornerstone Builders proposed development of Willow Farms Subdivision. The City also had an outside engineering review completed. Thomas stated strong concerns over drainage issues already existing in the area and it was reported that Kincannon and Sutherland would be meeting with Commissioner Linder and Drainage District representative to discuss assurances that a drainage design would be addressed. Thomas was adamant that no other drainage problems occur though he was in favor of the development. Walker stated that the retention in the design should alleviate these issues. Tindol made a motion to approve the 380 Development Agreement with Waterstone Development – Willow Farms. Biedenfeld seconded the motion and all voted Aye. Further discussion included the ability to maintain with a ditch easement and Thomas being invited to attend the meeting with the Commissioner. City Attorney Rutherford advised that the first milestone is the approval of the final plat and that no funding allocated without meeting requirements of the agreement. Sutherland reported Public Works would conduct a mowing project and the ditch could be a partnership with the County as it goes to Varner Creek. Roesner concluded by stated that business is being sent toward West Columbia due to Angleton needing an additional sewer plant.
 - D. CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF GROUND STORAGE TANK 2 – LOGGINS DR.: It was reported that the condition of Ground Storage Tank 2 made demolition beyond the ability of the city crew for safety reasons. Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Walker to advertise for bids for the demolition of GST2. All voted Aye.
 - E. CONSIDER ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH FREESE & NICHOLS – WATER STORAGE TANKS PROJECT: Various engineering design options were discussed for the storage tank projects. Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the city manager and attorney to negotiate agreement with Freese & Nichols for design, bid and execution of water tank projects. All voted Aye.

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- F. CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO AMEND ORDINANCE REGULATING BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING PROGRAM: It was discussed that companies are available to assist in the inspections and notifications for annual renewals of backflow prevention device testing. There are currently approximately fifty devices and more are expected with the City's growth and development and there is a need for assistance with these tasks. Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the City Manager solicit RFQs for these services and bring back an ordinance amendment if needed. All voted Aye. Walker inquired if these services are for new residential or only commercial. Public Works Supervisor Fisher responded that there may be requirements for both.
- G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FOR GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT: Sutherland reported that the original allocation of eligible funds of \$159,795 was to cover costs of administration, engineering, environmental impact studies and advertising with the city contributing no matching funds. Sutherland stated that the project cannot be completed within the scope of award allocation and that the contractor claims material cost increase requires matching funds of up to \$50,000. Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Tindol to adopt Resolution No. 554 authorizing matching funds for General Land Office CDBG-DR Project of up to \$50,000. All voted Aye.
- H. CANVASS RESULTS OF 2021 GENERAL ELECTION: Walker made a motion to accept the results of the 2021 General Election of Robert Thomas as Alderman Pos. 1, Roy Maynor as Alderman Pos. 3 and Rory Burke as Alderman Pos. 4. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

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 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary