The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Utilities Super.	-	Jody Ripper

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of Invoices.
b. Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2012 Special Meeting.
c. Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from B&D Graphics.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the invoices from B&D Graphics. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, and Schonenberg
Abstain: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.[1]

Jennifer Newman who owns the building at 512 Spring Street told Council that she only has two parking spaces in front of her building. She would like to have reserved signs put up at those two spots so that her customers and employees would have them available. She said that delivery trucks are also blocking the parking spaces so she would like to require that deliveries are made either before or after business hours.

Nancy Stiles presented information on the Fourth of July activities that the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring. She said that in addition to the Children's Parade that they have had in the past that there will be a patriotic concert at the Methodist Church, a program honoring veterans, and the Lions Club will be selling hamburgers on the courthouse square. The final event of the evening will be a laser show after dark.

6. **City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, 2012 Water System Improvements, and Downtown Revitalization Program Grant.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Spring Street from Travis Street to Milam Street and Travis Street from Spring Street to Walnut Street for a Children's Patriotic Parade and July 4th Activities Sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

   Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

8. **Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 2.066 Acres of Land in the E. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44 Colorado County, Texas.**

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to address Council concerning the annexation. No one wished to do so. Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Dungen moved to Item 11 on the agenda.

11. **Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Partial Replat of Block F, a 0.152 Acre Tract and a 0.131 Acre Tract, fronting Jones Street, to the Planning & Zoning Commission as Requested by Leigh Hastedt.**

Mayor Dungen explained that this item was to refer a replat to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their action.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to submit the proposed partial replat of Block F as presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

   Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

12. **Discussion and Action to Appoint Three Members to the Board of Adjustments for Terms of Two Years Ending May 31, 2014.**

Mayor Dungen recommended the reappointment of Trey Baumgart and Mark Warner as members and Byron Marburger as an alternate to the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendations. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

> Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

13. <u>**Consideration and Action to Appoint Three Members to the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Board for Terms of Two Years Ending May 31, 2014.**</u>

Mayor Dungen recommended the reappointment of Steve Woodall to the CCIDC Board. He also recommended that DyAnn Lauzon and Joel Usher be appointed as the remaining two members.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendations. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. Mayor Dungen asked if there was any discussion, and Councilman Schonenberg said that he wanted to make sure that everyone knew that DyAnn Lauzon is his sister. There were no other comments.

The vote was as follows:

> Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

14. <u>**Consideration and Action to Appoint Two Members to the Employee Grievance Committee for Terms of One Year Ending May 31, 2013.**</u>

Mayor Dungen said that he would like to shake things up a little and recommended that Councilman Tesch and Councilman Axel be appointed to the Employee Grievance Committee.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilman Tesch and Councilman Axel to the Employee Grievance Committee for one year terms. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

> Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

15. <u>**Consideration and Action to Appoint Three Members to the Citizen's Grievance Committee for Terms of One Year Ending May 31, 2013.**</u>

Mayor Dungen said that he would like to reappoint himself and Ernest Baumgart, Jr. and to appoint Councilman Rankin to this committee.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the appointment of Dwayne Dungen, Ernest Baumgart, Jr. and Chuck Rankin to the Citizen's Grievance Committee. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

> Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

16. <u>**Consideration and Action Regarding the Scenic City Certification Program.**</u>

Councilman Woodall said that he came across the program a couple of weeks ago and he thought that council should look at it. He pointed out that the requirements of programs for landscaping streets, prohibiting new billboards, and permitting of on-premise signage were among the items that were

addressed by the Kerry R. Gilbert Study. He said that the deadline for applications for the current year was past, but that the City should consider applying next year.

No action was taken.

17. **Consideration and Action Regarding a Downtown Sidewalk Revitalization Grant.**

Donald Warschak told Council that Grantworks had notified him of the availability of this grant funded thru the Texas Capital Fund. He said that the maximum grant is $150,000 with a 10% match by the City and that it could fund improvements to downtown sidewalks. He said that the improvements would qualify for economic development funds from CCIDC. Grantworks said that $150,000 would cover about two blocks of sidewalks. He said that if Council was interested that he would ask Grantworks to start work on the application process for presentation to Council at its next meeting. He noted that the deadline for application is July 12, 2012. Council members present expressed an interest in having Donald proceed.

No action was taken.

18. **Consideration and Action to Declare the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAHP71W93X124161 Police Vehicle as Surplus Property.**

The Mayor told Council that this was the police patrol unit that was being replaced with a newer vehicle.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to declare the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicle as Surplus Property. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

      Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

19. **Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Fire Department Expenditure to Purchase a Gear Washer.**

It was explained that $7,000 was originally budgeted for a gear washer and that now an additional $3,050 will be needed. Councilman Tesch asked the Fire Chief if Volunteer Fire Department money could be used for this. Chief Glaeser said that they had other expenses coming up. Councilman Tesch expressed his concerns that some of the bunker gear that is currently in use is very old. He said that he would like to see the Fire Department develop a schedule for replacing it. Chief Glaeser said that Ford Stein is looking at that currently, and that the gear washer would improve the life of the bunker gear.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the Fire Department Expenditure to purchase a gear washer. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

      Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Tesch

The motion passed.

20. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the May 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his May 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that he has one structure that is nearing the end of its 45 day limit.

No action was necessary.

Mayor Dungen moved to item 9 on the agenda.

9. **Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.086, Economic Development.**

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Dungen adjourned into Executive Session.

10. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, Regarding Executive Session, Economic Development.**

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session with the same members present as before. He explained that Council had been updated on Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation economic development activities and that no action was necessary.

Mayor Dungen moved to item 21 on the agenda.

21. **Items from Councilmembers.[2]**

Councilman Woodall – asked that Council address Jennifer Newman's parking problem and also asked for an update on the Historic District Ordinance.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – reported that CCIDC has had the 54 acres by the river at the park cleared and that they are negotiating a hay lease for that area.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

Mayor Dungen – announced that on the following Friday at 6:00 p.m. there would be a dedication of the second Habitat for Humanity House on Montezuma Street.

22. **Announcements.[2]**

The City Secretary announced that the first Budget Workshop would be scheduled for July 19th.

23. **Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
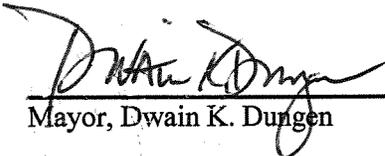
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

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Linda Lakich, City Secretary

[1]During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

[2]Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.