

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 2013 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	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

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. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Official to City Council Position #4 vacated by Bruce Tesch for an Unexpired Term Ending in May 2014.

Mayor Dungen administered the oath of office for City Council Position #4 to Eddie Hernandez.

4. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2013 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Jody Pulido, presented a petition with 17 signatures expressing concern about the traffic on Houston Street between Fannin and Rampart. The petition asked that Council implement safety precautions on the street to reduce speeds.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Cardinal Hill Water Tower, 2012 Water System Improvements.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition Mr. Warschak said that the City's sales tax collections for July were \$92,664.37 which is an increase over last July's collections. He also recognized Brandon Wavra and the staff at the City Pool for the great job that they are doing this summer.

7. **Second Reading of Resolution 123-13 a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with less than 20,000 Residents for the Funding of a Grant to Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to Assist in Providing Affordable Housing within the City.**

Resolution 123-13 was read by Mayor Dungen.

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 123-13 a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with less than 20,000 Residents for the Funding of a Grant to Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to Assist in Providing Affordable Housing within the City.**

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve Resolution 123-13 approving 4B expenditures by CCIDC to fund a grant to Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to assist in providing affordable housing in the City. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 124-13 a Resolution Authorizing the City to Obtain a Line of Credit to Guarantee a Texas Capital Fund Grant for KW International Gas Lines and Authorizing Signators on the Line of Credit.**

Mayor Dungen explained that the line of credit is required to obtain the Texas Capital Fund Grant and will not necessarily be used. The signators on the line of credit will be the City Manager, City Secretary and Assistant City Secretary.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 124-13 authorizing the City to obtain a line of credit to guarantee a Texas Capital Fund Grant for KW International Gas Lines. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

10. **Consideration and Action to Award 2013 Street Seal Coating Bid.**

Donald Warschak explained that bids were advertised in five contract publications and in local newspapers. He said that the only bid was from H&C Construction who has done numerous projects in the City. The total bid for the project was \$81,400 which is \$6,400 over budget. Donald explained that the City could either reduce the amount of area to be seal coated or move funds that are available in supplies to offset the difference. In response to the question of why there was only one bid, Mr. Warschak explained that it is a small job and that summer is the peak time for seal coating.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the 2013 Street Seal Coating Bid to H&C Construction as bid. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action Regarding Placing Vehicular Traffic Signs at the Intersection of Houston and Back Streets.

Donald Warschak said that at the last meeting there was a request to place stop signs at the corner of Houston and Back Streets to make it a four way stop. Police Chief Lattimore presented a report showing the history of crashes and traffic violations in the area. He said that there does not appear to be an unusual number of incidents in the area. He also explained that he has concerns about traffic backing up in the area when school traffic is present if there is a four way stop. Chief Lattimore also said that he can set up monitoring of the speed on the street. The Mayor said that the City would continue to look at the options available.

No action was taken.

12. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property.

The Mayor adjourned into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

13. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations about Real Property.

The Mayor reconvened the regular session at 7:23 p.m. with everyone present as before.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to accept the earnest money contract for the Mayes property located at 1109 Travis, 303 Walnut and 337 Walnut. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The Mayor said that the City would be purchasing the Mayes property for \$200,000 and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the June 2013 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ford Stein presented the June 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

15. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said that he is looking forward to working with Councilman Hernandez.

Councilman Hernandez – said that he is honored by the trust placed in him.

Councilman Rankin – absent.

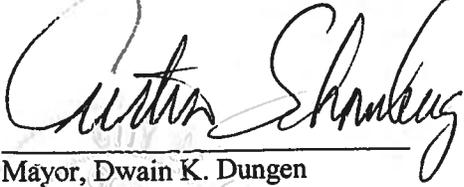
16. Announcements.

Mayor Dungen welcomed Councilman Hernandez.

Council was told that the next meeting would be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 17th.

17. Adjournment.

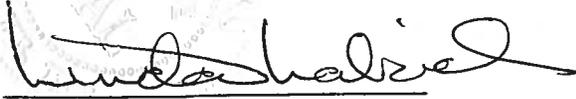
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

Mayor Ed Tem

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary

¹During 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.

²Limited 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.