

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2017 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	-	Lori An Gobert (absent)
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
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**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of April 2017 Financial Statements

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no comments.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Water Filtration Project, and FEMA Update.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the sales tax the City received in June was approximately \$9,000 lower than last year, with a total payment of \$106,795. Weimar and Eagle Lake both saw increases, while the county as a whole was also down.

Regarding the Water Filtration System Project, Warschak indicated the plans had been approved by the TCEQ, and there was an agenda item tonight for the approval to advertise for bids.

Warschak concluded his report with a FEMA update. He stated the City had received a payment of \$68,531.25, which was approximately 75% of the original budget for the repairs. He also said the request for the additional repair expenses was pending.

**6. Consideration and Action for Approval to Advertise for bids for the Equipment and Construction of the Water Filtration Project.**

Since the project had received approval from TCEQ, Warschak asked for authorization to advertise for bids for the equipment at this time, and then advertise for the construction at a later date. Councilman Rankin asked if the new system would be like the old filtration system. Warschak stated the new system would work on the same principle. There will be a horizontal multi-cell unit at each location. Rankin asked if it would help with the iron in the water. There was continued discussion of the workings of the new system. Councilman Hernandez asked if the new sewer line at the park was for the filtration system. Warschak confirmed that the new sewer line would be for drainage of the system.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve advertising, first, for the water filtration equipment, and then for the construction of the project. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**7. Public Hearing on Designation of 53.24 Acres of Newly Annexed Land in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, Located in the Texas Crossroads Business Park as District I, Industrial.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Dungen stated this property was the newly acquired and annexed land at the business park. The public hearing was closed at 6:37:30 p.m.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 192-17 Designating 53.24 Acres of Newly Annexed Property in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, Located in the Texas Crossroads Business Park, as District I, Industrial.**

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Ordinance 192-17. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**9. Public Hearing on Designation of 12.129 Acres of Recently Acquired Land in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, in the Texas Crossroads Business Park as District I, Industrial.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Dungen stated this was the acreage acquired from the Ag Complex. The public hearing was closed at 6:38:30 p.m.

**10. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 193-17 Designating 12.129 Acres of Recently Acquired Property in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, Located in the Texas Crossroads Business Park, as District I, Industrial.**

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve ordinance 193-17. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the April 2017 Columbus Golf Association Report.**

The City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated Mr. Mangini was unable to attend the meeting. She discussed some items on the Association's financial statements. Council discussed the financial reports, and asked that Mr. Mangini attend the next meeting.

No action was required.

**12. Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Replat of a 0.28 Acre Tract Situated in the Smith & Jones Addition, Block O of the City of Columbus, into Two (2) Lots (0.15 Acres (Lot A) and 0.13 Acres (Lot B)) as Requested by John and Florence Crews.**

Warschak stated the lot was located at Smith and Charter Street. The size of the existing lot was discussed. Warschak stated a house is currently on Lot B, and they want to sell Lot A. Rankin asked if the lots would meet size requirements. Warschak stated the current structure does not meet the set-back requirements. There was further discussion regarding the lots size requirements.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to submit the replat to Planning & Zoning. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**13. Consideration and Action for the Approval of a 2016-2017 Fire Department Budget Amendment.**

Schneider stated the budget amendment was for the fire truck that was declared surplus property back in November. She stated the proceeds from that sale would be put into the Fire Equipment Fund.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Fire Department Budget Amendment. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

**14. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Cummings – Thanked the Mayor and Council members for his reappointment to City Council.

Councilwoman Gobert – Absent

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – Gave details of the Boys & Girls Club “Taste of Columbus”. He stated, in the past, Council has participated by supplying a dessert or appetizer. The event will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Braden Hall.

**15. Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**16. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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Bana Schneider, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to statements. Issues raised by council members 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.