

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1538 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

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

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Citizen Presentations and Comments<sup>1</sup>.**

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

**4. Discussion and Action Regarding Replacement of High Pressure Line, Regulator Stations, and Main Gate of the Natural Gas Delivery System.**

City Manager, David Meisell, displayed a map of the area of high-pressure steel gas lines and regulators that need to be replaced. The gas lines will be replaced with poly pipe. The majority of lines are on Montezuma Street. Donald Warschak, with John D. Mercer, estimates the project to cost around \$517,717. The current budget is at \$300,000 for this project. The remainder would come from money allocated to water improvements. A discussion ensued regarding testing of the underground pipe and the possibility of looping the lines. Councilman Tesch moved to direct management to continue with the above ground system replacement and to test the underground pipe. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

**5. Discussion and Action Regarding Redress of Speed Limits on Fannin Street from the North River Bridge to the Ratliff Creek Bridge.**

The Council originally requested TXDOT change the speed limits on Fannin Street from the North River Bridge to the Ratliff Creek Bridge to 35 mph. TXDOT did change most of Fannin to 35 mph, but not the area just south of the North River Bridge and just north of the Ratliff Creek Bridge. Councilman Richardson moved to have David Meisell contact TXDOT and ask them for reconsideration of the speed limits on Highway 71 (Fannin). Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

**6. Discussion and Action to Approve Chlorine System Maintenance Contract.**

Councilman Wagner moved to approve a Chlorine System Maintenance Contract with Moody Bros. for \$11,800. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

**7. Canvass the May 9, 2009 City of Columbus General Election and Declare the Results to be Official.**

Mayor Heffley presented the vote count for the May 9, 2009 General Election with the following results:

		<u>Early</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
MAYOR	Richard Heffley	43	130	173
	Dwain K. Dungen	36	183	219
PLACE #1	Charles T Richardson	61	225	286
PLACE #2	Earl Joe Frnka, Jr.		14	61
75	Lori An Gobert	29	125	154
	John Axel	35	128	163

There were a total of 397 votes cast, 80 for early voting and 317 on Election Day.

Mayor Heffley and the City Council declared the results to be official.

Mayor Heffley expressed his appreciation to the Citizens of Columbus, the City Council, the City Manager, the City Secretary, and the City Employees.

Councilman Schonenberg thanked Mayor Heffley for serving the City and expressed his respect for him. He presented Mayor Heffley with a plaque of appreciation.

**8. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected City Officials.**

City Secretary, Patti Glaeser, administered the Oath of Office to Dwain Dungen, Charles T. Richardson and John Axel.

**9. Discussion and Action to Appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.**

Councilman Richardson moved to appoint Curtiss Schonenberg as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

**10. Items from Councilmembers?**

Councilman Wagner expressed his appreciation of his time served with Mayor Heffley.

Councilman Tesch said he appreciated the time served with Mayor Heffley.

Councilman Schonenberg expressed his appreciation of Mayor Heffley's 25 years of service to the City and looks forward to working with him on CCIDC. He said he is looking forward to working with Dwain Dungen at the City.

Councilman Axel said he is on the Council because of Heffley and appreciated his time. He said they go way back and he thanked him for his foresight. Councilman Axel said he has worked with Mayor Dungen before.

Councilman Richardson said Mayor Heffley is the reason he is on Council thanked him for his dedicated service. He said he would work with Mayor Dungen as hard as he did with Mayor Heffley.

Mayor Dungen said that he looks forward to doing his best for the City of Columbus.

**11. Announcements.**

There were no additional announcements.

**12. Adjournment.**

Mayor Dungen adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.

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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

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Patti Glaeser, 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.

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.