

March 11, 2010

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

Also City Staff present:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Public Works Superintendent	-	Michael Poncik

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

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

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Electrical Consent Agenda:**

a. **Approval of Invoices.**

b. **Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

c. **Approval of January Financial Statements.**

Councilman Axel moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from Curtiss Automotive.**

Councilman Richardson moved to approve the invoices from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

5. **Citizen's Presentations and Comments.<sup>i</sup>**

Vernon Zimmerman asked that the City look at the traffic on Bonham Street between Fannin and St. Anthony's during the hours before and after school. He said the traffic on that street travels too fast. He is asking the City to consider extending the school zone or installing another stop sign.

This item will be brought back to council at the next meeting.

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6. **City Manager Report including City Gas System, Charter Street Water Improvements, Electrical Rates, EECBG Grant Application, Economic Indicators, Water System Flushing, Swimming Pool Cool Deck, Safe Route to School, Auction Results.**

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

Mayor Dungen then moved to Agenda Item # 9

9. **Discussion and Action to Approve Eagle Scout Project as requested by Jonathan Streckfuss. (Warschak)**

Jonathan Streckfuss asked Council to allow him to install a model of a soldier to honor Christopher Kilpatrick between the Boy Scout Hut and the City Park. This is his Eagle Scout Project.

Councilman Richardson moved to allow the Eagle Scout Project as presented by Jonathan Streckfuss. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

10. **Discussion and Action Regarding Presentation by Gayle Muensch, President of Texana Pipeline, in Reference to Improvements made at the City's Main Gas Gate and Upstream of the City Gate. (Warschak)**

Gayle Muensch, President of Texana Pipeline, discussed the gas problems the City has had over the last few months. He said he services the area from Eagle Lake to Columbus. He said in November there appeared to be an obstruction in the gas line at Mr. Harrison's property on FM 102, which caused the initial problem in Columbus. A control valve was installed at the City Gate which has itself had problems, but subsequently have been fixed. Mr. Muensch is confident the problem has been solved.

7. **Consider and Take Action on Ordinance #104-10 by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, Relating to the "Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010"; Approving (1) the Resolution of the Board of Restated Financing/Use Agreement Relating to Such Financing by the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation; Resolving Other Matters Incident and Related to the Issuance of such Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date.**

Jennifer Douglas, with Specialized Public Finance, Inc, discussed the issuance of the CCIDC Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010. The rate the CCIDC received was 3.55% with a callable option after November 1, 2011. The bonds mature in 2023.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve Ordinance #104-10. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

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**8. Consideration and Action Regarding Garbage Contract Proposals. (Warschak)**

David Aguilar of Republic/Allied Waste presented a proposal for garbage collection and disposal service. Jay Howard of Texas Disposal System also presented a proposal. The council asked various questions of both regarding recycling. Jay Howard of TDS suggested a committee be organized to customize their service to meet the City's needs. Mr. Howard also said TDS would be willing to extend the contract month by month until the City makes a decision. Councilman Schonenberg moved to extend the Contract with Texas Disposal System for three months. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

**11. Discussion and Action Regarding CCIDC Minutes for November, December and January. (Richardson)**

The Minutes from the November, December, and January CCIDC meetings were presented. No action taken.

**12. Discussion and Action Regarding Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) Funds versus AdValorem Taxes. (Richardson)**

Councilman Richardson said his concerns were addressed in the CCIDC meeting just prior to this meeting.

**13. Discussion and Action regarding Partial Closure of Walnut Street from Bowie Street to Milam Street and Milam Street from Walnut Street to Spring Street on Sunday, April 25, 2010 for Gundelach Benefit from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. (Warschak)**

Councilman Axel moved to approve partial closure of Walnut Street from Bowie Street to Milam Street and Milam Street from Walnut Street to Spring Street on Sunday, April 25, 2010 for Gundelach Benefit from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

**14. Discussion and Action to Accept Donations of Funds for Police Gear. (Jackson)**

Councilman Tesch moved to accept donations from Columbus State Bank, The First State Bank, Mikeska BBQ, and Drymalla Construction Company for Police Tactical Gear. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

**15. Consideration and Action to Approve Budget Amendment for Police Gear. (Glaeser)**

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve a Budget Amendment for the Police Gear of \$8,886.60. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

**16. Discussion and Action Regarding Donations of Office Supplies. (Glaeser).**

Councilman Tesch moved to approve donations of office supplies from Steve Woodall. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion carried.

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

Councilman Richardson – no comment.  
Councilman Axel –no comment.  
Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.  
Councilman Tesch – no comment.  
Councilman Wagner – no comment.  
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

**18. Announcements.**

There were no additional announcements.

**19. Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

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Dwain K. Dungen, Mayor

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.

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