

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen (Absent)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assist. City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Jody Ripper
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Assistant Fire Chief	-	Dwight Mazac

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem, Curtiss Schonenberg, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹

Annie Mae Hargrove, who lives on Railroad Avenue, spoke to Council of her concern for the safety of the children on her street and in the general area of Midtown Park. She stated that there are no speed limits posted near the park and that Railroad Ave. is used as a thruway. She asked that Council post speed limit and children playing signs in the area. Council is looking into safety concerns at all of the City parks.

5. City Manager's Report.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. During his update on unsafe and sub-standard housing inspections, he informed Council that he had received a copy of an earnest money contract on the property at 740 Washington St. from Fran Moody and that she was asking for 180 days to work on the building. Ms. Moody told Council that she had done some clearing on the property and that she had submitted a written plan to the City. She also stated that she is looking for someone to deconstruct the building and salvage the lumber. Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg told her that she should ask to have an agenda item added to a future meeting if she wanted Council to act.

Donald Warschak also told Council that Ford Stein has been hired as Code Enforcement Officer to replace Jerry Krenek who is retiring at the end of May.

6. Public hearing on the proposed school zones for the City of Columbus.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg opened the Public Hearing on the proposed school zones at 6:46pm. City Manager, Donald Warschak, explained that only the streets that would be designated as school zones would be considered at this meeting and that actual speed limits would be determined later. He showed a map of his proposed school zones and discussed with Council and Citizens present the various alternatives. Councilman Rankin asked that in addition to the proposed streets that the City ask the State to extend the school zone on FM 806 in front of the high school all the way to Walnut Street. Mr. Warschak also said that he would like to ask the state to add a school zone on Walnut at Rampart Street because a lot of students cross there from the Junior High. There was also support for extending the school zones one block east on the west side of the Elementary School and St. Anthony's School.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

7. Consideration and Action on adopting the school zones for the City of Columbus.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to table this agenda item until the next council meeting so that the City Manager could make some changes to the proposed school zones and also talk with the State. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and action on the adoption of Resolution #90-11, a resolution adopting a City of Columbus Credit Card Policy..

Councilman Rankin made a motion to adopt Resolution #90-11, a resolution adopting a City of Columbus Credit Card Policy. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and action on the adoption of Resolution #91-11, a resolution adopting a City of Columbus Financial Management Goals and Objectives.

Councilman Axel made a motion to adopt Resolution #91-11, a resolution adopting a City of Columbus Financial Management Goals and Objectives. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and action on the adoption of Ordinance No. 118-11, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Texas by deleting, substituting, adding to, or revising "Chapter 13 Utilities, Article 13.04, Section 13.04.041".

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg explained that these were the changes to the garbage rates that were discussed at the last council meeting.

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Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Discussion and Action on the February 2011 Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented his February 2011 Police Report. No action was taken.

12. Discussion and action on the March 2011 Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented his March 2011 Police Report. No action was taken.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – stated that he appreciated all the citizen comments and commended City employees on the gas rating.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

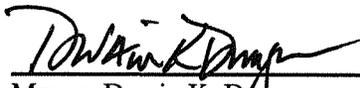
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

14. Announcements.

Chief Jackson invited Council and Citizens to attend the Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony on May 19, 2011 at 12:05pm at the Court House.

15. Adjournment.

The mayor pro tem adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Cathy Ezell, 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.

