

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, July 28, 2011 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 (Absent)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie
Utilities Director	-	Jody Ripper
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Assistant City Secretary	-	Kayla Duncan
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pro Tem Curtiss Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of invoices.
- b. Approval of minutes of July 14, 2011 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, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**9. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultation with attorney - EEOC filing.**

The Mayor Pro Tem moved to Item 9, closed the regular session and, adjourned into executive session at 6:36 p.m.

**10. Reconvene into Regular Session and consideration and action, if any, regarding Executive Session: EEOC filing.**

The Mayor Pro Tem reconvened the Regular Session at 7:04 p.m. with the same members present.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to authorize the City to retain a TML attorney to handle the EEOC filing. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Mayor Pro Tem moved to Item 4.

**4. Citizen's presentation and comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

**5. Public Hearing on possible changes to Code of Ordinances Article 8.02 Weapons concerning carrying licensed concealed handguns in or onto any City premises.**

The public hearing on possible changes to the Code of Ordinances concerning Weapons opened at 7:05 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Curtiss Schonenberg read the current Ordinance and asked Councilman Woodall to comment. Councilman Woodall stated that he felt that the ordinance was too broad and that he wanted to have a hard look at the rules. City Attorney Pat Gillespie told Council that the current ordinance does need to be amended because there have been changes in the state concealed handgun permit laws allowing permitted handguns on most property. She said that state law prohibits carrying a concealed handgun even with a permit in any court or building housing a court. When asked about what signs are required, she said that signs are only required in places where alcohol is sold. A letter sent to Council from Chris Christensen supporting allowing permitted handguns on City property was read into the record by the Mayor Pro Tem. Pat Gillespie also clarified that handguns are not allowed at any government meeting. Councilman Rankin asked Ms. Gillespie to do additional research on the subject and make recommendations to Council.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

**6. City Manager's Report.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. He also told Council that the Utility Department had had three water line breaks since Sunday. He also told Council that the matter concerning the citizen who spoke at the last council meeting is currently being handled in Municipal Court.

**7. Consideration and action to authorize the Mayor to renew the Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League for one year from October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012.**

It was explained that this is a renewal of an agreement to have TML handle COBRA administration. Councilman Rankin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to renew the Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League for one year from October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 95-11 authorizing designated signators for the City's depository and other financial institutions.**

Donald Warschak explained that this resolution's purpose is to add the Assistant City Secretary and remove the mayor from the City's accounts. Councilman Axel made a motion to approve Resolution 95-11. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**11. Public Hearing in regards to Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp./KW International Real Estate Transaction-Tracts F & H located in Texas Crossroads Business Park.**

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg opened the public hearing 7:27 p.m. Lori An Gobert, President of the CCIDC Board told those present that the Board had received a request from KW International for 50 acres in the Industrial Park. KW International is an oil and gas production equipment manufacturing company located in Houston. They would like to build a facility on the Industrial Park land within two years which would employ about 40 people locally. She said that the Board is in favor of conveying the land to them for

those purposes. Since the value of the land is greater than \$10,000, Council is required to have a public hearing before it can act on approval.

With no further comment the Public Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

**12. First Reading of Resolution 96-11 a resolution approving expenditures of 4B revenues over \$10,000 of city created economic development corporations, with less than 20,000 residents for the real estate transaction between Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. and KW International.**

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, read Resolution 96-11.

**13. Consideration and Action if necessary on June 2011 Police Report.**

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

**14. Consideration and Action if necessary on June 2011 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his June 2011 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report. No action was taken.

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

Councilman Woodall – Thanked Donald and Chief for their work on looking into the citizen complaint from the last meeting.

Councilman Axel – nothing.

Councilman Schonenberg – Welcomed KW International to Columbus.

Councilman Tesch – nothing.

Councilman Rankin – Welcomed KW International and said that he would not be at Wednesday's Budget Workshop.

**16. Announcements.**

Donald Warschak said that there would be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30p.m.

**20. Adjournment.**

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:45p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Lakich, 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.

