

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, May 10, 2012 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	-	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:

Acting Police Chief	-	Tomas Ramirez
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2012 Regular Meeting.

After clarification on two invoices, Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, HOME Grant Project, Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, Midtown Park Traffic Signs, and Spring Water Distribution System Flushing.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He reported that sales tax received for May saw a small decrease with \$112,847 this year versus \$114,794 for the same month last year. He announced that three homeowners had signed contracts for the HOME grants. After Donald told Council that a pedestrian crossing would be added at Midtown Park on the walking path and that Children Playing signs would be added, Mayor Dungen asked if the speed limit also needed to be reduced. Acting Police Chief, Tomas Ramirez, suggested 15mph. Mayor Dungen said reducing the speed limit would require Council Action and would need to be placed on a future agenda.

6. Consideration and Action Regarding Conducting a Workshop on the Columbus Historic District.

Mayor Dungen asked Council for dates that they would have available for a public hearing and then for a workshop to discuss the Columbus Historic District. The consensus was to schedule the meeting for Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

No action was taken.

7. Second Reading of Resolution 103-12, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding a Grant to Colorado County for the Robert R. Wells, Jr. Airport to Assist in Purchasing an Automated Weather Observation System.

Mayor Dungen explained that Items 7 and 8 were being withdrawn by CCIDC pending a formal request from the County for the funds.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 103-12, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding a Grant to Colorado County for the Robert R. Wells, Jr. Airport to Assist in Purchasing an Automated Weather Observation System.

Withdrawn by CCIDC.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the April 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.

Ford Stein presented his April 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition Ford said that he had spoken with the City Attorney regarding procedures for mowing weeded lots when there is no response to letters from the City. The Mayor asked if the ordinance needed to be readdressed. Ford said that there was no need to update the ordinance. Councilman Woodall asked that the City attempt to let citizens know that if the City has to mow weeded lots, they will be charged, and a lien could be placed on properties if the charges are not paid.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

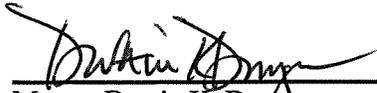
Mayor Dungen – expressed his best wishes to Weimar, which had a tornado touch down that evening.

11. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

12. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Durgin

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, 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.

