

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, May 22, 2014 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 (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilman	-	John Axel (absent)
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He explained that Councilman Axel was absent due to illness.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials – Curtiss Schonenberg, Councilman Place 3, Eddie Hernandez, Councilman Place 4, and Chuck Rankin, Councilman Place 5.

4. Consideration and Action to Appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to nominate Curtiss Schonenberg to fill the office of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Woodall and Axel

The motion passed.

5. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Woodall and Axel

The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

7. City Manager's Report Including 2014 Street Improvements and Water Distribution System Flushing.

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

Councilman Woodall arrived at 6:35 p.m.

8. Public Hearing Regarding Panhandling.

Mayor Dungen opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, stated that after the last Council Meeting she spoke with Texas Municipal League representatives about putting together a city ordinance to deal with panhandling. They gave her a sample ordinance which she adapted for Columbus. Council was given the proposed ordinance for review. Pat stated the proposed ordinance is complaint driven so that police can respond if someone is uncomfortable about being approached. In addition, the police can respond without complaint if traffic is being impeded. Chief Lattimore said that he had reviewed the proposed ordinance and that it is very workable. There were no other comments or questions.

Mayor Dungen closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

9. Consideration and Action to Adopt Ordinance 164-14 Aggressive Solicitation.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 164-14 Aggressive Solicitation as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. There was no other comment.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Adopt Ordinance 165-14 Sales on Street, Sidewalk, Alley or Vacant Lot.

Mayor Dungen explained that this ordinance would clear up some conflicts within the City's Itinerant Vendor ordinance to allow selling from streets if an itinerant vendor has a city permit.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 165-14 Sales on Street, Sidewalk, Alley or Vacant Lot as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

11. Second Reading of Resolution 136-14, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with less than 20,000 Residents, for the Funding of a Grant to the City of Columbus for Assistance with Construction of the Downtown Sidewalk Project.

Resolution 136-14 was read by Mayor Dungen.

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 136-14, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with less than

20,000 Residents, for the Funding of a Grant to the City of Columbus for Assistance with Construction of the Downtown Sidewalk Project.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to Approve Resolution 136-14 as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Authorize Closure of Bowie Street from Jackson Street to Houston Street on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Colorado County Circus of Health.

Mayor Dungen said that because of construction at the hospital, the annual health fair would be held at the elementary school campus. The closure is for the street in front of the cafeteria.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the closure of Bowie Street from Jackson to Houston on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Colorado County Circus of Health. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Submit to the Planning and Zoning Commission a Proposed Replat of a 0.698 Acre Tract, a Part of the Krueger Subdivision of the City of Columbus, being that same land described in Deed dated March 13, 2002, from Joyce Loessin to Gary W. Krueger and wife, Donna J. Krueger, recorded in Volume 397, Page 508 of the Colorado County Deed Records, 0 King Dr.; such Application Requesting Said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots as Requested by Donna and Gary Krueger.

Councilman Rankin expressed his concern regarding access to the properties from King Drive, and asked the City Manager to look into it.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to submit the proposed replat to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the April 2014 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented his April 2014 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Councilman Rankin asked for an update on the progress made in organizing the evidence room. Chief Lattimore said that they are making progress and that they are doing all that they can as quickly as possible. Councilman Rankin asked him to make it a priority.

No action was necessary.

16. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

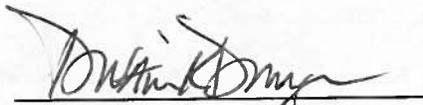
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

17. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

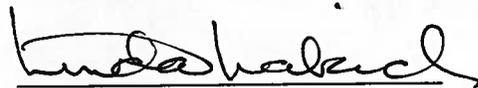
18. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

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.

