

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, December 11, 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 (absent)
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

**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 November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Gobert 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  
Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Woodall

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no citizens' comments or presentations.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Downtown Sidewalk Project, Water System Flushing, and Sewer Averaging.**

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

**6. Second Reading of Resolution 140-14, 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 Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to Assist in Providing Affordable Housing within the City.**

Mayor Dungen conducted the reading of Resolution 140-14.

**7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 140-14, 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 Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to Assist in Providing Affordable Housing within the City.**

Councilman Rankin said that while he supports Habitat for Humanity, he was concerned that the funds that will go into building this house on MLK would eventually be paid back to Habitat by the homeowner. Councilwoman Gobert said that the funds would then be rolled into building the next Habitat house and that they would not be asking for funds on a repeat basis. Councilman Rankin stated his opinion that CCIDC should get a legal opinion stating that was okay and that the onus was on CCIDC to do the legal follow-up.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution 140-14 as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Woodall

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action to Review and Modify, if Necessary, Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria.**

Mayor Dungen stated that he was scheduled to meet with the County Judge on the next Monday and asked to table this item until he was able to do so. Councilman Rankin stated that he was especially interested in understanding the provisions pertaining to reinvestment zones.

No action was taken.

**9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the November 2014 Code Enforcement Report.**

Code Enforcement Official, Ford Stein, presented his November 2014 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mayor Dungen asked for an update on the progress made on substandard buildings. Councilman Rankin suggested that, in January, Council receive an update on properties currently in process and a report on those planned for action in the future.

No action was necessary.

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

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**11. Announcements.**

The City Secretary announced that the City's Christmas Party would be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> and that the Nesbitt Memorial Library would hold an open house on Monday, December 22, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**12. Adjournment.**

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

