

May 13, 2010

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

Also City Staff present:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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 22, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

Councilman Tesch moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoice from Curtiss Automotive.**

Councilman Tesch moved to approve the invoice from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Tesch, Wagner
Abstain: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

5. **Citizen's Presentations and Comments.**ⁱ

Debbie Usher will wait for Agenda Item # 13.

6. **City Manager Report including Charter Street Water Improvements, EECBG Grant Application, Economic Indicators, Ground Storage Tank Cleaning, Digital Video Cameras and MDT for Patrol Cars, Stop Signs, Austin Street Railroad Crossing, 2009 Audit.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, which is attached to these minutes. David Sheblak, with John D. Mercer, and Associates discussed the progress of the Charter Street Water Line Improvements. At this time, the work has been invoiced at a 25% completion rate.

Mr. Warschak said Sales Tax revenue for May only decreased a small amount.

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7. **Introduction of New Police Officer and Reserve Police Officer and Administer Oath of Office.**

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, introduced Craig Rick Martell as the new Police Officer and Herschel Smith as the new Reserve Police Officer. Mayor Dungen administered the Oath of Office to each officer and welcomed them to the City of Columbus.

8. **Consideration and Action to Send Great Southern Wood Demand Letter for Payment on Promissory Note. (Wagner)**

Councilman Wagner volunteered to review the documents Great Southern Wood sends in response to the Demand Letter sent to them by Ty Prause. Mr. Wagner asked that Councilman Richardson oversee it. Councilman Axel said that sometimes two pair of eyes are better than one. Councilman Schonenberg said the information should be straightforward. Councilman Tesch said he would like the paperwork to go to Mr. Prause first and then if he needs help, then no problem. Councilman Richardson agreed with Mr. Tesch. Councilman Wagner worried the information will get shoved under the rug.

Councilman Tesch moved to have the information first go to Mr. Prause and if Mr. Prause needs help, he can come to Council. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. (Glaeser)**

Mr. Pierce Arthur, City Auditor, was present to discuss the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He read his Management Letter and discussed pages 26-27 of the Audit. He said the City's reserves are adequate. Patti Glaeser, Finance Director, said if the Council had questions about the audit, to please call her. Councilman Axel moved to approve the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

10. **Consideration and Action to Enroll City Police Officers in the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA). (Wagner)**

Councilman Axel moved to enroll the City Police Officers in the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA). Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. Councilman Schonenberg was concerned that this organization is a predecessor to a union. Councilman Richardson said what bothered him was the individual would represent the officer to Council and he thinks Chief Jackson is capable of representing the Police. Councilman Axel said he is convinced that it is not a union and would be a benefit to the Police. Councilman Tesch asked Chief Jackson about TMPA. Chief Jackson said TMPA represents the individual and the cost would be \$28 per month.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Wagner

Nays: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch.

The motion failed.

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11. **Discussion and Action to Approve Ordinance 107-10 to Appoint Two Members to the Joint Airport Zoning Board. (Dungen)**

Mayor Dungen said Colorado County had appointed Clifford Wenske and Paul Blymeyer to the Joint Airport Zoning Board.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve Ordinance 107-10 to Join the Colorado County-City of Columbus Joint Zoning Board and appoint Dr. Todd Barfield to the Board. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

12. **Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of the entire 400 Block of Spring St. and continue to the next block of Spring partially up to the entrance of the old jail property; 1100 block of Travis Street Between Walnut and Spring Street on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 7:00 am until 12:00 midnight for the Live Oak Festival.**

Mary Stavinoha, Chairman of the Live Oak Festival, discussed the activities and invited Council to the 55th Festival. Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Closure of the entire 400 Block of Spring St. and continue to the next block of Spring partially up to the entrance of the old jail property; 1100 block of Travis Street Between Walnut and Spring Street on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 7:00 am until 12:00 midnight for the Live Oak Festival. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

13. **Consideration and Action to Approve Manufactured Home Permit.**

Debbie Usher was present to discuss her plans for a Manufactured Home Permit at 1429 Preston Street. Councilman Axel moved to approve the Manufactured Home permit. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

14. **Consideration and Action Regarding CCIDC Minutes.**

The February and March CCIDC Minutes were presented for review. There were no comments or questions.

15. **Items from Councilmembers.²**

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg –no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Wagner – no comment.

16. **Announcements.**

There were no additional announcements.

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17. Adjournment.

Mayor Dungen adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Dwain K. Dungen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, 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.
