

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, August 2, 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 (Absent)
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Acting Police Chief	-	Tomas Ramirez
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Utilities Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

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. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

4. Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Subdivision of Lot 14, of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, a 2.195 Acre Tract located in the City of Columbus ETJ to the Planning and Zoning Commission as Requested by Linda and Al Wayne Radke.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to submit the described property subdivision to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, reported to Council that the effective tax rate is 0.26994 and the rollback rate is 0.28851. She explained that because property values have increase that the City's current tax rate of 0.27312 will produce an increase in tax revenue. She also told Council that the approval of the resulting tax increase will be on the next council agenda along with setting up public hearing dates. Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, told Council that he would like to increase issuance fees for plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits from \$5 to \$15.

A discussion of General Fund revenues and expenditures took place including projected tax revenues and budget increases requested by department heads.

The City Secretary told Council that Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund revenues have increased during the current year by approximately \$100,000 with the addition of the two new hotels on the south side of town.

Council will discuss the Utility Fund at the next Budget Workshop.

6. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – gave a CCIDC update in which he reported that the KWI project will be larger than originally planned.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

Mayor Dungen – no comment.

7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:52 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.