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the agenda "just in case."

When it came to the property swap Councilman Dick Yehle said, "As with the Master Plan this is not an item that is ready for a vote because the negotiations are ongoing and it is just not ready, but I think something should be said beyond the details of the plan."

He went on to address some issues that had been broached in emails sent to him, in particular the transparency of the process and the seeming rush to get the swap done. He said that the swap has been on agendas since October and that isn't rushed. He also said that because of legal advice and ability to negotiate, those aspects were held in closed session.

He also said that Councilman Heathcott, who is a deacon at WUBC, has consistently recused himself and not participated in any meetings pertaining to the land

swap.

Each vote to table an item was met with applause.

Brennan Reilly was the first of a long list to make public comments on the agenda items.

"I would like to start by thanking you for tabling those items that were on the agenda. It is entirely appropriate as we are having an election in five days and the election is going to be largely about these issues... we will see what the public really thinks about this in five days.

He also addressed points made by council and gave their counters.

"Talking about transparency, I got a call three weeks ago from a resident that had spoken to our city manager that proposed to me the 'skinny' land swap that is now described in these memorandums. So there are things going on behind the scenes. They are not transparent. That's not public... that should

be done here [pointing to the entire council chambers]. It should be done in front of everybody."

After Brennan used his full three minutes to speak person after person came up to say they fully supported his remarks.

The very last person to speak was Christina Propst.

"I was hoping to not to have to bring this up. I was hoping it would have been addressed differently... I am addressing these comments to the current, for another few days, council and the current incoming council, of which I think there are some members here.

"I would really like you all to consider what you think the role of representation on council is. Whom you would represent as a council member? Do you represent the voters who put you in office? Do you represent your church? Your alma mater? Your block only? I think this is certainly an issue that has come up in private emails and private conversations, but not directly here.

"I find it truly distasteful, some of the conflict of interest that emerged in the dealings with the West U. Baptist Church. This does not have to do with the church. This has to do with this council and specific members or a member of this council. I had email and phone exchanges early on in which that

member said he would not recuse himself. That he had no reason to recuse himself.

"Well eventually enough people heard about it and he did recuse himself, but not until after people found out. I really object to how that all came about and I really think it casts the church in an unfortunate light...

"I also find it really disdainful as a position holder in a church to use your council moniker and council member position to urge politically motivated votes..."

No one could hear the next bit she said through the standing ovation she was already getting for her remarks in reference to Heathcott's letter to the WUBC congregation supporting Council Candidates Bruce Beneke and Steven Segal.

Once the room quieted she then continued, "I think it set a very, very dangerous precedent and again I found it truly objectionable and my children are getting a good lesson here in what not to do as both an elected official and a member of an organization."

**Houston Coach Honored by Positive Coaching Alliance**

Marion Jones, Athletic Director at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, was selected as a finalist for the Positive Coaching Alliance's Double-Goal Coach Award. The Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) is a national non-profit developing "Better Athletes, Better People" by working to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience.

The Double-Goal Coach Award honors those who strive to win while also pursuing the more important goal of life lessons through sports. Coach Marion Jones was named in the top four coaches in the country out of 2,100 applicants for the award.



St. Vincent de Paul Athletic Director Marion Jones



*Elect*  
**BOB KELLY**  
for WEST U. CITY COUNCIL

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**FAMILY**

- ★ Married to Linda 46 years, 2 daughters – Colleen (a Physician) and Susan (an Immigration Attorney), member Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

**RESIDENT**

- ★ 3720 Plumb for 40 years

**EDUCATION**

- ★ B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin
- ★ M.B.A., Golden Gate University
- ★ J.D., University of Houston
- ★ Rated AV, the highest legal ability and ethical standards ratings, by Martindale-Hubbell and a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation

**BUSINESS/MILITARY**

- ★ Senior Counsel, Phillips Petroleum Company, Coastal Corporation, and El Paso Corporation, 30 years
- ★ Captain, United States Air Force, 5 years

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- ★ MAYOR
- ★ MAYOR PRO TEM Councilmember
- ★ West U Rotary Club Community Service Excellence Award
- ★ President West U. Police Sentinel Club
- ★ Board Member, West University Parks and Recreation
- ★ West University City Charter Review Committee Member
- ★ President, West University Elementary PTA
- ★ President, West University Soccer Club
- ★ President, Lamar Athletic Booster Club
- ★ Director, West University Tri-Sports
- ★ Chairperson, West University Elementary Park Development
- ★ Chairperson, Budget and Finance, Pershing PTO
- ★ Three times awarded Certificate of Appreciation from HISD for Outstanding Service
- ★ Member PTA Boards Pershing and Lamar
- ★ Head Coach West U. Softball & Soccer (over 10 years)

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