



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor – Lori An Gobert
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin
Councilman – Keith Cummings
Councilman – Ronny Daley (Absent)
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

Carried 4-0

3.1. **Approval of Invoices** [INVOICES 08.01.2022.pdf](#) 

3.2. **Approval of Minutes from the July 25, 2022 Regular Meeting**
[MINUTES 07.25.2022.pdf](#) 

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation). [INVOICES COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire Center.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 3-0

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no citizen comments.

6. Discussion of Budget Workshop

City Secretary and Finance Director, Bana Schneider, reported on the tax rate calculation received from the appraisal district. She discussed the amount of revenue generated from the different rates.

There was an in depth discussion regarding hourly employee rates with Council requesting the City Manager, City Secretary and HR to review.

Council discussed the general fund balance, and the target for fiscal year 2023.

6.1. **Budget Assumptions and Property Tax Rates** [BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS 07.29.2022.pdf](#) 

6.2. **Personnel**

6.3. **General Fund** [GENERAL FUND 07.29.2022.pdf](#) 

7. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - Absent

Sciba - None

Ridlen - Props to the Little League Softball team for winning their second game in the world series.

Rankin - None

Gobert - Thanks for allowing her virtual participation last week.

8. Announcements

Schneider reminded everyone the next meeting will be on Monday.

9. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:



Bana Schneider, 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.

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.