



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 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
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order 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: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

3.1. **Approval of Invoices** [INVOICES 10.11.2022.pdf](#) 

3.2. **Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting**
[MINUTES 09.26.2022.pdf](#) 

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).

[INVOICES COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire Center as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments'

Debbie Damon addressed council regarding the change of venue for the upcoming "Town Hall". It will be at the Caledonia Lodge on Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

6. City Manager's Report Including the MLK Street Sidewalk Project and the Highway 90 East River Bridge Project. [CM REPORT.pdf](#)

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Warschak stated TxDOT is waiting on the ADA inspection for the sidewalk project. Regarding the bridge project, he stated the road base was prime for paving.

Additionally, Warschak stated he had reached out to TxDOT regarding the Walnut Street sidewalk project and the new traffic signal, but he has not heard back from them regarding the status.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 259-22, and Ordinance Pertaining to Rates and Charges in Connection with Solid Waste Management and Service. [ORD 259-22 GARBAGE](#)

[RATES.pdf](#)

Mayor Gobert stated she and Donald sat through a very lengthy dinner with TDS while attending the TML Conference. While at the conference, they learned that many of the smaller entities with TDS contracts did not approve increases above their contracts.

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated the ordinance setting the garbage rates was for the contractual 3% rate.

Motion to approve ordinance 259-22 adopting customer rates for solid waste removal.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action to Approve a License Agreement for a Right of Way Encroachment with the Columbus Independent School District. [CISD ROW ENCROACHMENT.pdf](#)

Warschak gave an overview of the project to Council. Gobert stated there were some liability concerns she wanted to make sure would be the responsibility of the school.

Motion to approve the license agreement for the right of way encroachment with Columbus Independent School District.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

9. **Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Replat of a .390 Acre Tract in Block 3, Lot 11 of the City of Columbus, Texas into Two (2) Lots (0.353 Acres (First Tract) and 0.037 Acres (Residual) to be Attached to the North Border of the 0.047 Acre and the 0.337 Acre Tracts Comprising Block 3 Lot 10 City of Columbus, Texas) as Requested by Darmor Group, LLC.**

[DARMOR REPLAT.pdf](#) 

Warschak stated the adjacent property owners would be absorbing the carve out into their lot.

Motion to send the replat request to Planning and Zoning.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

10. **Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Family Crisis Center, Inc.** [CONTRACT FAMILY CRISIS CENTER.pdf](#) 

Gobert asked Chief Edman if the department was still utilizing the services of Family Crisis Center. He responded affirmatively.

Motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract for public services with Family Crisis Center.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

11. **Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for Public Services with Combined Community Action, Inc.** [CONTRACT COMBINED COM ACTION.pdf](#) 

Schneider stated CCA has helped many utility customers with their bills for gas.

Motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract for public services with Combined Community Action.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary Regarding the September 2022 Golf Report. [SEPT](#)

[2022 GOLF.pdf](#) 

John Mangini presented the September CMGA report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No Action was required.

13. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - stated she had received a complaint about buzzards roosting near houses and asked if anything could be done.

Ridlen - none

Rankin - stated the Wellness Center open house would be tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

Gobert - read a thank you note from Dorothy Fitzgerald. She also stated she and Donald had a lovely time at TML.

14. Announcements

There were no announcements.

15. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 5:56 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.