



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in ^{Special} regular session on Monday, July 31, 2023, 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

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. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

William Durbin requested to speak during the budget workshop.

4. Consideration and Action Regarding the Sale of Real Property Owned by the City, Located at 930 Travis Street, Pursuant to Section 272.001 Local Government Code; the Approval of a Minimum Bid Requirement, or Approval of No Minimum Requirement, and Authorizing City Management Take All Necessary Action for the Posting of the

Required Notice. [NOTICE TO BIDDERS 07.31.2023.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the minimum bid requirement of \$32,500 in the Notice to Bidders for the real property.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye

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

5. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

5.1 Final Property Tax Valuation

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, discussed the final property tax valuation with Council.

5.2 General Fund

General fund and wish list items were discussed as well as cost for the new fire truck.

Mr. Durbin asked about funding for public safety.

5.3 Utility Fund

Council requested revenues and the associated utility rates for the prior three years.

5.4 Special Revenue Funds

Schneider stated the Chamber had submitted a corrected budget request, and the metrics for tourism events.

6. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - none

Gobert - there is a proposed proclamation encouraging women to vote (not what to vote for)

7. Announcements

Warschak - Gas line project is started up by the High School

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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.