

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 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	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assist. City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utility Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt
Public Works Super.	-	Michael Poncik
Library Director	-	Nancy Koehl

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

**4. Discussion of Budget Workshop.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, made a presentation of preliminary expenditure items. Councilman Rankin questioned the timing of employee raises being in July of each year. Donald explained that for the last three years the timing for raises had been tied into the timing for the increase in the minimum wage. A suggestion was made to go back to raises going into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. After Council discussed various expenditure items, Mayor Dungen suggested that they take the presented figures home and look them over.

It was decided to hold the next budget workshop on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Revenues will be discussed.

**5. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

Mayor Dungen – no comment

**6. Announcements.**

None.

**7. Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungch

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Cathy Ezell, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>During 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.