

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, September 9, 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 (Arrived at 6:40 pm)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Cathy Ezell

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2010 Regular Meeting, and of August 4, 2010 and August 24, 2010 Special Meetings.
- c. Approval of July 2010 Financial Statement

After Council received clarification on an invoice, Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the Invoices and the minutes on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

City Secretary Cathy Ezell stated that the July 2010 Financial Statement showed that the financials were in line with the proposed ending estimates presented in the 2010-2011 Budget for the current fiscal year.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the July 2010 Financial Statements on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Axel.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoice from Curtiss Automotive.**

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the invoice from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Tesch, and Rankin  
Abstain: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

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

There were no Citizen's presentations or comments.

6. **City Manager Report including Economic Indicators, Austin Street Railroad Crossing, Quikrete, MDT Units, Great Southern Wood Preserving, Water Usage.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. Mayor Dungen arrived at 6:40pm.

7. **Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 2.09 Acres of Land in the Elizabeth Tumilson League, Abstract No. 44 Colorado County, Texas**

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session and opened the public hearing at 6:42 pm. He stated that this is the property where Industry Bank is being constructed. He closed the public hearing at 6:43.

8. **Public Hearing on Proposed 2010-2011 City of Columbus Operating Budget.**

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session and opened the public hearing at 6:43 pm. Donald Warschak stated the budget included funds for the Seal Coat Program and demolition of dangerous buildings. He also went over the summary of the General Fund and Utility Fund revenues and expenditures.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street beginning in front of the Elementary School ending at Walnut Street, and Closure of Walnut Street to the High School from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm on September 22, 2010 for the Columbus High School Homecoming Parade.**

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the closure of Milam Street beginning in front of the Elementary School ending at Walnut Street, and closure of Walnut Street to the High School from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm on September 22, 2010 for the Columbus High School Homecoming Parade. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 109-10 an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 97-09 to Adopt a Budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011.**

Councilman Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 109-10 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 97-09 to adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,940.00 for the Library Donations and Memorials.**

Mayor Dungen stated the funds received as donations and memorials would be used to purchase books and audio visual supplies.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,940.00 for the Library donations and memorials. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**12. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution No. 78-10 a Resolution of the City of Columbus, Texas, Designating Representatives to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for 2011.**

Mayor Dungen stated that the current representatives are himself and Councilman Schonenberg.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 78-10 of the City of Columbus, Texas, designating Mayor Dungen and Councilman Schonenberg as the representatives to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for 2011. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**13. Consideration and Action to Approve the Mayor to enter the City of Columbus into an Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center for Co-op purchasing services.**

Donald Warschak stated that the Police Department was in the process of replacing the copy machine and that the Xerox machine that suits the needs of the department was not offered as part of the State Contract. By entering into the Region 4 Education Service Center Co-op the Police Department would be able to obtain the copy machine and it would give the City another purchasing avenue.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the Mayor to enter the City of Columbus into an Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center for co-op purchasing services. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**14. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution No. 79-10 a Resolution Approving the Terms and Conditions of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Columbus and Region 4 Education Service Center.**

Cathy Ezell stated that a Resolution had to be approved to approve the terms and conditions of the contract to join the co-op.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 79-10 a resolution approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Columbus and Region 4 Education Service Center. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

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

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – stated that he would not be able to be present at the September 16, 2010 Special Council Meeting.

Councilman Rankin – stated that he would be able to be present at the September 28, 2010 Special Council Meeting.

Mayor Dungen – stated that the review of the Substandard Housing Ordinance was the beginning of the review of City's Ordinances.

**18. Announcements.**

Donald Warschak stated that the public hearings for the Tax Rate and the Substandard Housing Ordinance will be held on September 16, 2010 and that City Attorney Ty Prause would be present to answer questions. He also stated that we would have the copy of the revised ordinance available before the meeting.

**19. Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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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.