

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

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| Mayor | - | Dwain Dungen |
| Mayor Pro Tem | - | Lori An Gobert |
| Councilman | - | Keith Cummings |
| Councilman | - | Gary Swindle |
| Councilman | - | Eddie Hernandez |
| Councilman | - | Chuck Rankin (Absent) |
| City Manager | - | Donald Warschak |
| City Secretary | - | Bana Schneider |

Other City Staff present included:

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| Police Chief | - | Bill Lattimore |
| Code Enforcement | - | Richard LaCourse |

1. Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including FEMA Meeting and TxDOT Update.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his City Manager's Report, a copy of is attached to these minutes.

Warschak spoke to Council regarding a joint kick-off meeting with FEMA, the Texas Department of Emergency Management, the Mayor, himself, and the City Secretary. The meeting concerned emergency funding for temporary measures at the McCormick Waste Water Treatment Plant. A cost estimate and the City's insurance policy must be submitted. The program funding would be 75% from FEMA, and 25% from the City or another entity. The Mayor stated it was a very interesting meeting.

Regarding the TxDOT signal project, Warschak stated the construction barricades had been delivered, and the contractor should start concrete demolition next week. 811 locate calls had been received from the contractor.

6. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 169-16, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and Authorizing the Mayor to Act as the Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in All Matters Pertaining to the Participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program.**

Mayor Dungen stated this was the next step in the grant process. Tina Lewis of Grantworks stated once this resolution has been approved, then the application process could move forward.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to adopt Resolution 169-16. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 170-16, a Resolution Opposing the Permit Application from Altair Disposal Services, LLC (AKA Clean Harbors) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Hazardous Waste Disposal Site at the Facility in Colorado County.**

Dungen stated this permit process happens every so often, and other local entities have adopted resolutions opposing this hazardous waste disposal site permit.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve Resolution 170-16. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

8. **Discussion and Action Regarding an Ordinance to Regulate the Transportation of Hazardous Waste through the City of Columbus.**

The mayor stated other cities in the area have adopted ordinances restricting transportation of hazardous waste within their towns. He thought this may be something Council would like to address. He did state any ordinance would go through the City Attorney. The City may be limited on the thoroughfares that could be regulated since the main routes through the City are state highways which are under the state's jurisdiction. Possible penalties and enforcement were discussed.

No action was taken.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Chaney Gregory to the Library Advisory Board for a Term Ending April 1, 2020.**

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the appointment of Chaney Gregory to the Library Advisory Board. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Replat of a 0.9680 Acre Tract Situated in Block 139 of the City of Columbus, Into Two (2) Lots (0.617 Acres (Lot A) and 0.351 Acres (Lot B)) as Requested by the Millycent Cranek Cordes Estate.

Warschak stated this lot was located on Wallace Street and south to Harbert Street. Dungen stated there are two houses on the lot. The City Secretary stated the owner wants to split the lot so each house could be sold separately.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to submit the proposed replat to Planning & Zoning. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 20106 Police Report.

Chief Lattimore gave the October police report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Lattimore also discussed training and other activities of his department. Additionally, he stated in the future, he would recommend hard closures at all intersections for the Homecoming Parade.

No action was required.

12. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – None.

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – Absent

Mayor Dungen – Ladies Night Out will be this Thursday.

13. Announcements.

Schneider stated she had the signup sheet for the City's Christmas party, which will be held on Friday, December 9th.

14. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain Dungen

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.