

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2017 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	-	Lori An Gobert (arrived at 6:33 pm)
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

1. **Call to Order.**

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

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

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

Mayor Dungen asked about the replacement of the meter at KWI, and if this was to replace anything on the new gas line. The City Manager stated this was to replace the original meter and run from when the service was put in place. It had threaded connections, and tended to leak.

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments.'**

There were no comments.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Trash-Off, Water Filtration System, and FEMA Updates.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the paperwork for the FEMA reimbursement had been received. He also stated he had submitted paperwork for the additional expenses incurred. Mayor Dungen asked if we are supposed to submit the paperwork for the reimbursement of the original amount, or if we need to wait and include the additional expenses. Warschak stated the state FEMA representative told him to submit the original, and if the additional funds are approved, that paperwork will be submitted separately. Councilman Swindle asked about what would be done at the property north of the wastewater treatment plant. Warschak stated the Corps of Engineers would be looking at that.

Regarding the water filtration system, Warschak stated the plans had been submitted and logged with the state. May 26th is the slated review date.

Warschak concluded his report with the annual Trash-Off event. He stated five 30 yard roll-off containers located at the City maintenance yard had been filled, and many volunteers came out to help clean up Columbus.

Councilwoman Gobert arrived at 6:33 pm.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 197-17 Approving the traffic Control Plan for the 2017 Columbus Magnolia Festival.

Dungen stated this was the same plan and agreement as last year.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance 197-17. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Voluntary Employee Payroll Deductions for MASA Medical Transport Solutions.

Dungen stated this is the company that provides coverage for both air and ground transportation. City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated 24 employees were interested in participation in the program.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve voluntary employee payroll deductions for MASA. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Replat of a 0.383 Acre Tract Situated in the WB Dewees Survey A-18 of the ETJ of the City of Columbus, into Two (2) Lots (0.105 Acres (Lot A) and 0.278 Acres (Lot B) as Requested by Charleen Kallus.

Dungen asked where the property was located. Warschak stated it was on Shirley Oaks Drive. He also said the smaller lot will be sold to a neighbor. They wanted a little more property for a storage building.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Cancellation of the Storage Lease Agreement Between the City and Twin Oaks Ranch for the Storage of the 1938 Ford Fire Truck.

The Mayor stated the fire department wanted to bring the truck back to the fire station now that they have room after the remodel. The lease requires a 90 day notice.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the cancellation of the storage lease agreement. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the March 2017 Columbus Golf Association Report.

CMGA treasurer, John Mangini, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mangini stated they are half through the membership due collection period. He also stated they would like to work with Titleist to build up a retail inventory, and there was a good turnout for the Lion's Club tournament. Regarding memberships, he stated there are not many young people interested in the game.

Warschak asked if they had plans for marketing the club room for rental. Mangini stated they have not publicized the room rental.

Councilman Cummings asked what type of financial return could be expected from any retail investment. Mangini stated it could be 100% profit.

No action was required.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – Asked if there were numbers on KWI employment. Schneider stated they should be in by the end of the month.

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – Update on Visitors' Center. Warschak stated it goes out for bid next week, and bid award would be during the next meeting.

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – City crews did a great job with the elm tree that fell in the alley behind his house.

Mayor Dungen – None

6. Announcements.

Schneider stated she had applications for MASA if anyone on Council would like to participate.

7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:48 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 council members 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.