

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., 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	-	Michael Ridlen
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
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**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 of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Ridlen, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no public comments.

**5. Consideration and Action Regarding a Noise Ordinance Variance for September 28, 2019 at Blake Street, 2101 Milam Street, for a Performance by Southbound 955 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. as Requested by Blake Schulte.**

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Councilman Ridlen seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Ridlen, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

**6. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020.**

The public hearing was opened at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Gobert.

There were no public comments regarding the tax rate.

Gobert closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

**7. Discussion of Budget Workshop**

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated Council had received the final version of the budget. She explained the only change which was an additional \$11 in the fire department personnel budget. She also indicated the wish list items, capital, and major maintenance items included in the budget.

**8. Public Hearing on Proposed 2019-2020 City of Columbus Operating Budget.**

Mayor Gobert opened the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

There were no public comments regarding the 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

Gobert closed the public hearing at 5:34:50 p.m.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 219-19, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 207-18 to Adopt a Budget for the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019 and Ending September 30, 2020.**

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve Ordinance 219-19. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Ridlen, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

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

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilman Ridlen – Gave thanks for the recently received rain.

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilwoman Frnka – Thanks for paving in neighborhood.

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Gobert – Spoke about the Texas Workforce Solutions seminar she recently attended, and the area "report card" for 2017-2018 employment. She also thanked Councilman Rankin for presiding over the last meeting.

**11. Announcements.**

Schneider stated Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the next regular meeting.

**12. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.



Mayor, Lori An Gobert

ATTEST:



Bana Schneider, 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.