



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 5:30 PM, 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	-	Ronny Daley
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider
Asst City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Code Enforcement	-	Richard LaCourse
Code Assistant	-	Duane Naiser
Fire Marshal	-	Brent Gorman, Jr.

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Gary Swindle


Seconded by: Sandra Frnka

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

- 3.1. Approval of Invoices [INVOICES_10.25.2021.pdf](#) 
- 3.2. Approval of Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting [COUNCIL MINUTES 21-10-12.pdf](#) 
- 3.3. Approval of the July 2021 Financial Statements [JULY 2021 FINANCIALS.pdf](#) 
- 3.4. Approval of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021 [INVESTMENT REPORT 09-30-21.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Debbie Damon addressed Council regarding her attendance of the October 12, 2021 Eagle Lake City Council meeting, and an update of the proposed Endeavors illegal immigrant housing project. A copy of Damon's report is attached to these minutes. [DAMON_REPORT.pdf](#) 

Chris Christensen spoke to Council about an Afghan refugee camp in west Texas. He also spoke about the origins of food trucks, and what should be considered during the process of developing the ordinance.

Cynthia Penney reminded Council that November 2, 2021 is election day, and she encouraged everyone to vote on the proposed constitutional amendments.

5. City Manager's Report Including the Water Filtration Project, the Hill Water Plant Ground Storage Tank, the Transportation Alternatives Sidewalk Application, and the CodeRED System.

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6. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Wallace Street Between Bowie Street and Live Oak Street on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to Midnight for the St Anthony's School Carnival. [ST ANTHONY CARNIVAL STREET CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve street closure as requested.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Street Closures in the Memorial Oaks Subdivision for Halloween Activities on the Evening of Sunday, October 31, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Frnka thanked the residents of Memorial Oaks for allowing for the closure in order to keep trick-or-treating safe. She stated they normally get between 500 and 600 children.

Motion to approve street closure as requested.

Moved by: Sandra Frnka

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 237-21, a Resolution Adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy. [RESOLUTION 237-21 _ INVESTMENT POLICY.pdf](#)

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated there were no changes to the prior year's policy.

Motion to approve Resolution 237-21, a resolution adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action to Request the City Secretary Conduct the Annual Audit of Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Funds as Required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Motion to request the City Secretary conduct the annual Chapter 59 asset forfeiture funds.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Sandra Frnka

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the September 2021 Fire Marshal Report.

[FIRE MARSHAL _ SEPTEMBER 2021.pdf](#)

Fire Marshal, Brent Gorman, gave the report to council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He spoke about the number of calls for service during the month.

No action was required.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the September 2021 Code Enforcement Report.

[CODE.ENFORCEMENT _ 10.25.2021.pdf](#)

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. LaCourse spoke about permits issued and inspections during the month.

No action was required.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the September 2021 Police Report.

[SEPT.2021 _ STATS.pdf](#)

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave the police report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Edman highlighted force training, and community activities during the month.

No action was required.

13. Consideration and Action Regarding the Second City Council Meetings in November and December.

Schneider stated the second November meeting would be on the 22nd, which is the Monday of Thanksgiving week, and the second meeting of December is the 27th . She wanted to make sure there would not be any holiday travel conflicts with Council.

After some discussion the consensus was to leave the meetings on the regular schedule.

14. Items from Councilmembers²

Councilman Rankin recommended everyone read the book *The Dying Citizen* by Victor Davis Hanson.

15. Announcements

Schneider stated Council had received an invitation for the retirement reception for library assistant, Susan Archuletta.

16. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.



Mayor Lori An Gobert



Bana Schneider, City Secretary