



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022, 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
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code Enforcement - Richard Lacourse

1. Call to Order

Mayor 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:




Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Sandra Frnka

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

- 3.1. Approval of Invoices [INVOICES_02.14.2022.pdf](#) 
- 3.2. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting
[MINUTES_01.24.2022.pdf](#) 
- 3.3. Approval of the October 2021 Financial Statements [OCTOBER_2021.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Chris Christensen addressed Council regarding a recent meeting of the Appraisal District Board of Directors. He stated 95% of the people who showed up have no clue how the board operates. He also stated Council needs to be very careful when appointing a new representative.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, the McCormick WWTP River Bank Project, the MLK Street Sidewalk Project, Sewer Averaging, and the Government Finance

Officers Association Award. [CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. He stated the sales tax payment for the month was up over the same time last year; the Army Corp of Engineers were still working on the final details for the riverbank at the McCormick WWTP; there will be a pre-construction meeting for the MLK sidewalk project on Wednesday; sewer averaging ends tomorrow; and the City received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2020.

6. Consideration and Action to Award the Bid for the Storm Sewer Outfall & Manhole Project, a Supplemental Project to the CDBG-DR GLO Contract 20-065-030-C097, and Approval of the Use of Local Funds for Project Costs Above the Remaining Contract Funds of \$36,874.50. [BID](#)

[TABULATION.pdf](#) 

David Sheblak with Lynn Engineering presented the bid tabulation to Council.


Motion to award the Storm Sewer Outfall & Manhole Project to B&D Services for total contract price of \$101,275.00 which includes the remaining CDBG-DR GLO contract 20-065-030-C097 funds of \$36,874.50 and \$64,400.50 in local funds.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Gary Swindle

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

Carried 5-0

7. Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Rezoning Request for a 20.853 Acre Tract in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract 18 from District R-1, Multi-Family, Apartment, Townhouse or Condominium to District B, Business or Commercial as Requested by Montezuma Storage Real Estate LLC, a Subsidiary of GlidePath Power Solutions. [GLIDEPATH REZONING.pdf](#) 

Brad Lila of GlidePath addressed Council regarding the rezoning request. He explained the battery energy storage facility and how it will work.

There was discussion regarding the use of the remaining acreage and the company's plan to develop it; safety

concerns; drainage; types of batteries to be used; and the zoning classification.

Motion to send the rezoning requested by Montezuma Storage Real Estate LLC, a Subsidiary of GlidePath Power, to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action on Funding Support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring Trash Off

Event. [TRASH OFF 2022.pdf](#) 

Sharon Wegenhoft of the Columbus Garden Club addressed Council regarding Columbus Trash Off. She stated the club was excited to bring this event back, and she asked for the same support Council and the City had provided in years prior.

Motion to approve funding support to the Columbus Garden Club for the spring Trash Off event.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January 2022 Golf Association

Report. [JAN.2022 GOLF.pdf](#) 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, gave an overview of the report to Council.

No action was required.

10. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - None

Daley - None

Swindle - None

Frnka - None

Rankin - None

Govert - reported to Council about the mitigation funding through the HGAC. She discussed the awarding criteria, and with final approval by the HGAC board, the City would receive \$8,929,980 of funding for a new wastewater treatment plant, with the potential of another \$1 million if the MOD is approved. She stated local state and federal representatives have been instrumental in trying to secure this funding for the City.

Gobert also reported the Columbus ISD School Board drives the choice for our representative on the Appraisal District Board. She also stated April 9th is the tentative date for the dedication of the "Music Corner" and the dedication of the pavilion to Dr. Hancher, both of which are located at Midtown Park.

11. Announcements

Schneider stated the fiscal year 2021 financial audit had begun that day.

12. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.



Mayor Lori An Gobert

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.