



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 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
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse
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

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

Ayes: Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

3.1. Approval of Invoices [INVOICES_06.27.2022.pdf](#)

3.2. Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting

[MINUTES_06.13.2022.pdf](#) 

3.3. Approval of the April 2022 Financial Statements [APRIL 2022.pdf](#) 

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire Center.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Ayes: Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstained: Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹**

Chris Christensen addressed Council regarding his concerns over the food truck ordinance being drafted by Planning & Zoning and to be considered by Council.

6. **City Manager's Report Including the McCormick WWTP Riverbank Project, the MLK Street Sidewalk Project, and Walnut Street (Hwy 90) Sealcoat Project.** [CM_REPORT.pdf](#)



City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Regarding the McCormick WWTP Riverbank Project, Warschak reported the contractor will be back after the 4th of July to complete cleanup. Ribbon cutting will be scheduled after that.

Regarding the MLK Sidewalk Project, Warschak reported the project is nearing completion. Councilwoman Sciba questioned if there were future sidewalk plans after this one is completed. Warschak explained missing the last grant and reapplying in the future. This application and declination happened prior to Sciba's seat on Council.

Regarding the Walnut Street Sealcoat Project, Warschak stated this project will begin soon. TxDOT has started work west of the City and will be heading in this direction. Once the sealcoat is complete, restriping will begin. This will reflect the turning lane for the new signal light project that will be bid soon. The sealcoat is a maintenance item that will temporarily inconvenience traffic. TxDOT has indicated there will be a hot mix overlay done next year.

Warschak told members to review the appraisal for the Mansfield building. This will be on the agenda for review at the next month's meeting.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Change Order No. 2 for Contract with B&D Services, LLC for the CDBG-DR GLO Storm Drainage Project.** [COLUMBUS CHANGE ORDER NO 2.pdf](#) 

Project engineer, David Sheblak, spoke regarding change order No. 2 and the net increase due to supply chain issues. This is a change from 36" to 24" pipe, a grade change resulting in more footage, as well as additional joints that needed replacing.

Rankin asked if Warschak was good with the changes. Warschak replied yes.


Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 with B&D Services.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Ayes: Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0


8. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 249-22, a Resolution Authorizing the Commitment of Local Funds up to \$93,765.16 for the Completion of Phase 2 of the CDBG-DR Contract 20-065-030-C097.** [RESOLUTION 249-22.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 249-22 which replaces Resolution 248-22.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Carried

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Submission of Draw 10 Request to the GLO for Payment of Pay Application No.1 for B&D Services in the Amount of \$113,775.87.** [DRAW 10_20-065-030-C097.pdf](#) 


Motion to approve the submission of Draw 10 request to GLO for payment of Pay Application No. 1 for B & D Services.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

Ayes: Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Submission of Draw 11 Request to the GLO for Payment of Pay Application No. 2 for B&D Services in the Amount of \$12,641.76, John D. Mercer & Associates Invoice #17241 for \$5,530.95, and Grant Works Invoice #4 for \$2,460.50.** [DRAW 11_20-065-030-C097.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the submission of Draw 11 request to the GLO for payment of Pay Application No. 2 for B&D Services and other invoices as attached.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Ayes: Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the May 2022 Fire Marshal Report.

[FIRE MARSHAL_MAY2022.pdf](#) 

Fire Marshal, Brent Gorman, Jr. gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Gorman reported six inspections, one fire investigation, a public education event at Columbus Elementary, and an assist to the Sealy Fire Department for a funeral home fire.

Gorman updated Council on July 4th fireworks at the golf course and the Disaster Declaration details. Gorman also stated the CVFD had 11 calls this past weekend alone.

No action was required.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the May 2022 Code Enforcement Report. [CODE ENFORCEMENT_MAY2022.pdf](#) 

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. LaCourse stated there were 37 permits pulled this month. He highlighted the building permits that were pulled, as well as miscellaneous code items he is working on. One item to note, the substandard property at 1105 Washington has been demolished. Warschak will now file a lien on the property. Councilman Cummings requested LaCourse check on the area by TLC and the soccer fields, and the need for it to be mowed.

No action was required.

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the May 2022 Police Report. [MAY 2022_STATS.pdf](#) 

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Edman reported on officer training, and their qualifying events. He stated the department, along with EMS, SO, and DPS, will be doing walk throughs at the schools. Edman also reported Texana will be issuing iPads to the department to assist with mental health cases. They will conduct Zoom type interviews via the iPad. Edman stated this will reduce the time it takes to get a case worker out here as well as a better assessment than over a phone call.

Councilman Ridlen questioned about a police force within the ISD. Edman stated it would be extremely expensive and a huge undertaking. He stated there is an officer in the schools. They pay \$30/hour during school hours. There was discussion on different agencies and their authorities.

Councilman Rankin questioned Edman on the ticket writer system.

No action was required.

14. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - Thank God for the rain.

Rankin - none

Gobert - Stated the HGAC public comment period is now open. She encouraged everyone to support the proposed plan. This is a final opportunity for possible funding for the WWTP.

Ridlen asked if this could be advertised for citizens to be made aware to comment. Gobert also stated the email conversion is now complete and the server is stateside. There were a few hiccups, but things are much better.

15. Announcements

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated there is a golf course email attached for Council's review. She stated budget workshops will begin in July. Gobert stated she will be attending those meetings virtually due to several meeting conflicts.

16. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.



Chuck Rankin, Mayor Pro Tem

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.