

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 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 (Absent)
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
Code/Fire Assistant	-	Duane Naiser

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of Minutes of the December 23, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

Shirley Kirby addressed Council regarding the proposed Alleyton incorporation and possible consolidation with the City. She asked how soon this might take place, and the likelihood the City would consolidate. Mayor Gobert stated since this item was not on the agenda, Council could not have a discussion nor answer her questions. Gobert stated a discussion item regarding Alleyton would be placed on the next agenda.

Billy Kahn of the Chamber of Commerce invited a representative from the City to attend a meeting with Exxon and Enterprise Pipeline regarding the natural gas pipeline coming through the City. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the Buddy Rau room.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, the Water Filtration Project and Sewer Averaging.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve a Grant Administrative Services Agreement with GrantWorks for the Hurricane Harvey – Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Contract Number 20-065-030-C097.**

Councilman Ridlen made a motion to approve the agreement with GrantWorks. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 201-20, a Resolution Authorizing Designated Signators for Contractual Documents and for Requesting Funds Pertaining to the Hurricane Harvey – Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Contract Number 20-065-030-C097.**

Schneider stated the resolution names the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and the City Manager as contractual signatories, and those three and herself as signatories for drawing of funds.

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve Resolution 201-20. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 202-20, a Resolution Adopting Required CDBG-DR Civil Rights Policies.**

Schneider stated these were standard policies that must be adopted for the grant. She included they were just approved last year as part of the Waterline Grant Project.

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve Resolution 202-20. Councilman Ridlen seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 203-20, a Resolution Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Columbus.**

Schneider stated this was also part of the grant requirement.

Councilman Ridlen made a motion to approve Resolution 203-20. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gobert – Asked Donald to attend the meeting tomorrow at 1:15 p.m. with the Chamber. Asked for an item concerning Alleyton be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. She also mentioned the Firemen Stew was Monday evening as well.

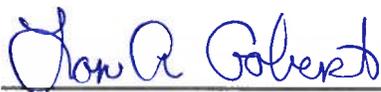
**23. Announcements.**

Schneider stated Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> is the first day to apply for a place on the ballot for the general election on May 2, 2020. The filing period extends to February 14<sup>th</sup>, and candidate packets would be available at the next meeting. Council places 3, 4, and 5 are up for election.

Schneider also stated Council members will be receiving a confirmation questionnaire regarding the FY 2019 financial audit. She asked Council to get those back to the auditors as soon as possible.

**24. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:09 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.