

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.ⁱ

Patti Glaeser read a statement, attached to these minutes, signed by 25 City employees in support of City Manager, David Meisell. Retired City Employee, Eddie Hernandez, also spoke in support of Mr. Meisell. He said he was proud of the working relationship and he was proud of all the improvements he and Mr. Meisell had worked on over the last few years. Lori An Gobert said Mr. Meisell had done a great job as far as infrastructure is concerned, but occasionally his attitude is a problem. She believes diplomacy could have been used.

4. Executive Session: Deliberation on Personnel Matters.(V.T. C.A., Government Code Sec. 551.074).

Mr. Meisell requested this discussion be in open session. Mayor Heffley said all discussions would be in open session. He then asked Council for any additional discussions. Councilman Wagner passed until the end. Councilman Tesch wants to get the problem corrected. Councilman Schonenberg said that Mr. Meisell's character as a city manager is not questioned.

Councilwoman Frnka said there is a behavior problem pattern. She feels if it is not corrected, it will reoccur. There is no question he can run the City . she said there is a problem with destroying state property.

Councilman Richardson said he concurred with Councilman Schonenberg.

Councilman Wagner said he has known Mr. Meisell since they were kids

Mr. Meisell was then given the opportunity to respond. He read a prepared statement which is attached to these minutes.

5. Consideration and Action on the Removal of David Meisell from the Office of City Manager for Lack of Confidence as Provided by Sec. 22.077 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Councilwoman Frnka moved for the removal of David Meisell from the office of City Manager for Lack of Confidence as provided by Sec. 22.077 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code. Mayor Heffley asked if there was a seconded. After a while, he asked again if there was a second. Mayor Heffley said the motion died for lack of a second

6. Adjournment.

Mayor Heffley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, 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.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.
