

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1538 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson

And the following absent:
Mayor - Dwain Dungen

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Councilman Axel led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

4. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

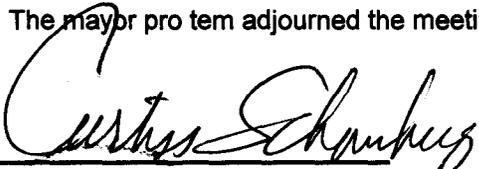
David Meisell, City Manager, compared the City's wages to 14 cities based on TMRS average wage at the end of 2008. The City of Columbus remains below the 50th percentile of local cities. A three percent wage increase is currently budgeted for July 2010.

The Council reviewed General and Utility Fund Expenditures, with no major changes from the 2008-2009 Budget.

Councilman Axel said that he would like to see the wages increased by 5% to 6% because he would like to get to the 50% mark and he is concerned with keeping licensed personnel. When the economy comes back, there will be other jobs that will potentially lure employees away.

5. Adjournment.

The mayor pro tem adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.



Mayor Pro Tem, Curtiss Schonenberg

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.