

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, August 18, 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	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

And the following absent:

Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
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1. **Call to Order.**

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

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

Mayor Dungen 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.**

Revenues were discussed. The Council is considering raising water and sewer rates for large consumption users. The Council, at this time, will look at garbage rates in April when the garbage outsource contract comes up for renewal. The Garbage Department, shows a loss that will need to be reviewed. Several options were discussed regarding CCIDC contribution to the city. Sales tax revenue projection comes to \$775,000 however no one knows how the economy will affect sales.

The Council discussed leaving the ad valorem rate the same as last year at \$.27312.

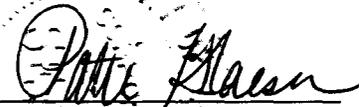
The next Budget Workshop will be Monday, August 31, 2009.

5. **Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.



Mayor, Dwain Dungen

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.