

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Woody Moore
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Public Works Director	-	Michael Poncik

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Consent Agenda.**

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of February 2015 Financial Statements.
- d. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2015.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**

The Mayor presented a proclamation in recognition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to representatives from Steel Heels Women's Motorcycle Club.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Swimming Pool, Water Line Flushing, and Auto Read Meter Project.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. **Public Hearing Concerning Submission of an Application to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds to Assist in the Construction of Pathways in the City.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

The Mayor stated that after looking at costs associated with the TAP grant, that the City may need to look at completing the needed sidewalks on a smaller scale or doing some of the work in-house. There were no comments from the public.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 146-15 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds for Assistance in Constructing Pedestrian Walkways.

There was a recommendation to not apply for these grant funds.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to **not** approve Resolution 146-15 authorizing submission of an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternative Program Funds. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

8. Public Hearing Regarding Horses, Other Livestock, and Fowl Kept in City Limits.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Paul Simmons stated that he has nowhere else to put his horse other than the yard that he currently keeps it in, and that it has only been loose once. The Mayor said that Council would need to look at the general welfare of both the public and the animals. Several members of the public spoke in support of being able to keep chickens in the City. They stressed the historic importance of agriculture in the community.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 147-15 Authorizing Certification of a Columbus Cultural District.

The Mayor stated that he had hoped that Roger Wade would be able to be at the meeting to answer questions regarding the Cultural District. Without Mr. Wade, Council did not feel that they had enough information to take action.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract for Solid Waste Collection.

Council was presented with the revised contract with Texas Disposal Systems for solid waste collection. Councilman Rankin stated that he still has reservations about the automatic escalation clause. He stated that he thinks that it is a bad idea.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the contract for solid waste collection with Texas Disposal Systems as presented. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, and Hernandez
Councilwoman Gobert
No: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the City of Columbus Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2014.

Council received a copy of the 2014 City of Columbus Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for their review at their last meet. Questions from Council concerning the report had been answered by the City Secretary.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the City of Columbus Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2014. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action to Review and Approve City of Columbus Financial Management Goals and Objectives.

The City Secretary stated that there had been no changes made in the City's Financial Management Goals and Objectives.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the City of Columbus Financial Management Goals and Objectives. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

13. Second Reading of Resolution 145-15, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with less than 20,000 Residents for the Real Estate Transaction between Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. and E'Kabel Projekts.

The mayor read Resolution 145-15.

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Councilman Schonenberg stated the CCIDC is still in the process of rewriting the contract. The attorney for the Board is making requested changes. Councilman Rankin said that he would not want to make any move on approval until he had seen the contract.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to table the item pending a finalized contract. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action to Reschedule Second Regular City Council Meeting in June.

This request was made because the City Manager and City Secretary will be out of town on the regular meeting date.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to reschedule the second meeting in June for June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Moore, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

16. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the March 2015 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented a copy of his March 2015 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

17. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Moore – no comment.

Councilwoman Gobert – asked for an update on the status of the Fire Department's Breathing Apparatus Air Packs.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

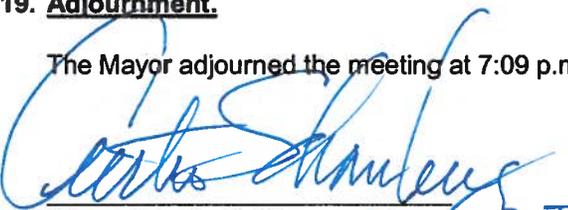
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

18. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

19. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.


Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Linda Lakich, 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.

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.