

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2017 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	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Officer	-	Richard LaCourse
Police Lieutenant	-	Skip Edman

**1. Call to Order.**

The Mayor 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 June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

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

There were no comments.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Visitors Center Project, Water Filtration Project, and TxDOT Bridge Project Updates.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated they are framing the Visitors Center and the project is moving along. Regarding the Water Filtration System Project, Warschak stated the equipment package is out for bids and are due on Wednesday, July 19. The bids will be ready for the next council meeting. Warschak concluded his report with the TxDOT Bridge Project. The gas line has been bored under the river and the contractor is currently working on making the tie-ins on each side of the river. After that, the old gas line will be abandoned.

6. **Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning and Zoning Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 14 Manufactured Homes as Requested by Code Enforcement Office, Richard LaCourse.**

The recommended amendments are attached to these minutes. Mayor Dungen discussed other city ordinances in the area and how their ordinances are very similar, with the exception of the nonconforming location in section (d). He suggested shortening the timeframe from 2 years to 6 months. The recommendation will then go to Planning and Zoning for their consideration and final determination.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to submit the proposed amendments for the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 14 Manufactured Homes to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

7. **Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of Five members to the Electrical Board.**

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Girndt, Edward Boettcher, Bob Berger, City Attorney Mike Trefney and Brent Gorman from the Fire Department to the Electrical Board. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

8. **Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of Four Members and One Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustments.**

Mayor Dungen said one member and one alternate are still needed for this board.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Flint, Whitney Werland, Patti Hill, Modina Mangini, and Mike Craddock as alternate to the Board of Adjustments. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of Four Members to the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Board.**

Councilwoman Gobert stated some concerns and possible conflicts with the appointment of Roger Wade to the CCIDC.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the appointment of Curtiss Schonenberg, Andrew Nunmaker, and Lori An Gobert to the Columbus Community and Industrial Board. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

**10. Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of Two Members to the Citizen's Grievance Committee.**

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the appointment of Ernest Baumgart, Jr., Mayor Dungen and Councilman Cummings to the Citizens Grievance Committee. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of Two Members to the Employee Grievance Committee.**

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilman Hernandez and Councilman Rankin to the Employee Grievance Committee. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

**12. Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of One Member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve the appointment of Robin Garcia to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez and Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Rankin

The motion passed.

**13. Consideration and Action, if necessary, Regarding the June 2017 Columbus Golf Association Report.**

John Mangini of CMGA gave the report. He reported that they did very well on the July 4 event. They are looking at going up on their member and nonmember dues next year. Member dues could go from \$40 to \$50 per month, and nonmember dues would go up \$5 more per day. He also stated they are steadily picking up 1-2 members per month.

**14. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – Absent

Mayor Dungen –none

**15. Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**16. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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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.