

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Lori An Gobert
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Chuck Rankin
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Ronny Daley
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle (Absent)
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider
Asst City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Code Enforcement	-	Richard LaCourse
Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Fire Marshal	-	Brent Gorman Jr.

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

a. Approval of Invoices

Councilwoman Frnka made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Daley seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Cummings, Daley, and Councilwoman Frnka  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

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

None

**5. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) from the Elementary School Playground to Walnut Street (Highway 90), and the Closure of Walnut Street (Highway 90) from Milam Street (Spur 52) to Veterans Drive on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10:00a.m. until Noon for the Colorado County Fair Parade.**

Councilman Daley made a motion to approve the street closures. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Cummings, Daley, and Councilwoman Frnka  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**6. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Legion Drive from the Large Memorial Stadium Entrance Gate to Legion Circle for all Varsity, Sub-Varsity and Junior High Home Football Games as Requested by Columbus Independent School District.**

Councilman Daley made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Cummings, Daley, and Councilwoman Frnka  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**7. Items from Council members.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Cummings – none

Councilman Swindle – absent

Councilwoman Frnka – none

Councilman Rankin – none

Councilman Daley - none

Mayor Gobert – read a letter from the Colorado County Fair inviting Council members and City officials to participate in the fair parade. The theme will commemorate 9/11. The City will have a float. Columbus Outfitters will be loaning us a trailer. Donald has agreed to drive. I am encouraging all of you to be on the float. There is a tentative commitment from Gov. Abbott and Senator Kolkhorst. I strongly urge you to show up. Rankin questioned if Crenshaw would be in attendance. Gobert stated that has not been confirmed.

**14. Announcements.**

Warschak stated the Army Corp will do a kickoff for their project. Date to be announced. Come out to wear a hat or hold a shovel.

Chief Edman stated LCRA is doing utility work. They have hired out officers to help with traffic control on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**15. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.



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Mayor Lori An Gobert

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.