

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 5:30 PM, 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 (via Microsoft Teams)

Councilman – Keith Cummings (arrived at 5:58 p.m.)

Councilman – Ronny Daley

Councilwoman – Paige Sciba

Councilman – Michael Ridlen (arrived 5:46 p.m.)

City Manager – Donald Warschak

City Secretary – Bana Schneider

Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief - Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

- 3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Consideration and Action to Approve the Certification for Local Governments for House Bill 3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training.

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City Secretary, Bana Schneider confirmed the completion of cybersecurity training.

Motion to approve the certification for local governments for House Bill 3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training.

Moved by: Ronny Daley Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

# 5. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters - City Manager Annual Review.

Regular session was closed at 5:49 p.m.

## 6. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session - City Manager Annual Review.

Regular session reconvened at 6:52 p.m. with all members still present including Councilman Cummings who arrived at 5:58 p.m.

No action from the executive session was required.

### 7. Discussion of Budget Workshop:

Schneider gave an overview of the changes made since the last budget workshop.

- 7.1 General Fund
  - Schneider stated a \$379,000 overage was corrected leaving the general fund in a much better position.
- 7.2 Utility Fund

There was discussion regarding the utility rates.

- 7.3 Capital Projects
- 8. Consideration and Action Regarding the Proposed 2023 Tax Rate Notification and Public Hearing. TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE.pdf

This item was not needed. It was on the Monday, August 29, 2024 agenda.

#### 9. Items from Councilmembers<sup>2</sup>

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - asked about the take-home vehicle policy for city employees

Rankin - none

Gobert - none

#### 10. Announcements

There were no announcements.

### 11. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:

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 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.