

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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

Councilman – Keith Cummings

Councilman – Ronny Daley

Councilwoman – Paige Sciba

Councilman – Michael Ridlen

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
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- 3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 3.1 Approval of Invoices 20241112 INVOICES.pdf
- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting 20241028 MINUTES.pdf
- 3.3 Approval of the August 2024 Financial Statements AUGUST 2024.pdf @
- 3.4 Approval of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT 09-30-2024.pdf
- 4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).

INVOICES COLUMBUS TIRE,pdf Ø

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire.

Moved by: Keith Cummings Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny

Daley

Abstain

Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Debbie Damon addressed council regarding the requirement for events to be two days in order to be eligible for HOT funds and her concern about the Ladies Night Out event's eligibility for funding. City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated LNO is not included in the HOT funds the Chamber receives for the tourism contract. That is a separate Chamber event.

William Durbin commended the Chamber for their great performance managing the tourism for the City.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Projects Updates, City Projects Updates, WWTP Permit Renewals, "TextMyGov", and GFOA Award. CM REPORT 20241108.pdf City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Ideas were suggested for getting the word out about the new TextMyGov feature recently launched by the city.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 285-24, an Ordinance Adopting a Policy for Preventing the Use of Prohibited Technology and Covered Applications Per SB 1893 ORD 285-24 -

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Motion to approve Ordinance 285-24 adopting a policy for preventing the use of prohibited technology on city devices as required by SB 1893.

Moved by: Paige Sciba
Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings,

and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 287-24, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application. <u>RESOLUTION 287-</u>

24 CDBG APPLICATION.pdf @

Motion to approve Resolution 287-84 authorizing the submission of a TxCDBG program application.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings,

and Ronny Daley

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 288-24, a Resolution Adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy. RESOLUTION 288-24 INVESTMENT POLICY.pdf

Motion to approve resolution 288-24 adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings,

and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Publicity and Tourism Agreement Between the City and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. TOURISM CONTRACT-2025.pdf

Motion to approve the Publicity and Tourism agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings,

and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Wallace Street Between Bowie Street and Live Oak Street from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Use of City Sidewalks on Live Oak Street Between Wallace and Bonham Streets, on Bonham Street Between Live Oak and Bowie Streets, and on Bowie Street Between Bonham and Wallace Streets on Thursday, December 12, 2024 for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade and Celebration as Requested by Grupo

Guadalupano. GRUPO GUADALUPANO PROCESSION.pdf @

Motion to approve the street closures and use of City sidewalks as requested.

Moved by: Ronny Daley Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings,

and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2024 Golf Association Report.

GOLF OCT 2024.pdf

No action was required.

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Second City Council Meeting in December.

DECEMBER 2024.pdf @

Motion to set the second December Council meeting for noon on December 20, 2024.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

14. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - None

Daley - The CHPT book launch will be after the meeting

Sciba - Encouraged everyone to attend the LOAC "Art of Chili" chili cook-off on Saturday at Schneider Hall

Ridlen - None

Rankin - Hopes everyone had a good Veterans Day

Gobert - She and Sciba attended the H-GAC caucus on November 7th; Contract for the WWTP is supposed to be received by December 6th; the City Christmas party will be on December 13th and she will not be able to attend - hopefully others from Council will be there

15. Announcements

There were no announcements

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Bana Schneider, 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.

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.