



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, 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

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Library Director – Lynnette Weido

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials [CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.pdf](#)

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, administered the oath of office to Mayor Lori An Gobert.

Mayor Gobert administered the oath of office to Councilman Ronny Daley and Councilman Keith Cummings.

4. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

- 4.1 Approval of Invoices [20250512.pdf](#)
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of the April 28, 2025 Regular Meeting
[MINUTES 20250428.pdf](#)
- 4.3 Approval of the February 2025 Financial Statements [FEBRUARY 2025.pdf](#)
- 4.4 Approval of the March 2025 Financial Statements [MARCH 2025.pdf](#)

5. Approval of Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).

[20250512 COLUMBUS.TIRE.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Becky Nutt, was present with Chamber President, Peggy Harrison. They presented the City with a signed 200th Film Friendly City in Texas proclamation.

7. City Manager's Report [CM REPORT 20250512.pdf](#)

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

In addition to the WWTP information, Warschak reported that HGAC representatives had been on site for cyber security and financial controls audits in order to proceed with the contract. Also, the permitting process with TCEQ will take 10-12 months for the new plant.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of One Member to the Neshitt Memorial Library Board for a Term Ending October 1, 2028.

Library Director, Lynnette Weido, presented Lyn Musgrove for appointment.

Motion to approve Lyn Musgrove to the Library Advisory Board.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Leonard Peters as Municipal Court Judge.

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Leonard Peters as municipal court judge.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Michael Peters as Associate Municipal Court Judge.

Motion to approve the appointment of Michael Peters as associate municipal court judge.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Luke Cochran as City Prosecutor.

Motion to approve the appointment of Luke Cochran as City Prosecutor.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Bovey & Cochran, PLLC as City Attorney.

Motion to approve Bovey & Cochran, PLLC as City Attorney.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

13. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Brent A. Gorman, Jr. as Supervising Fire Marshal for the City of Columbus.

Motion to approve the appointment of Brent A. Gorman, Jr. as supervising Fire Marshal.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

14. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Bart Klaus as City Public Health Officer.

Motion to approve the appointment of Bart Klaus as City Public Health Officer.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

15. Consideration and Action to Approve the Reappointment of Five Members and two Alternates to the Board of Adjustments for Terms Ending May 2027.

Current members are Modina Mangini, Lori Meyer, Ann Butler, Patti Hill, and Shane Theriot; with alternates Anna Schultz and Sherry Tucker.

Motion to approve the reappointment of five members and two alternates to the Board of Adjustments for terms ending May 2027.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

16. Consideration and Action to Approve the Reappointment of Three Members to the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Board for Terms Ending May 2027.

Members up for re-appointment are Michael Ridlen, Morgan Barton, and Dwain Dungen.

Motion to approve the reappointment of three members to CCIDC with terms ending May 2027.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Abstain Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-0

17. Consideration and Action to Appoint Members to the Employee Grievance Committee.

Currently Chuck Rankin and Keith Cummings.

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Chuck Rankin and Keith Cummings to the Employee Grievance Committee.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

18. Consideration and Action to Appoint Members to the Citizen Grievance Committee.

Currently Ronny Daley, Barbara Peterman, and Lori An Gobert.

Motion to appoint Ronny Daley, Barbara Peterman, and Lori An Gobert to the Citizen Grievance Committee.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

19. Consideration and Action to approve Resolution 300-25, a Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property.

[RESOLUTION 300-25 SURPLUS PROPERTY.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 300-25 as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

20. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the April 2025 Golf Report.

[CMGA APRIL 2025.pdf](#) 

Schneider reviewed the report with Council. She stated the higher revenues were for membership dues collected in the month of April.

No action was needed.

21. Consideration and Action to Approve a Proclamation for the Garden Week as Requested by the Columbus Garden Club.

Motion to approve the Garden Club Garden Week Proclamation as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

22. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071(Consultations with Attorney) - Consult with City Attorney Regarding legal Matters Concerning Fire Services.

Regular session was closed at 5:55 p.m. to enter into executive session.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, and City Secretary, Bana Schneider, were both invited into executive session.

23. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session - Consult with City Attorney Regarding Legal Matters Concerning Fire Services.

Regular session reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

No action was taken from discussions during executive session.

24. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - had the opportunity to go to Austin with the Chamber to receive the award for being the 200th Film Friendly City; hoping this will bring lots of opportunities for the city.

Ridlen - none

Rankin - glad to see the Mayor back

Gobert - enjoyed her time off; thanked Ronny for attending the Attwater Prairie Chicken Center opening; Paige for attending the Austin event; Chuck for running the meetings; and admin staff for helping to keep all these grants and things running smoothly

25. Announcements

Reminder regarding the photo with LCRA on Tuesday at the Little League Pavilion

Next May meeting will be on Tuesday the 27th

Peace Officer Memorial on Thursday.

26. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:



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.

