



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 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 (Absent)  
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba  
Councilman – Michael Ridlen (Arrived at 5:32 p.m.)  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
City Secretary – Bana Schneider  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Detective – Travis Kent

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Paige Sciba

**Aye** Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

**Carried 4-0**

3.1 Approval of Invoices [20250714.pdf](#)

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting  
[20250623\\_MINUTES.pdf](#)

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [20250714 COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Gobert moved to Agenda item 5.

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

**Abstain** Paige Sciba

**Carried 3-0**

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

There were no public comments.

6. **City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Projects Update, City Projects Update, Rise Broadband Fiber Project, and Home Water Service Line Warranty Program.** [CM](#)

[REPORT 20250714.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak gave the report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

There was discussion regarding the new traffic patterns on Interstate 10 during construction.

Councilwoman Sciba made comments regarding the recent flooding in the hill country and how her mother's heart was so saddened by the devastating loss of so many lives. She stated she wanted to make sure our citizens know the available emergency alert systems, what the different whistles mean, and how to sign up for emergency notifications.

Let the record reflect Councilman Ridlen arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Gobert moved back to agenda item 4.

7. **Second Reading and Approval of Resolution 303-25, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Community Development Grant to Columbus Municipal Golf Association for Concrete Golf Cart Paths.** [RESOLUTION 303-](#)

[25 CCIDC CMGA.pdf](#) 

Gobert read the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 303-25 as presented.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Paige Sciba

**Aye** Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

Carried 4-0

8. **Second Reading and Approval of Resolution 304-25, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of an Economic Development Grant to Potter's Western Store for a Mural Sign.** [RESOLUTION 304-25 CCIDC POTTER.pdf](#) 

Gobert read the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 304-25 as presented.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

Carried 4-0

9. **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 Legion Drive on Saturday September 13, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon for the Colorado County Fair Parade.** [STREET](#)

[CLOSURE FAIR PARADE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closures as presented.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Paige Sciba

**Aye** Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, and Keith Cummings

Carried 4-0

10. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the June 2025 Golf Report.** [CMGA JUNE 2025.pdf](#) 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, reviewed the report with Council.

No action was required.

11. **Discussion of Budget Workshop:**

Schneider led the discussion of budget topics.

No action was taken.

- 11.1 Budget Schedule
- 11.2 Preliminary Property Valuation
- 11.3 Tax Rates and Levy Options
- 11.4 Sales Tax Projection

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

Cummings - None

Daley - Absent

Sciba - None

Ridlen - Discussed disaster preparedness and conveyed his heartfelt condolences for those who lost loved ones during the flooding

Rankin - Concurred with Ridlen regarding the condolences

Gobert - The Taste of Columbus benefiting the Boys and Girls Club was a great success; it looks like the archeological dig and environmental study for the new wastewater treatment plant will take approximately 4 months to complete; project costs should be finalized soon.

**13. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**14. Adjournment**

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:19 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.