



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Monday, August 4, 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 (Absent)
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

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. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no public comments.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Moving the Monday, August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Due to Scheduling Conflicts.

Motion to move the Monday, August 11, 2025 regular meeting to Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

Aye

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

Carried 4-0

5. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the CCCAD Proposed 2026

Budget. [CCCAD PROPOSED BUDGET.pdf](#) 

Council discussed the proposed budget. Comments regarding the increase and the lack of power to force any changes were made. Mayor Gobert stated she would attend the public hearing at the appraisal district.

No action was taken.

6. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

City Secretary/Finance Director Bana Schneider led the workshop with discussion on the topics listed below.

Chamber Executive Director, Becky Nutt, and President, Peggy Harrison, attended the meeting to present their request for HOT funds.

6.1 HOT Fund

6.2 Wish List

6.3 Property Tax

6.4 General Fund

6.5 Utility Fund

7. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - None

Daley - None

Sciba - Absent

Ridlen - None

Rankin - None

Gobert - Update on status of fire department and new station

8. Announcements

City Manager, Donald Warschak, congratulated the Columbus Junior Little League Softball Team for winning the World Series in Kirkland, Washington.

9. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 7:03 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.