



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, August 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 (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. Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

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

**Carried 4-0**

3.1 Approval of Invoices [20250812\\_INVOICES.pdf](20250812_INVOICES.pdf)

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting

[20250728\\_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Special Meeting

[20250804\\_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

**4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [20250812\\_COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

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

**Carried 4-0**

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

Attendees spoke during specific agenda items.

Mayor Gobert moved to agenda item 9.

**6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Projects Updates, and City Projects**

**Updates.** [20250812\\_CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report a copy is attached to these minutes. There was discussion regarding the downward trend for sales tax and the interstate construction.

**7. Consideration and Action on the Award of Construction Services Contract of \$205,114.00 to Bull G Construction, for the TDA Waterline Project CDV23-0407.**

This item was not presented for action.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Change Order #1 and related budget modification for additional drainage needs identified in Area 2 of GLO Contract 24-065-059-E569. Approval of the change order with Strayhorn Project Development is contingent upon GLO approval of the related budget modification.** [GLO Drainage\\_Generator E569 Change Order #1\\_GLO Budget Modification.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the budgetary change order and change order with Strayhorn Project Development as presented.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Michael Ridlen

**Aye**

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

**Carried 4-0**

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Use of the City Swimming Pool by the High School Swim Team the Months of August, September, and October.**

High school swim coach, Drew Leopold, made the request of Council. He stated the use of the city pool affords the team the option to stay here for practice while the weather is still good; otherwise, they would need to travel to El Campo.

Leopold thanked the governing body.

**Gobert moved back to agenda item 6.**

Motion to approve the use of the city pool by the high school swim team for the months of August, September, and October.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye**

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

**Carried 4-0**

**10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Legion Drive from the Large Memorial Entrance Gate to Legion Circle for all Varsity, Sub-Varsity and Junior High Home Football Games as well as any Play-off Games Hosted at the Stadium as Requested by Columbus**

Independent School District. [2025 CISD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the closures as requested.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye**

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

**Carried 4-0**

**11. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2025-2026 Operational Budget for the Columbus**

**Community and Industrial Development Corporation.** [CCIDC BUDGET-2025-2026.pdf](#) 

Councilman Rankin stated council should convey to CCIDC their expectations regarding improvements to infrastructure and parks to help promote economic development.

Motion to approve the CCIDC operational budget as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

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

**Carried 4-0**

12. **Second Reading and Consideration and Action for Approval of Resolution 305-25, 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 Schobel's Restaurant.** [RESOLUTION 305-25 CCIDC SCHOBEL'S.pdf](#)

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Gobert read the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 305-25 as presented.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Ronny Daley

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

**Carried 4-0**

13. **Second Reading and Consideration and Action for Approval of Resolution 306-25, 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 the Cardinal Athletic Booster Club for a Memorial Monument to Recognize the Columbus High School 2024 State Championship Football Program.**

[RESOLUTION 306-25 CCIDC CARDINAL BOOSTER CLUB.pdf](#) ⌚

Gobert read the resolution.

Motion to approve resolution 306-25 as presented.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Ronny Daley

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

**Carried 4-0**

14. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the July 2025 Golf Report.** [CMGA JULY 2025.pdf](#) ⌚

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, shared the report with council.

No action was required.

15. **Consideration and Action to Appoint the Colorado County CAD Chief Appraiser as the Designated Official Responsible for Calculating the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval**

**Tax Rates for the City of Columbus as Required in Chapter 26, Section 26.04(c) of the Tax Code.**

Schneider explained the reason for this action.

Motion to appoint the CCCAD Chief Appraiser as the designated official responsible for calculating the property tax rates for the city.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

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

**Carried 4-0**

**16. Discussion of Budget Workshop:**

Schneider lead the budget discussions. Council requested a utility rate analysis.

- 16.1 Budget Assumptions/Wish List/Tax Rate
- 16.2 Combined Fund Summaries/Capital Projects
- 16.3 General Fund
- 16.4 Special Revenue Funds
- 16.5 Utility Fund
- 16.6 Elections

Council discussed the possibility of moving from the May uniform election date to the November date in order to align with county elections.

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

Cummings - Thanked everyone for the birthday card

Daley - None

Sciba - Absent

Ridlen - None

Rankin - None

Gobert - Gave council an overview of the public hearing for the CCCAD budget she attended this afternoon. She stated she had voiced council's concerns regarding the budget increase over last year.

**18. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**19. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



**Lori A. 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.