



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 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 (Absent)
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 allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices

- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting
[20250825_MINUTES.pdf](#) 
- 3.3 Approval of the April 2025 Financial Statements [APRIL_2025.pdf](#) 
- 3.4 Approval of the May 2025 Financial Statements [MAY_2025.pdf](#) 

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Chamber President, Peggy Harrison, introduced the newly appointed Executive Director, Shelley Janick. Janick presented council with several certificates and proclamations regarding the city's bicentennial in 2023.

Diedra Lamb from A L & M Building Supply presented council with 9/11 remembrance t-shirts.

6. City Manager's Report. [20250809_CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

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

7. Consideration and Action to Approve the Amendatory Agreement Between the City of Columbus and Petroleum Fuels Midstream Holdings, LLC Regarding Price and Metering of Natural Gas Purchases.

Motion to approve agreement as presented.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

8. Consideration and Action to Approve an Agreement with the Glidden Fresh Water Supply District NO. 1 for the Treatment of Domestic Sewage Discharged by the District's Customers.

Warschak stated he, the city secretary, and representatives from GFWD #1 met and went over the sewer system expenses over the last several years. The new base rate was calculated using Glidden's usage percentage.

Motion to approve the agreement with Glidden Fresh Water District as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 4-0

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Wallace Street from Bowie Street to Live Oak Street on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. Until Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. for the St. Anthony School Halloween Carnival. [ST](#)**

[ANTHONY STREET CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve a License Agreement for a Right of Way Encroachment with Betty Jean Perry.**

Councilman Rankin stated all of the properties on this block appear to be encroaching as well, and we might consider doing this with those property owners, too.

Motion to approve the license agreement after correction of wording in first "Whereas" paragraph.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

11. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the August 2025 Golf Report.**

[GOLF AUGUST 2025.pdf](#) 

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

No action was required.

12. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property) - Discussion Regarding Sale of City Owned Real Property.

Gobert adjourned the regular session for the two executive sessions at 5:54 p.m.

14. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding Executive Session - Discussion Regarding Sale of City Owned Real Property and City Manager Annual Review.**

Gobert reconvened the regular session at 6:29 p.m. All members remained present.

Motion to proceed with the sale of city owned property as discussed in executive session.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

15. **Discussion of Budget Workshop** [TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT 2026.pdf.pdf](#) 

Schneider reviewed the new Utility Maintenance Fund with council, and new water rates were discussed.

- 15.1 Miscellaneous
 - 15.2 Combined Fund Summary
Capital Projects
 - 15.3 General Fund
 - 15.4 Special Revenue Funds
 - 15.5 Utility Fund

- ## 16. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - stated he had some questions, but he would speak to Warschak separately.

Daley - none

Sciba - encouraged everyone to attend the St Anthony Halloween Carnival.

Ridlen - absent

Chuck - none

Gobert - opening ceremonies for the county fair will be at 5:00 p.m. at the flagpole near the entrance to the fairgrounds. All council members have been invited to attend.

17. Announcements

There were no announcements.

18. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting 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.