



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 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 (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Assistant Code Enforcement - Cody Nance

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:36 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, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices

- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting
[20250908_MINUTES.pdf](#) 
- 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 Special Meeting
[20250918_MINUTES.pdf](#) 
- 3.4 Approval of the June 2025 Financial Statements [JUNE 2025.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no public comments.

5. City Manager's Report. [20250922_CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

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

There was discussion regarding the belt press equipment that will be installed on the new wastewater treatment plant.

Warschak stated changes will be made to the sidewalk grant application.

The street seal coat project was completed today.

There was discussion regarding the pump failures at the Hill water plant.

6. Consideration and Action to Ratify the Budgeted Property Tax Increase Reflected in the 2025-2026 Budget.

Motion to ratify the budgeted property tax increase as reflected in the 2025-2026 budget.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 292-25, an Ordinance Amending the Master Fee Schedule. [ORD 292-25_AMENDING MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Ordinance 295-25 amending the Master Fee Schedule.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 291-25, an Ordinance Establishing the Combined Property Tax Rate of \$0.284554. [ORD 291-25 TAX RATE.pdf](#) **

Motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.284554, which is effectively a 7.77 percent increase in the tax rate.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Nay Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-1

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve a General Fund Budget Amendment for Library Revenue and Associated Expenditures. [LIBRARY DONATIONS GRANTS MEMORIALS.pdf](#) **

Motion to approve the budget amendment as presented.

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 on the Award of Appraisal Services Contract to Atrium Real Estate Services for the GLO/H-GAC Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Contract No. 24-065-060-E570.**

Motion to award appraisal contract to Atrium Real Estate Services.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

11. **Consideration and Action on the Award of Title Services Contract to InFocus Title for the GLO/H-GAC Wastewater Treatment Pant Project, Contract No. 24-065-060-E570.**

Motion to award the title services contract to InFocus Title.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

12. **Consideration and Action to Grant or Refuse Petition from Landowners for Annexation by the City of Columbus LT PT 6 McCormick #2 - 0.129 Acres of Land, Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas.** [GOBERT ANNEXATION PETITION.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve annexation petition.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

13. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Mayor's Appointment of One Person to the Board of Adjustments.**

This item was tabled since the application had not been received.

14. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the August 2025 Code Enforcement Report.** [CODE ENFORCEMENT AUGUST 2025.pdf](#) 

No action was taken.

15. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the August 2025 Police Report.**

[CPD AUGUST 2025.pdf](#) 

No action was taken.

16. **Items from Councilmembers²**

Cummings - Thanked Donald for the updates regarding the water conservation notice

Daley - None

Sciba - Encouraged everyone to attend the St Anthony Halloween Carnival on October 25th

Mike - There will be a Backyard Chatter on October 28th at Hound Song

Chuck - None

Gobert - Thanked Donald for updates regarding the water plant pump failures

17. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

18. **Adjournment**

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Lori A Gobert

Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:

B. Schneider

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.