



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 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 Sergeant – Cole Neumann
Code Enforcement – Cody Nance
Library Director – Lynnette Weido
Public Works/Parks – Fred Heger
Utilities – Kevin Faichtinger

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.

She also asked for a moment of silent prayer for City Manager, Donald Warschak's son, Jacob.

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 October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

[20251014_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

- 3.3 Approval of the August 2025 Financial Statements [AUGUST 2025.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report.

Council reviewed the report in Warschak's absence.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve the Publicity and Tourism Agreement Between the City and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Motion to approve the agreement with the chamber of commerce.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

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 the Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) from Harbert Street to Spring Street on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Lighted Christmas Parade as Requested by the Chamber of Commerce. [CHRISTMAS PARADE STREET](#)

[CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure 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

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Spring Street from the Corner of Milam Street up to the Trefney Law Office at 415 Spring Street on Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Ladies Night Out as Requested by the Chamber of Commerce.

[LNO STREET CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Street Closures in the Memorial Oaks Subdivision for Halloween Activities on the Evening of Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the street closures as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

10. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 0.129 Acres of Land LT PT 6 McCormick #2 Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas. [ANNEXATION-NOTICE OF 1st PUBLIC HEARING--10-27-2025.pdf](#)



Gobert opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed by Gobert at 5:36 p.m.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the Mayor's Appointment to the County Elections Advisory Committee to Aid in Implementing SB2753.

Motion to approve the appointment of Cody Nance to be the City's representative on the County Elections Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 310-25, a Resolution Adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy. [RESOLUTION 310-25 INVESTMENT POLICY.pdf](#)

Motion to re-adopt the City of Columbus Investment Policy with no changes.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Nesbitt Memorial Library Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025.

Library Director, Lynnette Weido, gave the report along with Jessica Commanda and Cody Graves. She highlighted the programs offered during the last three months and shared the news of receiving a Ladd & Katherine Hancher Grant.

No action was required.

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Parks/Public Works Department Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025.

Public Works Director, Fred Heger, gave the report. He updated council on the various projects in both the public works and the parks departments

No action was required.

15. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Utility Department Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025.

Utility Manager, Kevin Faichtinger, gave the report. Faichtinger updated council on the progress of maintenance items in the gas department. He also highlighted the replacement of air relief valves on the filter vessels as well as the scheduled fire hydrant survey.

No action was required.

16. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the September 2025 Code Enforcement Report.

Nance gave the Code Enforcement report. He updated council on permits issued.

No action was needed.

17. Consideration and Action to Approve a Catholic Daughters of America Proclamation.

Motion to approve the proclamation as presented.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

18. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - The SAS Halloween Carnival was a great success.

Ridlen - none

Rankin - Recommended the book "How to Test Negative for Stupid" by Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana

Gobert - gave an update on Jacob Warschak; expressed dismay regarding the drainage project progress.

19. Announcements

There were no announcements.

20. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:13 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.