



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 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 (Absent)
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Lieutenant – Christopher Mayfield
Library Director – Lynnette Weido
Assistant Librarian – Jessica Commanda
Utility Superintendent – Kevin Faichtinger
PW/Parks Superintendent – Fred Heger

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 the 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 27 Regular Meeting
[20251027_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Colorado Valley Veterinary Services.

[20251110_CVVS.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Colorado Valley Veterinary Services invoices as presented.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Abstain Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-0

5. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba

Corporation). [20251110_COLUMBUS_TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Citizen wished to speak at the respective agenda item.

7. City Manager's Report [20251110_CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager Donald Warschak was not present. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Utility Superintendent, Kevin Faichtinger and Public Works/Parks Superintendent, Fred Heger were present to answer any questions that arose regarding the City Manager's report.

TextMyGov messages were sent out to notify citizens about the flushing of the water hydrants for the ISO ratings and maintenance.

8. Presentation of Awards for Reading 1,000 Books before Kindergarten.

Library Director, Lynnette Weido and Library Assistant Jessica Commanda were present to present the awards. Carly Obenhaus has read 1000 books before kindergarten. She was presented with a goody bag and photos were taken.

Brady Schobel also completed the 1000 books read before kindergarten program as well but was not present to receive his goody bag.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Travis Street from Walnut Street to Spring Street on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 8:00 am to Noon for a 5K Run as

Requested by Alyssa Combs for Classical Conversations. [STREET CLOSURE 5K.pdf](#) 

Alyssa Combs was present and gave information on their project and reason for their 5K run.

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Wallace Street Between Bowie Street and Live Oak Street from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the Use of City Sidewalks on Live Oak Street Between Wallace and Bonham Streets, on Bonham Street Between Live Oak and Bowie Streets, and on Bowie Street Between Bonham and Wallace Streets on Friday, December 12, 2025 for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Celebration as

Requested by Grupo Guadalupano. [GRUPO GUADALUPANO PROCESSION.pdf](#) 

This has been done the last few years.

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

11. Consideration and Action to Approve Change Order #2 for the Construction Contract with Strayhorn Developments for the Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-

MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program Contract Number 24-065-059-E569. [CHANGE](#)

ORDER 2 CITY OF COLUMBUS DRAINAGE E569.pdf 

This is for a 30 day extension. We are just amending the contract to extend the time to complete. This is not for any additional funding.

Motion to approve Change Order #2.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Amendment #1 for the Professional Services Contract with Atrium Real Estate for the Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) Program Contract Number 24-065-060-E570.

This is because the contract we signed for the WWTP did not have an appraisal for the easement.

Gobert stated there will be some additional out of pocket expenses for this piece of real estate.

Motion to approve Amendment #1 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

13. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 0.129 Acres of Land LT PT 6 McCormick 2,

Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas. 2ND PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION.pdf 

Public Hearing was opened at 5:57 p.m.

Chris Christensen asked if there was going to be a presentation on this piece of property.

Gobert stated no there since Warschak was not present. Gobert stated they are cleaning up the area. It is a small portion of land behind her building on Highway 71.

Christensen asked if there would be any expense to the city. Gobert stated no, and the city would now receive property tax for that portion.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:58 p.m.

14. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 293-25, an Ordinance Annexing 0.129 Acres of Land LT PT 6 McCormick 2, Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas; Granting to all Landowners the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens; Binding Landowners by all of the

Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of the City of Columbus; and Adopting a Service Plan. [ORD 293-25 ANNEXATION.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Ordinance 293-25.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

15. **First Reading and Approval of Resolution 311-25, 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 City of Columbus for Matching Funds for the TPWD Splashpad Project at Midtown Park. [RESOLUTION 311-25 CCIDC-SPLASHPAD.pdf](#) **

Gobert gave the first reading of Resolution 311-25. City Secretary, Bana Schneider, explained she was recently informed that a project under this particular code section does not require two separate readings of a resolution, Council can approve this project expenditure tonight.

Motion to approve Resolution 311-25.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

16. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2025 Golf Report. [CMGA OCTOBER 2025.pdf](#) **

Schneider reviewed the report with Council. It was not a very good month, possibly due to school starting. They are still higher than the previous year, despite being in the red for the month.

They have hired a new course superintendent, and the greens are in much better shape. The new cart paths have helped tremendously.

No action was needed.

17. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Second City Council Meeting in December. [DECEMBER 2025.pdf](#) **

Motion to change the second meeting to 12:15 p.m. from 5:30 p.m.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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 traffic flow on Milam street to 90 - can we do a no thru traffic -- no because it is TxDOT and a state highway

Ridlen - none

Rankin - none

Gobert - update from Donald - after procedure - upper lobe has stopped bleeding; lightened sedation; starting to respond; no diagnosis that she knows of; we are happy there is improvement; thanks to Bana, as she had no City Manager and no Asst. City Secretary to help run the show; she did amazing.

19. Announcements

There were no announcements.

20. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 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.