



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 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 (Arrived at 5:34 pm)
City Manager – Donald Warschak (Absent)
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Lieutenant – Christopher Mayfield
Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse
Library Director – Lynnette Weido

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

Carried 4-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices

- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
[20251110_MINUTES.pdf](#) 
- 3.3 Approval of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025 [INVESTMENT REPORT 09-30-2025.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Citizen wished to speak at agenda item #7.

5. City Manager's Report

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

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, gave an update from Utility Superintendent, Kevin Faichtinger, on the well that went down.

Let the record reflect that Michael Ridlen arrived at 5:34 p.m.

6. GLO (RCP) Comprehensive Plan Grant Update - Presentation by Langford Community Management, Resilient Communities Program (RCP) Grant Update and Announcement of the Preliminary Draft Review.

Schneider stated this item has been rescheduled to January.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve CCIDC Expenditures Over \$10,000 for the Purchase of Real Property.

CCIDC President, Bruce Tesch, addressed Council regarding the purchase of a piece of property for economic development. An agreement has been reached.

He was requesting approval to proceed with the purchase as it is over \$10,000.

Motion to approve CCIDC President Tesch to move forward with the purchase of real property.

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 the Mayor's Appointment of One Member to the Library Advisory Board for a Term Ending April 1, 2029.

Library Director, Lynnette Weido, was present to present the application of Rebecka LaCourse to be appointed to the Library Advisory Board.

Motion to approve Rebecka LaCourse to the Library Advisory Board.

Moved by: Paige Sciba
Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2025 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse, reviewed his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Fire Marshal position is being advertised now. It will be posted on the website and will go in the newspaper next week.

The new tanker is in and being loaded tonight at their meeting.

No action was needed.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2025 Police Report.

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Police Lieutenant, Chris Mayfield, gave the report in Chief Edman's absence. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Gobert questioned when Edman was returning. Edman is hoping for beginning of December.

No action was needed.

11. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - keep the Warschaks in our prayers

Rankin - echoed Dr. Ridlen's sentiments asked about the status of the blood drive honoring Jacob - Schneider stated it would be held on December 13th at City Hall Council Chamber or possibly the library meeting room

Gobert - Happy Thanksgiving to all; Shop with a Cop is coming up; City Hall will be closed Wednesday from 9-1 so that employees have the ability to attend the service; if any choose not to attend, they will be doing gas safety classes

12. Announcements

Schneider reminded council about the Garden Club flyer

13. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 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.