



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2026, 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
Councilwoman – Renee Long
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code Enforcement – Richard Lacourse

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: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

[20260209_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments'**

There were no citizen comments.

5. **City Manager's Report.** [20260223_CM_REPORT.pdf](#) 

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

Councilwoman Sciba asked if he had taken a look at the Little League parking lot lighting.

6. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 315-26, a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Project.**

[RESOLUTION 315-26 AFA TXDOT TASA.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 315-26 authorizing an AFA with TxDOT.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Renee Long

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 316-26, a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for a Keep Texas Beautiful/HEB Recycle Center Grant.**

[RESOLUTION 316-26 KTB-HEB MOU.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 316-26 approving an MOU for a Keep Texas Beautiful/HEB recycling grant.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 317-26, a Resolution Accepting Certain Real Property from ABELCO, INC.** [RESOLUTION 317-26 - ACCEPTANCE OF](#)

[PROPERTY - 0.3009 ACRE TRACT.pdf](#) 

Warschak outlined the reason for ABELCO wishing to donate this property. Councilman Rankin asked why we would want to accept it and suggested tabling the item.

Motion to accept the property from ABELCO.

Moved by: Ronny Daley
Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye: Paige Sciba, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley
Nay: Renee Long and Chuck Rankin

Carried 3-2

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 318-26, a Resolution Accepting Certain Real Property from First State Bank. RESOLUTION 318-26 - ACCEPTANCE OF

PROPERTY - 0.095 ACRES.pdf 

There was discussion regarding the intended erection of an ADA compliant bathroom on this property.

Motion to accept the property from First State Bank.

Moved by: Renee Long
Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action to Accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2026 General Election.

Consideración y acción para aceptar la certificación de candidatos sin oposición para las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES.pdf 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, certified all candidates for the May 2, 2026 general election were unopposed.

La secretaria de la ciudad, Bana Schneider, certificó que todos los candidatos para las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026 no tuvieron oposición.

Motion to accept the certification as presented.


Moción para aceptar la certificación tal como se presentó.

Moved by/movido por: Ronny Daley
Seconded by/secundado por: Keith Cummings

Aye/Si: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried/llevar a cabo 5-0

11. **Consideration and Action to Adopt Ordinance 299-26, an Ordinance of the City of Columbus, Texas Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for the Offices of City Councilmember Place Three, City Councilmember Place Four, and City Councilmember Place Five as Elected.** [ORD 299-26 CANCEL ELECTION.pdf](#) 

Examen y medidas encaminadas a adoptar Ordenanza 299-26, una Ordenanza de la ciudad de Columbus, Texas Declarer los candidatos sin oposicion para la oficina Concejal de la Ciudad de la Lugar Tres, Concejal de la Ciudad de la Lugar Cuatro, y el Concejal de la Ciudad Cinco como Elegido. [ORD 299-26 CANCELAR LA ELECCION.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Ordinance 299-26 to cancel the May 2, 2026 general election.


Moción para aprobar la Ordenanza 299-26 para cancelar las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026.

Moved by/movido por: Ronny Daley

Seconded by/secundado por: Keith Cummings

Aye/Si: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried/llevar a cabo 5-0

12. **Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Replat of Original Lot 5 in Block 16 of the City of Columbus into 3 Tracts; Separation of Current PT LT S 15, 16 - 0.336 Acres into Two (2) Tracts (0.300 Acres (Tract 1), 0.036 Acres (Tract 2) and Remainder of Current PT LT S 15, 16 - 0.088 Acres (Tract 3)). With Tract 2 and Tract 3 Being Attached to Current LT PT 1, 2, 6 as Requested by The Jane M Hill Estate and the Stuart E Hill Grantor Trust.** [REPLAT HILL.pdf](#) 

Warschak explained the purpose for the replat.


Motion to send the replat as presented to Planning & Zoning.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

13. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Travis Street Between Walnut Street and Spring Street on the Last Saturday of the Month, March Through November, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Columbus Country Market.** [STREET CLOSURE COUNTRY MARKET.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closures as requested.

Moved by: Paige Sciba
Seconded by: Renee Long

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 14. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Washington Street from Milam Street to the end of the Methodist Church Property on May 3, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Sunday Funday as Requested by the First United Methodist Church.**

[STREET CLOSURE METHODIST CHURCH.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure as requested.

Moved by: Paige Sciba
Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye: Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 15. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January 2026 Code Enforcement Report.**

Code officer, Richard LaCourse, gave the report. He stated he had been battling recently installed bandit signs

No action was necessary

- 16. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the 2025 Report on Racial Profiling.**

[CPD RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.pdf](#) 

Police Chief, Skip Edman, reviewed the report on racial profiling with council.

No action was necessary.

- 17. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January 2026 Police Report.**

[CPD JANAUARY 2026.pdf](#) 

Edman gave the January report to council.

No action was necessary

- 18. Items from Councilmembers²**

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Long - none

Rankin - none

Gobert - Thanked Long for attending the HLSR Junior Sheriff's Posse at the courthouse in her place

19. Announcements

Schneider stated the Garden Club is requesting a council photo at 5:10 p.m. before the March 9th meeting.

20. Adjournment

With no further business, Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:



Bana Schneider, City Secretary

⁴During 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.