



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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 (Absent)
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

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Chris Mayfield

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, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 4-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting [20260223 MINUTES.pdf](#)



4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).

[20260309 CT.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings; seconded by: Ronny Daley

Aye: Renee Long, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstain: Paige Sciba

Carried 3-0

5. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments'**
Citizens spoke during specific agenda items.

6. **City Manager's Report.** [20260309_CM REPORT.pdf](#) 
City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.


7. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, to Award the Bid for the Sale of City Owned Property.**
Mr. Hodde was present to address Council regarding his bid.
He introduced himself and spoke of his intentions with the purchase proposal. He presented a power point of projects he has been involved with and his vision to work collaboratively with the City. This property is a very clean slate with a lot of options.

Motion to award the bid for the sale of City owned property as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Source Well Purchase of a John Deere 324G Skid Steer with Attachments.** [JOHN DEERE - 2026 - 324G - STANDARD FLOW QUOTE .pdf](#) 
Warschak reviewed the equipment purchase.


Cummings asked if this would be financed or just paid outright.

Motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere Skid Steer with attachments.

Moved by: Ronny Daley; seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

9. **Consideration and Action Regarding Support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring Trash-Off Event.** [TRASH-OFF.pdf](#) 
Marion Schonenberg discussed the Adopt-A-Highway program and the groups sponsoring them. Wanda Anglin, a Master Texas Naturalist, started the in town project. They are also doing waterway cleanup.

Trash off is April 8-11, 2026. She was requesting for dumpsters like before. There is no difference from their previous requests.

Citizen Hadley Sciba questioned if tires would be accepted, as he has a lot of customers that come in and ask.

No hazardous chemicals or tires will be taken.

Gobert stated that when the County does their hazardous waste collection, they will take tires.

Motion to approve the support of the Garden Club for their Spring Trash Off.

Moved by: Paige Sciba; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

10. Consideration and Action Regarding a Noise Ordinance Variance Request for a Truck and Tractor Pull to be Held on May 1, 2026 through May 2, 2026 as Submitted by Thunder By the Colorado, Inc. [NVR THUNDER BY THE COLORADO.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the noise variance for the Thunder by the Colorado as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba; seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

11. Consideration and Action Regarding a Noise Variance Request for the Magnolia Days Festival to be Held on May 15, 2026 through May 16, 2026 as Submitted by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. [NVR MAGNOLIA DAYS.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the noise variance for the Magnolia Days Festival as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley; seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

12. Consideration and Action to Approve the Street Closures Listed Below as Requested by the Chamber of Commerce for the 2026 Magnolia Days Festival.

Thursday, May 14, 2026

1. The Chamber of Commerce requests that Spring Street from the corner of Milam Street up to the attorney's office at 415 Spring Street be closed beginning at 5 PM. The closure will be even with the property line (iron fence) between the attorney's office and the Hill residence.

Friday, May 15, 2026

1. At 7 AM, the Chamber requests that Travis Street from the corner of Walnut Street to Spring Street be closed.
2. At 5 PM, the Chamber requests that the closure on Travis be extended to Washington Street and remain closed until midnight on Saturday, May 16, 2026.
3. At 5 PM, the Chamber requests that the closure on Spring Street extend from the corner of Milam Street up to Front Street and remain closed until midnight on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Saturday, May 16, 2026

1. At 7 AM, the Chamber requests that Milam Street be closed from the corner of Walnut up to the railroad tracks. This closure may be removed after 4:30 PM on Saturday.

Motion to approve the street closures as presented.

Moved by: Paige Sciba; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

13. First Reading and Approval of Resolution 319-26, 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 Columbus Municipal

Golf Association for Golf Cart Storage Sheds. [RESOLUTION 319-26 CCIDC CMGA.pdf](#)


Gobert gave Resolution 319-26 its first reading.

Motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 319-26.

Moved by: Paige Sciba; seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

14. **First Reading and Approval of Resolution 303-25, 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 Columbus Little League for Baseball Complex Field Lighting.** RESOLUTION 320-26 CCIDC COLUMBUS LITTLE LEAGUE.pdf 

Gobert gave Resolution 303-25 its first reading.

Motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 320-26.

Moved by: Keith Cummings; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

15. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the February 2026 Golf Report.**

CMGA FEB 2026.pdf 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, reviewed the report with Council. There was not as much of a loss this month. They continue to do a lot of work out there and the membership dues statements go out next month.

No action was needed.

16. **Consideration and Action to Approve an Arbor Day Proclamation as Requested by the Columbus Garden Club.**

Motion to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Moved by: Ronny Daley; seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

17. **Items from Councilmembers²**

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Long - artist work begins the week of March 16th

Rankin - absent

Gobert - Another call with Lynn Engineering tomorrow; hoping that later this week or next week to get a plan with information regarding our purchasing plan. Gobert commended City crews on their work and seeing positive progress.

18. **Announcements**

Schneider gave information on Chief Edman's retirement luncheon set for March 24th.

19. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 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.