



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

Other City Staff present included:

Police Lieutenant – Chris Mayfield
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:

3.1 Approval of Invoices

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting [20260309 MINUTES.pdf](#) 

3.3 Approval of October 2025 Financial Statements [OCTOBER 2025.pdf](#) 

3.4 Approval of November 2025 Financial Statements [NOVEMBER 2025.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley; seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were none.

5. City Manager's Report [20260323 CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

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

There is concern with the I10 expansion, sales tax will be substantially impacted.

There were 7 candidates for Fire Marshal. It has been narrowed down to 3 candidates, and they will have a second round of interviews with the Mayor and City Manager on Friday.

6. Consideration and Action, to Approve Change Order Number 2 for CDBG Grant Contract

CDV23-0407. [CDV23-0407 CHANGE ORDER 2.pdf](#)

Warschak reviewed the change order with Council.

Motion to approve the change order as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

7. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Travis Street from Spring Street to Walnut Street Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 Through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026 for Tunes & Treasures on Travis as Requested by the Chamber of Commerce. [STREET](#)

[CLOSURE TUNES & TREASURES.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley; seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 4-0

8. Second 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 the second reading of Resolution 319-26.

Motion to approve Resolution 319-26 as presented and read.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin; seconded by: Renee Long

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

Carried 4-0

9. Second Reading and Approval of Resolution 320-26, 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 Little League for Baseball Complex Field Lighting. [RESOLUTION 320-26 CCIDC COLUMBUS LITTLE](#)

[LEAGUE.pdf](#)

Motion to approve Resolution 320-26 as presented and read.

Moved by: Renee Long; seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 4-0

10. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 321-26, a Resolution Amending and Adopting the City of Columbus Purchasing Policies and Procedures. [RESOLUTION 321-26](#)

[PURCHASING POLICY.pdf](#)


Currently we have a \$25,000 threshold for bids to \$100,000 to match the state. The City will still bring everything to Council, but there would be a reduction in newspaper notices.

It facilitates everything below \$100,000. Council still approves anything over \$10,000 as it is.

Motion to approve Resolution 321-26 as presented for the Purchasing Policy.

Moved by: Keith Cummings; seconded by: Chuck Rankin
Aye: Renee Long, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 4-0

11. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the February 2026 Code Enforcement Report.**
Code Enforcement, Richard LaCourse, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.
There was discussion of the meeting between DW and the City.
No action was needed.
12. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the February 2026 Police Report.**
[COLPD FEBRUARY 2025.pdf](#) 
Police Lieutenant Chris Mayfield gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes.
Chief Edman is retiring at the end of this month.
No action was needed.
13. **Items from Councilmembers²**
Cummings - none
Daley - none
Long - none
Rankin - none
Gobert - reminder the luncheon for Chief Edman is tomorrow; Wellness Fair and 5K Run are this weekend.
14. **Announcements**
Schneider reminded Council of the luncheon tomorrow.
15. **Adjournment**
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 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.