



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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)  
Councilman – Michael Ridlen (Absent)  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
City Secretary – Bana Schneider  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

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:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Ronny Daley

**Aye** Lori An Gobert, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and  
Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

3.1 **Approval of Invoices** [INVOICES 20231010.pdf](#) 

3.2 **Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting**  
[MINUTES 20230925.pdf](#) 

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments<sup>1</sup>**

There were none.

**5. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [INVOICES COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

**6. City Manager's Report Including TxDOT Projects Update, the Montezuma Street Sidewalk Grant Application, and the PHMSA Pipeline Grant.** [CM REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Rankin questioned the overlay. Daley questioned the lights.

Warschak discussed the other lines attached to the poles by non-AEP companies. He stated the poles must be removed in order to complete the light project.

**7. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Block 62, Lot PT S-10, 11 (928 Preston Street) of the City of Columbus as Requested by Vera Taylor.** [MH PERMIT TAYLOR.pdf](#) 

Code Enforcement, Richard LaCourse went over the application. LaCourse addressed all Council questions. It does meet all of the criteria and setbacks.

LaCourse also requested that Council allow him to go to the City Manager for the final approval versus having to come to Council for review and approval. There is nothing in the Code stating it has to have City Council approval.

Gobert stated this process started when there was a problem. Most of the time Council approves because Code has vetted the application.

Rankin stated the process doesn't match the Code.

Cummings stated he would like it to still come to Council.

This topic will be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the MH permit as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve a Noise Ordinance Variance for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 1014 Milam Street for the Brunson Night Annual Fundraiser as Requested by the Live Oak Art Center. [2023 BRUNSON NIGHT.pdf](#)**



Motion to approve the Noise Ordinance Variance as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

9. **[HGAC REPRESENTATIVE.pdf](#)  Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 268-23, a Resolution Designating the 2024 H-GAC General Assembly Representative and Alternate. [RESOLUTION 268-23 HGAC REP.pdf](#) **

Motion to approve Resolution 268-23 for Gobert and Sciba (alternate) for the H-GAC.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve Street Closures in the Memorial Oaks Subdivision for Halloween Activities on the Evening of Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. [MEMORIAL OAKS HALLOWEEN.pdf](#) **

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

**11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the September 2023 Golf Report.**

[GOLF SEPTEMBER 2023.pdf](#) 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, reviewed the report with Council.

Their allocation in the budget has not been tapped into; however, we do pay for the electricity and fuel.

Rankin stated the change in leadership seems to have flattened things out.

Schneider to follow up.

Gobert questioned the roof.

Schneider stated it has not been done. It is scheduled for replacement later this month. It is at a cost of \$25,000.

Rankin asked about their budget. Schneider stated it was reduced.

No action was needed.

**12. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Family Crisis Center, Inc. [FAMILY](#)**

[CRISIS CONTRACT.pdf](#) 

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Family Crisis Center.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

**13. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for Public Services with Combined Community Action, Inc. [CCA CONTRACT.pdf](#) **

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into this contract.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 3-0**

**14. Items from Councilmembers<sup>2</sup>**

Cummings -

Daley - thoughts and prayers with everyone overseas

Sciba - absent

Ridlen - absent

Rankin - Hope everyone enjoyed Columbus Day, and gave the history

Gobert - Dinah and I survived the trip with Donald; TML updates had very little to do with cities; anyone who does not want to be in your ETJ, they can write a letter and then not be in your ETJ; it affects everybody.

**15. Announcements**

Gobert addressed the financial statement, and stated staff are working on wrapping up the last of the financial statements.

**16. Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



**Lori An Gobert, Mayor**

**Attest:**



**Bana Schneider, City Secretary**

<sup>1</sup>During 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.