



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 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  
Councilman – Michael Ridlen (Arrived at 5:46 p.m.)  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
City Secretary – Bana Schneider  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

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 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** [INVOICES 20231113.pdf](#)

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting  
[MINUTES 20231023.pdf](#)

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

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

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

**Abstain** Paige Sciba

**Carried 3-0**

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

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

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

Additionally, there was a request from Councilman Rankin for the City to receive the detailed sales tax report from the state; the results of the ESD election were discussed with results included with the minutes; Councilwoman Sciba inquired about the status of the mobile food vendor ordinance.

**7. Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Zoning Change of a 0.631 Acre Tract in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, from District R, Multi Family, Residential to District P, Public Building or Public Use, as Requested by West Oaks Church of Christ.**

[P&Z REPORT.RECOMMENDATION.pdf](#) 

Gobert opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Gobert closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 272-23, an Ordinance Changing the Boundary of Zoning Districts; Designating a 0.631 Acre Tract in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract 18 in the City of Columbus, Colorado County, to be Wholly Within District "P"**

**Public Building or Public Use. [ORD 272-23 ZONING WEST OAKS.pdf](#) **


Motion to approve Ordinance 272-23 changing zoning districts.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

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

**Carried 4-0**

9. **Second Reading of Resolution 269-23, 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 the Columbus Historical Preservation Trust for the Addition of Upstairs Restrooms at the Stafford Opera House.** [RESOLUTION 269-23 CCIDC GRANT CHPT.pdf](#) 

Gobert read Resolution 269-23.

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 269-23, 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 the Columbus Historical Preservation Trust for the Addition of Upstairs Restrooms at the Stafford Opera House.**


Motion to approve Resolution 269-23

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

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

**Carried 4-0**

11. **Second Reading of Resolution 270-23, 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 an Economic Development Grant to the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department for Equipment to Outfit a New Engine.** [RESOLUTION 270-23 CCIDC GRANT CVFD.pdf](#) 

Gobert read Resolution 270-23

12. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 270-23, 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 an Economic Development Grant to the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department for Equipment to Outfit a New Engine.**

Motion to approve Resolution 270-23.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

**13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2023 Golf Report.**

[GOLF OCT 2023.pdf](#) 

No action was taken.

**14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary Regarding HB 1819 Concerning Juvenile Curfews and the Possible Repeal of Relevant Portions of Ordinance 101-10.**

[HB 1819 ORD 101-10.pdf](#) 

Council consensus was to repeal Ordinance 101-10 through a new ordinance.

**Councilman Ridlen arrived at 5:46 p.m.**

**15. Consideration and Action to Set the Date for the Second City Council Meeting in December.** [DECEMBER 2023.pdf](#) 

Motion to set the second December City Council meeting on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 12:15 p.m.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba

*Seconded by:* Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

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

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - suggested workshops be held for the purpose of discussing an ESD

Gobert - asked about the possibility of ESD discussions during executive sessions, and she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

**17. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**18. Adjournment**

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 5:55 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.