

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2024, 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 (Absent)
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin
Councilman – Keith Cummings
Councilman – Ronny Daley
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
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 Pro Tem, Chuck Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Rankin 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\_20240722.pdf @

3.3 Approval of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2024

INVESTMENT REPORT 06-30-2024.pdf 

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

Debbie Damon addressed council concerning exiting from Interstate - 10at mile marker 698. She described the safety issues she has witnessed. A copy of her statement is included with these minutes.

# 5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Projects and City Projects Updates, and the WWTP Permit Renewals. CM REPORT 20240719.pdf ∅

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

Warschak also commented on the status of removal the removal of the debris from Hurricane Beryl.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) from the Elementary School Playground to Walnut Street (Highway 90), and the Closure of Walnut Street (Highway 90) from Milam Street (Spur 52) to Veterans Drive on Saturday September 14, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon for the Colorado County Fair Parade. FAIR PARADE

STREET CLOSURE.pdf Ø

Motion to approve the street closures as requested.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Daley

Carried 4-0

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the June 2024 Fire Marshal Report. FIRE

MARSHAL\_JUNE 2024.pdf

Code Enforcement Officer, Richard LaCourse, reviewed the Fire Marshal's report in his absence. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

No action was required.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the June 2024 Code Enforcement

Report. CODE\_JUNE 2024.pdf @

Lacourse gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He spoke about the upcoming ISO audit.

No action was required.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the June 2024 Police Report. CPD

STATS JUNE 2024.pdf 

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Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Edman reviewed the department's training and stated a new officer had recently been hired.

No action was required.

# 10. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

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Sales Tax SALES TAX PROJECTION.pdf

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, gave council the projected FYE 2024 sales tax revenue, as well as the FYE 2025 budget for sales tax.

## 11. Items from Councilmembers<sup>2</sup>

Cummings - none

Daley - Good job with the limb pick up

Sciba - none

Ridlen - absent

Rankin - none

Gobert - absent

### 12. Announcements

Schneider reminded council about the special meeting/budget workshop on Monday, July 29, 2024.

## 13. Adjournment

Rankin adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:

Bana Schneider, City Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.