

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Vice Chairperson	-	Tracy Lilie
Member	-	Chris Arthur
Member	-	Judy Barrett
Member	-	Henry Potter
Member	-	Mary Ellen Prause
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

And the following absent:

Chairperson	-	Annie Mae Hargrove
Member	-	Robin Garcia

1. Call to order.

Vice Chairperson, Tracy Lilie, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes February 8, 2011 meeting.

Chris Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting. Judy Barrett seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Lilie, Arthur, Barrett, Potter, and Prause

The motion passed.

3. Public hearing to review a request to allow a business into the Industrial Park on Tracts H & F, as mentioned in Sec. 14.02.732(17)(EE) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.

City Manager, Donald Warschak showed a map of the Industrial Park indicating the location of tracts H & F. He said that there is a business which makes oil field vessels that is interested in locating a facility at the Industrial Park, but since they are fabricators they are subject to Planning & Zoning review. Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) board president, Lori An Gobert that the restrictions were placed in the ordinance to prevent unwanted industries from locating in the city. She said that CCIDC has met with representatives of this company and that the CCIDC board is in favor of having them locate in the Industrial Park. They are currently located in Houston and have outgrown their facility. If they move to Columbus, the City will get additional sales tax and 40 new jobs. She also said that the CCIDC's Architectural Control Committee will enforce requirements for aesthetics. Mary Ellen Prause asked if anyone had visited their Houston facility. Lori An Gobert

said that someone had and that it was very well run. She also said that they will try to use local vendors for construction and services. Donald Warschak showed the commission a preliminary plan for the company's development at the park.

The public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

4. Consideration and action to prepare a recommendation and report for City Council regarding a request to allow a business into the Industrial Park on Tracts H & F, as mentions in Sec. 14.02.732(17)(EE) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.

Chris Arthur made a motion to prepare a recommendation for City Council to allow the proposed fabricating facility to go into the Industrial Park on Tracts H & F. Mary Ellen Prause seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Lilie, Arthur, Barrett, Potter, and Prause

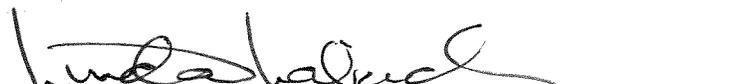
The motion passed.

5. Adjournment.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Chairperson, Annie Mae Hargrove

ATTEST:


Linda Lakich, City Secretary