

Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **January 12, 2015** at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Curtiss Schonenberg (absent)
Vice President	-	Byron Marburger
Treasurer	-	Lori An Gobert
Secretary	-	Elizabeth Flint
Board Member	-	DyAnn Lauzon (absent)
Board Member	-	Joel Usher (absent)
Board Member	-	Barbara Peterman
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak (absent)
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich
Assistant City Secretary	-	Traci Edman (absent)

1. Call to Order.

Vice President, Byron Marburger, called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were led by Byron Marburger.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of December 2014 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2014.

The water bill invoice from the December 15, 2014 meeting was discussed again, due to a large water bill from 10/15/14-11/15/14. The water was checked. It was not left on and there were no other issues. Michael Poncik will check on it periodically. Elizabeth Flint asked that the appraisal from Appraisal Resources of Texas be included in the December 15, 2014 paper minutes with the invoice, to assist someone in easily locating the information at a later date.

Lori An Gobert made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Elizabeth Flint seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Marburger, Gobert, Flint, and Peterman
Absent: Schonenberg, Lauzon, Usher

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizen presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax

City Manager, Donald Warschak, was not present at the meeting. His report will be given at the February 2015 meeting.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the agricultural exemption of the 54 acres at the Crossroads Business Park.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, on establishing a new contract for acquiring the agricultural exemption at the 54 acres at the Crossroads Business Park.

Lori An asked if the ad for the bid proposal for the 54 acres was in the newspaper. After some discussion, she asked that it be run again. Barbara asked if the Board would see the ad before it was run in the paper. Lori An stated that the City usually draws up the ad and that it was separate from the bid packet. She stated that all the bids would then come to the Board to be viewed and a decision would then be made. Byron commented about someone being interested in grazing cattle on the 54 acres. Lori An said she did not think they should switch midstream from hay to cattle because of the pending ag exemption. Elizabeth stated that she did not think the appraisers cared about which ag exemption the Board used. Lori An said now would be a good time to ask them since there may be an appeal. Elizabeth said she talked with the Appraisal District and the appeal decision would be left up to the appraisers, but we would probably not get the exemption because we didn't meet the intensity standard. Lori An said that we would appeal it. Elizabeth said the appeal process would be in April, possibly May. If a contract is not decided upon until then, it would get us beyond the more than six months use. We would need to make a decision or we could possibly miss out on the next year's exemption, too.

Lori An made a motion to run the bid proposal ad for acquiring a new contract for the agricultural exemption at the 54 acres in the newspaper another week. Elizabeth Flint seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Marburger, Gobert, Flint, and Peterman
Absent: Schonenberg, Lauzon, Usher

The motion passed.

Vice President, Byron Marburger, asked everyone to look at the agenda to see if there was anything in the abbreviated meeting that needed to be covered, or possibly table the remaining items until the next meeting when Curtiss and the City Manager would be in attendance. There was no discussion, so he skipped to item 16.

8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding updates about the existing Crossroads Business Park Tenants: E'Kabel.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the transfer of mineral rights to the City of Columbus.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

10. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

11. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding modifications to the City of Columbus and County of Colorado's Tax Abatement Programs.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

12. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding developmental plans and goals for CCIDC.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

13. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a prospective meeting with local businesses and school districts concerning job skills training.

No discussion or actions taken on this item.

14. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

No Executive Session was needed.

15. Reconvene into Regular Session and consideration and action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

No action was necessary for this item.


16. Discussion of items to be placed on the future agendas and announcements.²

Elizabeth Flint asked to add to the next agenda an item concerning a different attorney being chosen to represent the Board on all legal transactions. No other board members had anything to add to the next agenda or any announcements.

17. Adjournment

Vice President, Byron Marburger, adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

President



Attest
Secretary: