

Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Special session on Monday, **June 8, 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
Vice President	-	Byron Marburger
Treasurer	-	Lori An Gobert-absent
Board Member	-	DyAnn Lauzon
Board Member	-	Joel Usher
Board Member	-	Barbara Peterman
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

1. Call to Order.

President, Curtiss Schonenberg, called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were led by Curtiss Schonenberg.

3. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a grant application by the Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July Celebration.

Curtiss made the Board aware that the budget for the Community Development Grant is capped out. 10% of the projected sales tax money can be used for the Community Development Grant line item. \$437,000 was the projected sales tax, and only \$33,800 was budgeted. The budget can be amended for this project, since it is not at the 10%.

Nancy Stiles, President of the Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation about their grant application. They need financial support for a tent, tables and chairs, lighting, and security. The 2 day July 4th celebration will take place at the golf course. Some of the activities that support their "Made in America" theme will be games, music, a farmer's market, a fireman's ballgame, fireworks, a flag ceremony and a children's pet parade. This event will promote economic growth by attracting people to visit Columbus and possibly moving here or opening a business here.

Curtiss said this was a way to promote the town. DyAnn commended the Chamber for doing this event and Barbara thought it was a great idea. There was a discussion to move \$4,650 from advertising to the Community Development Grant in the budget.

Byron Marburger made a motion to adjust the budget, by moving \$4,650 from the advertising line item of the budget to the Community Development Grant line item, to fund this activity. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed. This motion is contingent upon Mr. Bovey approving this budget adjustment.

4. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve the Habitat for Humanity Performance Agreement.

The Board members needed more time to review this agreement. Barbara did ask that "Colorado County" be left out on the recitals section. Curtiss suggested saying "of Colorado County."

Curtiss Shonenberg made a motion to table the Habitat for Humanity Performance Agreement agenda item. Byron Marburger seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a contract with E'Kabel.

Curtiss stated that this current performance agreement just came in from Mr. Bovey. Mr. Torrealba had some concerns. He said that in his proposal to the Board on March 23, 2015, he stated 20 employees, but that 24 employees would be okay. He would also like "inventory" to be added in with the equipment under E'Kabel's Requirements, page 3. The final item was that there would be no drilling on their property. Curtiss said the lawyers are working on the language on the repurchasing agreement because the wording would not work for Wallis State Bank. Joel commented that their application had a higher number of employees, while their presentation had a lower number. Curtiss said they wanted to cap it at 24 employees as of June 2018. DyAnn commented that they were cutting the employee number but shortening the time. Curtiss said this item would be on the next agenda. No action needed.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to ammend the CCIDC Bylaws.

Curtiss stated that when the amended bylaw concerning the number of directors allowed outside the city limits went to Council, the wording had been changed that could allow for everyone on the Board to be from outside the city limits. Byron stated the motion was to let our bylaws reflect the same as state law, and that a number was not specified. Curtiss said council would not pass the amended bylaw with that wording and they wanted to reword it to say "at least 4 members being within the city limits, and no more than 3 from outside the city limits, but within the county." City Secretary, Linda Lakich, commented that council did not want to have the whole Board from outside the city limits. They suggested changing it to 3 if you were having a hard time getting someone on the Board. That would insure a majority would always be from within the city limits. Byron said we have no control over who is on the Board. City Council controls that 100% and we serve at the pleasure of City Council. Barbara commented that it is very limiting to find people who will serve on these Boards and there is a broader interest, rather than just the people in the City of Columbus. DyAnn asked that this go back to council again. She said that we are going by the law and our goal is to get the best candidate. Curtiss said they could go back to council with an appeal from the Board that it needs to read "consistant with state law". Mr. Bovey recommended changing it to say "as specified in applicable state law," instead of quoting a number that may change during legislative sessions, so that we would always be in compliance.

DyAnn Lauzon made a motion to approach council again to have the bylaw state "as specified by applicable state law", as recommended by attorney Cary Bovey. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. 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.

Curtiss adjourned the Special Session for Executive Session at 7:25 pm.

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

Curtiss reconvened the Special Session at 7:50 pm, with the same members present as before.

Joel Usher made a motion for Curtiss and Donald to draft a letter to potential tenant to describe assistances available, contingent upon their application. Byron Marburger seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

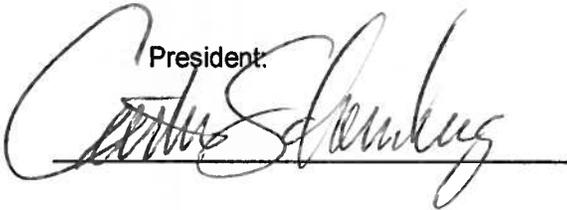
9. Discussion of items to be placed on the future agendas and announcements.²

Barbara Peterman asked that the employment initiative be put on the next agenda.

10. Adjournment

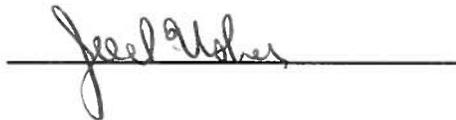
President, Curtiss Schonenberg, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

President:



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Secretary:



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