

**Minutes  
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation  
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Andy Nunmaker
Treasurer	-	Dwain Dungen
Secretary	-	Larry Solansky
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall (Absent)
Board Member	-	Vacant
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

**1. Call to Order.**

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by President Bruce Tesch.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of July 2020 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2020.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Andy Nunmaker seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Ridlen, Solansky, Dungen, and Tesch  
Absent: Hall

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**

None.

**5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was up compared to this time period last year. This is the August payment for June collections. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$61,973 compared to \$55,891 last year. Warschak stated the cities of Eagle Lake and Weimar, as well as the county were all up.

**6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve the 2020-2021 budget.**

Discussion regarding account 8270, Park Infrastructure, and breaking the amounts up into sub accounts so as to avoid having the 60 day waiting period as advised by the attorney, because the budget would have already been approved by council. Tesch stated that any of the numbers in the accounts can still be changed. The advertising/promo account had \$75,000 previously budgeted for a billboard, but plans changed and that is not going to be done. Discussion was to move \$50,000 into a economic project category for Milam Street, between Crockett & Spring streets.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented with the newly defined Downtown Milam Street Economic project. Andy Nunmaker seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch  
Absent: Hall

The motion passed.

**7. Discussion and Action, if necessary to approve advertising for the Community Development Grants in the newspaper.**

Michael Ridlen made a motion to approve the advertising for the Community Development Grants. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch  
Absent: Hall

The motion passed.

**8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve the grant letter request from the City of Columbus.**

Tesch stated the enclosed letter was sent to the attorney for review. The City is applying for a grant, and this letter is just a supporting document. It is not a commitment of funds, only support for their project.

Andy Nunmaker made a motion to approve the letter of support for the City's application. Michael Ridlen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch  
Absent: Hall

The motion passed.

**9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve a Business Improvement Grant Application from Grand Oaks Antiques & Gifts.**

Tesch reported that Beth Easterling came to the meeting on Monday evening and spoke on her application. She confirmed the work could be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, the end of the fiscal year. Her application has a cost of \$10,781.23, with a maximum 50% payout of \$5,390.62. Michael Ridlen stated if her store front is done, there is a showcase of what is being done to improve appearances along the street. Larry Solansky stated he had toured Weimar's Main Street, and it was really nice.

Michael Ridlen made a motion to approve the Grand Oaks application for a payout of up to 50% of the submitted cost of \$10,781.23. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Nunmaker, Solansky, Dungen, Ridlen, and Tesch  
Absent: Hall

The motion passed.

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

City Manager Donald Warschak stated Great Southern had been in contact a couple of weeks ago. They are still interested and working on items before coming to the Board.

**11. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.**

This item was not needed.

**12. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.**

This item was not needed.

**13. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.**

Ridlen – stated Little League may be coming to request funding for lighting the middle softball field; they have estimates for the lights of \$40-50,000 for the fixtures

Dungen – stated about 10 years ago we did the lights for \$100,000

**14. Adjournment.**

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

President:

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Secretary:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Dinah Jacobs", written over a horizontal line.