

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on **Monday, March 16, 2009** at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1538 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Texas, in conjunction with the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) Board, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

And the Following Absent:

Councilman	-	John Axel
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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Introduction of New CCIDC Board Member.

Clifford Wenske was introduced as the Mayor's new appointment to the CCIDC Board.

The mayor then moved to Agenda Item #8 and #9.

8. Discussion and Action Regarding the Road Easement through the Ag Complex.

David Meisell, City Manager, read a letter he prepared that presents a solution to this problem and Agenda Item #9. A copy is attached. Mr. Meisell said City Attorney, Ty Prause, agrees with the proposals.

It was noted that the Ag Complex Board and the Fair Board were invited to this meeting to help resolve the issues, but no one from either of those Boards attended this meeting.

Councilman Wagner said the Ag Complex Board would like to form a smaller committee to discuss these issues. Larry Smidovec, Kenneth Brune, and Jerry Henneke would represent the Ag Complex Board. They would like three members from the City and the CCIDC to meet with them. Councilman Schonenberg would like Mayor Heffley and Councilman Richardson to be on the committee. CCIDC Board Member Lori An Gobert said the Ag Complex Board does not want to meet with David Meisell. The CCIDC Board appointed James Weishuhn and Clifford Wenske to meet with the Ag Complex Board.

9. Discussion and Action Regarding the Deed to the 1.837 Acres, which Houses the Industrial Park Sewer Plant.

Nothing specific was discussed during this item.

14. Adjournment.

Mayor Heffley adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:15 pm. Mayor Heffley, Councilman Tesch, and Councilman Richardson left the meeting.

The City Council did not discuss the following items:

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes.

5. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices and Business Report.

6. Citizens Comments.

7. City Managers Report. Topics: Sales Tax, Hotel Tax, Refinancing the Bond note.

10. Discussion of Leasing of CCIDC Property.

11. Discussion and Action on Real Estate contract with C.B. Richard Ellis.

12. Discussion and Action to Amend the Budget for Funding Little League Lighting.

13. Discuss Items to be Placed on Future Agendas.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, City Secretary

¹During 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.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

² 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.