

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

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, December 21, 2020, at 5:30 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
Board Member	-	Shalor Townzen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak (via telephone)
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were previously done at the annual meeting.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of November 2020 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2020.

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

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

Matt Brown of the Columbus Little League spoke about potential opportunities for their program, the status of the facilities, improvements needed in order to have the ability to host tournaments that draw large crowds, and their economic impact. There is a great need for updated and improved concessions and restrooms. Dwain Dungen stated this was not an agenda item and there would be no discussion. Tesch stated there is a grant application available. Michael Ridlen stated the next step was to submit an application and then it would become an agenda item for discussion.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was down compared to this time period last year. This is the December payment for October collections. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$41,941 compared to \$48,427 last year. Warschak stated the County saw a decrease, while the Cities of Weimar and Eagle Lake both saw increases.

6. Public Hearing on Community Development Grants approved at the November 16, 2020 meeting.

The public hearing was opened at 5:49 p.m.

Tesch opened the Public Hearing with Chuck Hall, Dwain Dungen, Larry Solansky, Michael Ridlen, Shalor Townzen, Andy Nunmaker, and Bruce Tesch present.

There were no comments.

With no discussion or comments, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 5:49 p.m. with the same members present.

7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Acornseekers Tenant Application.

Tesch stated Columbus was in their top 25 choices for location. They are narrowing that number down to 2-5. They have requested a bit more information from us as well as sending the information we previously requested.

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

Dungen stated there are major California companies moving to Texas, like Tesla, Oracle, and Microsoft. We need to start making sure they know Columbus is out here. The Texas Economic Development Office is a state office that makes referrals to companies looking to relocate. Larry Solansky stated his dissatisfaction with that office and how they do referrals. The state refers companies to the larger cities when they inquire. He also stated one has to go to the City of Columbus website to get to the economic development website for the industrial park. He would like to see the industrial park stand alone with our own search engine and keywords. We may not come up first, but at least Columbus would come up. He went on to say there are site selection companies, and Columbus meets a lot of the criteria. The only thing we don't fulfill he said is housing. Tesch asked Solansky to put together some things we need to do.

9. 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.

The regular session was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to enter into executive session.

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

The regular session reconvened at 6:11 p.m. with all members still present.

There was nothing to bring back into open session at this time.

11. Discussion of Items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²

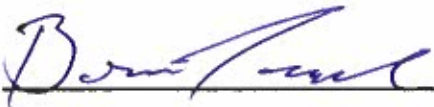
Tesch – add Little League to the agenda; he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays; he thanked the Board for a good year

There were no other announcements.

13. Adjournment.

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

President:



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Secretary: