



The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

President – Bruce Tesch  
Vice President – Michael Ridlen  
Treasurer – Dwain Dungen  
Secretary – David Wiggs  
Board Member – Morgan Barten  
Board Member – Shalor Townzen (absent)  
Board Member – Chris Davis (absent)  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

**1. Call to Order**

President Bruce Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Tesch led the pledge and invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Morgan Barten

**Aye** Bruce Tesch, Morgan Barten, David Wiggs,  
Dwain Dungen, and Michael Ridlen

**Carried 5-0**

3.1 Approval of Invoices [April Invoices.pdf](#)

3.2 [March 2024 Profit Loss.pdf](#) Approval of Financial  
Statements for March 2024 [March 2024 Bank Rec.pdf](#)

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 25, 2024

[3.25.2024 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.pdf](#) 

3.4 Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending March 31,

2024 [Invest Report 03-31-2024.pdf](#) 

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments**

Citizens requested to speak on specific agenda items.

**5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax [APRIL 2024 Sales Tax.pdf](#)** 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes. The payment is up over the same time period. The County saw an increase. The City of Weimar and the City of Eagle Lake saw slight decreases.

**6. Discussion Regarding the Texas A & M School of Public Health Needs Assessment.**

Tracy Lilie, Sarah Hernandez, and Shirley Isbell of the Wellness Council addressed the Board regarding the needs assessment. They also distributed the needs assessment survey to members.

They are doing a Housing and Transportation needs assessment for Colorado County. The survey is being sent out to citizens of Colorado County. Their goal is to saturate the County. A report will then be placed on their website for anyone to use for strategic planning and positive developments. June 1, 2024, is their soft goal deadline.

**7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a Fannin/Hwy 71 Grant Application from Kountry Kritters. [Kountry Kritters Fannin Street Hwy 71](#)**

[Grant Application.pdf](#) 

Kathryne Johnson was present and discussed her proposed project for the grant. The project is proposed at a cost of \$1,705.06.

Motion to approve the grant for the full amount.

*Moved by:* Michael Ridlen

*Seconded by:* Morgan Barten

**Aye** Bruce Tesch, Morgan Barten, David Wiggs,  
Dwain Dungen, and Michael Ridlen

**Carried 5-0**

8. Discussion regarding a proposal from GLSI-Global Site Location Industries.

[GLSI Business Marketing Proposal.pdf](#)  [Choose Texas Elite Cities](#)

[Program Information.pdf](#)  [Choose Texas Elite 25 Program Agreement.pdf](#)

 [Choose Texas Application and Grant Award.pdf](#) 

There was discussion regarding the provided documents. Ridlen requested that City Manager, Donald Warschak, reach out to some of their area cities listed for further reference and report back.

9. **Strategic Plan Workshop**

Legal Counsel, Cary Bovey, was present and helped with strategic discussions on what CCIDC could possibly spend funds on.

10. **Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the ARCIT Choose Texas Grant and GLSI Proposal.**

Motion to table this item until further information is received.

*Moved by:* Dwain Dungen

*Seconded by:* Michael Ridlen

**Aye** Bruce Tesch, Morgan Barten, Dwain Dungen,  
and Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-0

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

Closed regular session at 5:38 p.m. to enter executive session.

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

Regular session reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

David Wiggs departed the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

No action at this time.

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

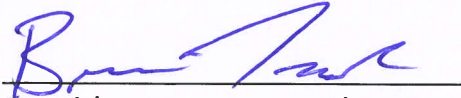
Tesch stated he had an inquiry from TxDOT but was unable to get further information for the meeting due to him being out of town last week.

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

Strategic Plan

**15. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



President - Bruce Tesch



Assistant City Secretary -

Dinah Jacobs