



The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2025, 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 – Shalor Townzen
Secretary – David Wiggs
Board Member – Morgan Barten
Board Member – Dwain Dungen (absent)
Board Member – Chuck Rankin
City Manager – Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs
Mayor – Lori An Gobert
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Executive Assistant – Anne Faichtinger
Legal Counsel – Cary Bovey

1. Call to Order

President Bruce Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Shalor Townzen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Chuck Rankin, Bruce Tesch, Morgan Barten, David Wiggs, and Shalor Townzen

Carried 5-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices [Mar Invoice.pdf](#) 

3.2 [BankRecFeb25.pdf](#) 

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 17, 2025

[2.17.2025 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes. The tax payment was down approximately \$12,000. The City of Eagle Lake and Weimar also saw decreases, while the County saw a large increase. Management will be looking into the significant increase for the county vs the decrease of the others.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a grant application from the City of Columbus on behalf of the golf course.

Larry Zajicek and Larry McGrath, with the Columbus Municipal Golf Course were present. City Secretary, Bana Schneider, was also present.

Donald Warschak spoke on behalf of the City grant application, with input from Zajicek, McGrath, and Schneider.

Let the record reflect that Michael Ridlen joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Motion to approve the full amount applied for in the application; with the caveat of following the route where the City grants the Columbus Municipal Golf Association a development agreement (added by Chuck Rankin during his 2nd)

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Chuck Rankin and Michael Ridlen

Nay Bruce Tesch, Morgan Barten, David Wiggs, and
Shalor Townzen

Denied 2-4

7. 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.

Regular session was closed at 6:41 p. to enter in executive session.

8. 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 7:22 p.m.

No action at this time.

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

There were none.

10. Presentation by and Discussion with CCIDC Legal Counsel regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Public Information Act, Laws and Procedures Governing Economic Development Corporations, Types of Eligible Projects and Expenditure of EDC Funds and Associated Matters.

Legal Counsel, Cary Bovey, was present for the presentation and discussion.

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

Mayor Lori An Gobert thanked the Board for their time and efforts serving on this Board.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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President - Bruce Tesch

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

Assistant City Secretary - Dinah
Jacobs