

NOTICE OF A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING  
WEST COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
AND WEST COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL

A. The West Columbia Economic Development Corporation and West Columbia City Council will meet as described below:

Council Chambers  
512 E. Brazos  
Monday, February 3rd, 2014  
6:45 p.m.

B. The Agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

1. Call to Order.
2. Workshop and Presentation to Consider TxDOT Transportation Coordinated Project Grant.
3. EDC – Consider action as a result of Workshop and Presentation.
4. COUNCIL – Consider Resolution Authorizing Lease for Transportation Center.
5. Adjourn.

I certify that I did on the 31st day of January, 2014  
post this notice of meeting at 512 E. Brazos.

  
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KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary

**Transportation presentation.** Connect Transit and the city have an opportunity to participate in a grant which would utilize the Don Davis Property as match for an 20/80 match to develop a transportation facility in West Columbia. We are seeking a commitment from Greyhound/Valley Transit to become an Agent of Record and get the bus to stop once again in West Columbia. This also provides an additional funding opportunity that could help sustain the facility. A joint presentation by Jim Webb with The Goodman Corporation to the EDC and City Council will give further details and answer questions. The EDC owns the Don Davis property so they need to support the use of this property for the project. This project has the potential to be more than a transportation center but also to take West Columbia to another level in becoming a tourist destination. Council will consider a resolution after any action by the EDC.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GROUND LEASE WITH THE GULF COAST CENTER TO DEVELOP A BUS CENTER ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY WHICH TO SUPPORT FUTURE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in the process of soliciting projects for their annual public transportation coordinated call for projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Center (GCC), is the parent organization of Connect Transit, a public transportation provider for Brazoria County; and

**WHEREAS**, Greyhound has expressed interest in resuming intercity bus service to and from West Columbia, under the terms that the City of West Columbia will receive revenue as the agent of record from ticket sales and package delivery services; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of West Columbia have recently expressed a strong desire for the resumption of intercity and regional fixed route transit service both to and from West Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCC is willing to submit a grant application, through the TxDOT coordinated call intercity bus program, for funding which will allow for the creation of a small transit terminal to be used as a Greyhound terminal and as a shelter for a Connect Transit regional fixed route service connecting West Columbia to the current Regional Gold Line which spans from Angleton to Lake Jackson; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ground lease between the City and GCC would provide the local share necessary to match TxDOT discretionary funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, that:

1. The City of West Columbia, through the City Manager, is authorized to assist and support all efforts of pursuing this grant opportunity for the construction of a small transit terminal on a parcel of property located on 15<sup>th</sup> St. and East Brazos Ave.
2. The City of West Columbia will support the action of the West Columbia Economic Development Corporation donating approximately 26,000 s.f. of this property through a 40-year long term ground lease to the Gulf Coast Center to be used as the local share requirement for \$851,791 of federal dollars, which will be used on the construction of this terminal.
3. The City of West Columbia will support fixed route connectivity provided by Gulf Coast Center, and will work to identify local dollars to defray the cost of providing the service.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014

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LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary