



City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

- * Prior to the Regular Council Meeting, at 6:00 pm a quorum of Council Members may or may not attend a social gathering.
- * No action of the City Council will take place at this gathering. Council Chambers will be open to the public.
- * No action was taken

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
 Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
 Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
 Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
 Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
 Council Member Place 5, James Branch
 Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
 City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
 City Attorney, Jason Day
 Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
 Executive Dir. of Develop. & Community Services, Janet McPherson
 Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
 Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
 Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bradley gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:02 PM

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section §551.001 etseq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

Section §551.071 – Consultation with City Attorney

1. Discussion with City Attorney concerning legal annexation issues.

E. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:12 PM

F. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:12 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning legal annexation issues, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken.

G. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

H. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:12 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 11102, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-01, 2 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 48666, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-4, 5 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 66063, Puerta Al Cielo Church of God Addition, Lot 1, 2.802 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 49818, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-8, 7.198 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 47336, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-3, MH Serial# 12328433A Label# PFS0541230, 5.541 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66, and RCAD ID 49815, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-5, 5 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66.

No one spoke for or against.

2. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 90306, A0004, ES Alexander, Tract 2-08, 15.0 acres more or less, situated along FM 548, Undivided Interest 50%; RCAD ID 69589, A0004, ES Alexander, Tract 2-06, 3.00 acres more or less, part of 32.952 acres, situated along FM 548; RCAD ID 87615, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-07, 2.33 acres more or less, situated along Elm Grove Road; RCAD ID 58141, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-4, 2 acres more or less, situated along Elm Grove Road; RCAD ID 47170, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-3, 2.76 acres more or less, situated along FM 548; RCAD ID 10034, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-1, 0.819 acres more or less, situated along FM 548; and RCAD ID 10040, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 6-01, 7.656 acres more or less, situated along FM 548.

Delores Ballard, 3783 S FM 548, RCAD ID 10034 – Spoke against annexation. Spoke about legislation before the Texas Legislator regarding property rights. Stated her husband has been lying in bed for eight years and may have to go to the hospital at any time, and does not have insurance. Spoke about her part time job at the Royse City Museum that allows her to make enough to buy their food. Stated it is not moral to do this with people's property. Stated she bought the property and moved out there in 1980. If they wanted to be in the city limits, they would have bought in the city limits. Her son lives with them now because if her husband falls she has to have somebody there so she can go to church and go to work. Stated her son raises and trains dogs out there and does not know what is going to happen to him. She knows the water will go over to the city, probably in two or two and half years. They are supposed to have a contract for them of the services that they are supposed to be provided. Asked when would they know what the contract is? Asked what are the services they will be provided? Stated it is not right. The taxes are going to go up and they barely get by now. Her taxes go up and she pays over \$100 to the city every month, plus whatever her taxes are a year. Stated it is pathetic. She could start crying right now. She has been crying for days. She could get down on floor and kick and scream and holler and there is nothing she can do about it. She wanted them to know how she felt and that she is not the only one who feels this way. Mrs. Ballard thanked the Council.

Beverly Lovelace, 3898 Elm Grove Rd, RCAD ID 58141 – Spoke against annexation. They moved out here to get out of the city. Now that they have a house that is paid for and they are about to retire and she is concern about the increase in prices as you get older and older. She already looked up what the increase is going to be for her on the city taxes and it is outrageous. Stated her biggest concern is all the development the city is doing. If she wanted to live next to apartments she would have stayed in the city. If she wanted to live in a neighborhood like that she would have stayed in the city. Stated they are considering moving due to all of this. They have no control on what is going to be developed here. It is like big government and she is against that. They moved out here to be away from all that and now all you have done is turned us back into a Dallas, a Mesquite, a Garland, or whatever else. Mrs. Lovelace thanked the Council.

3. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 32512, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-1, 1.012 acres more or less, situated along FM 35; RCAD ID 47156, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-5, 3 acres more or less, situated along FM 35; RCAD ID 12522, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 1, 3.689 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12523, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 2, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12524, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 3, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12537, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13, 4.55 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12525, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 4, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12526, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 5, 3 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 60956, A0185 JB Ratliff, Tract 19-4, 1.50 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12246, A0185 JB Ratliff, Tract 19-1, 2.5 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; and RCAD ID 46064, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-4, 2 acres more or less, situated along FM 35.

Amanda Adams, 403 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12526 – Spoke against annexation. Stated she wanted to say their main concerns are. They moved from the city almost seven years ago because they were having issues. They have six children and they are not a boisterous loud family but they had a lot of issues living in the city, having neighbors. They moved out to get a little bit of land. They have four boys, two girls and they like to ride their dirt bikes. They have bon fires, love doing fireworks, once a year, every year. They already have a neighborhood that lines their entire back fence. They are already all the time at each other's throats, calling the police because of noise complaints, and what-have-you. They have raised sheep for the past five years and have chickens. She is worried about taxes going up because they are a very fixed income family. She is also worried about what they are going to lose. Stated that was the whole purpose in moving from the city into the country. Mrs. Adams thanked the Council.

Katherine Entrekin, 2116 FM 2453, RCAD ID 32509 – Spoke against annexation. Stated she moved from Sanger. She enjoys living out in the country. She does not think it is right to step in on their land and tell them how they are going to do their land. They paid for it. It is not fair. It is not fair to her, her being twenty-seven years old, and her husband being told what they can do with that land. After 4th of July, they have three subdivisions coming in that who knows what they are going to bring. She had to drag her dogs to go outside to go potty because of the fireworks. They live on almost two acres. She would love to have more, but when you bring all these houses and all these fireworks and stuff, granted it is only one day of the year; but, when it affects her and her life and her family, that is when she has an issue. Stated

you can drive down to Terrell for a Buc-ee's, it is thirty minutes. She does not see why they need a Buc-ee's in Royse City. She would love to keep her land, and if it comes to the point that the city is going to bring all these houses in, she is done. She will sell her house for \$3 to get out of here. It is not right to tell people how they are going to do their land and tax them when they can barely afford what they got. Mrs. Entrekin thanked the Council.

Jerry Funderburk, 371 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12525 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he lived on FM 2453 for forty-nine years. He may be the oldest resident that lives on that road. About ten years ago, the city council wanted to bring them into the city, and for five years the city said it would get sewer, water, and electricity, whatever. They told the city they wanted them to pay city taxes for five years with no conveniences. That is ridiculous. He moved from Mesquite in 1968. They are concerned about trimming trees. His son lives in the city and the city will not pick up a leaf out of his yard. His son cannot park his car or his work van or nothing, or they are going to fine him for parking in his yard here in town. One thing about his road, they all used to get together on Christmas and they would cut out pictures of cartoon people and everybody put them in their yard. They were one big happy family. Everybody is still living there; they are the same way they just do not do it anymore. He is against coming into the city limits because it is going to take some of their rights away. He talked to the city manager. They already have police protection; they have the sheriff of Rockwall County. They have fires and it is a voluntary fire department. Some of them are on Royse, some of them on septic tank. Asked how are they going to hook onto the sewer line? He worked for the post office for thirty years and has been retired for twenty. He gets paid once a month. You cannot spend all that money on the first of the month and make it last to the thirty-first. It is ridiculous. Mr. Funderburk thanked the Council.

Steven Mosler, 470 FM 2453, RCAD ID 60956 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he came out here to get out of the city. He bought it specifically because it was not in the city. He came down and talked to these people and asked if he was in the city limits. He was told he was not in the city limits and that they do not plan on bringing him into the city limits. He came back two weeks ago and talked to her again. He was told they were going this to straighten out the city line. Doing this just to make the map pretty is ridiculous. They do not need this. Stated that is why they came here, so they would not have to put up with that. To heck with the city lines, let them alone. Mr. Mosler thanked the Council.

Sharla Merrett, 205 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12522 – Spoke against annexation. Stated the last time she stood in front of this committee she was told the city was telling her how great it was going to be because you were putting down a sewer line. They got no benefits. The only person she knows who lives on her street that is hooked in has got the sorriest sewage you can smell down at my house. There is no benefit for us coming into the city. She was told it was not going to mess up her pond. She was told she was not going to have a problem. Stated less than six months her pond was dry. It has never been the same. When they dumped all that concrete it ruined her property. She moved out here the same as everybody else to be in the county. She does not want to be in the city. She wants her chickens and dogs. She wants to pop firecrackers if she wants to. She wants to be able to burn all my trees that are everywhere. She has four acres of trees. Asked what is she supposed to do with all those limbs and leaves that she cannot burn? They are not getting any benefit. She still has four properties in the city. She does not want to live there. She loves her

house, her property, and her neighbors. The people are furious. They have lived here forever. She knows they need to have development in the city. She knows the city needs to grow. They are not going to be country. They are not going to be growing maize; they are not going to be having corn. They do have their houses. They do have their properties. That is what they all moved out here for. Royse City was a great place to live. She is all for development, all for building. Where there is nothing to build she will help anyway she can and will support anything you want to build, but do not screw with her property. Let her live where she wants to live. The increase in taxes just on hers was a \$100,000. Her husband has less than fifteen percent heart function and cannot get out of the bed. She has to come up with the money because you all decided her property was worth \$100,000 more. Find somebody to buy it for half a million dollars and she will sell it to you; otherwise, leave her alone. Stated let her live where she lives. Asked what benefits does she get? Asked what benefits to the city's citizens? You haven't heard one citizen stand up here and say I want it because they don't. Mrs. Merrett thanked the Council.

Jeff Hunter, 259 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12523 – Spoke against annexation. He has lived in Royse City for over twenty-five years. Development has brought his property down significantly. The sewer line that went in front pulled the water line from his house, blew a phase twice in his electric system, blew his A/C and heating unit out, blew his dryer out, blew his microwave out, and when he put in window units it blew a phase again and blew out his A/C units. They have done nothing but suffer since Veranda went in. His driveway has sunk. They put in a sidewalk grade driveway. Nothing has been put back right at his house. If anybody has a gripe about property value, with a driveway at the entrance of Meadows/Morgan Creek is at his front door. All night, every morning, every day, he is going to have lights in. Stated if someone is texting, or DUI, or DWI, they are in his front yard; or, if they are driving too fast, they are in his front living room. He does not want to live there. His property values went down. He can't sell if he fixes it up. He is trying to fix it up, but property values keep going up, his property taxes keep going up. He just resigned a new note for his home to try to fix things and cover things to get them out of debt. He is now back to living paycheck to paycheck. Stated his property value is down. He can't sell it for anything he needs and his whole lifestyle is in jeopardy because he is in it, in it to win it, but he can't get out of it because of this. He sees them looking at him. Stated his name is Jeff Hunter. Stated his son is a cop at Murphy and he helped bring this town into the first championship there ever was. Mr. Hunter thanked the Council.

Jack Bostick, 281 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12524 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he is Jeff's neighbor. He has lived there forty years. He got on city sewer when it came through. It started out at \$35 a month. Stated it is now up to \$115. Stated he did not know his sewer smelled that bad. He is definitely against it.

4. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 1287967, A0513 W H Kuykendall, Tract 2, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 1777.

No one spoke for or against.

5. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 2005118, A0244 John Davis, Sheet 3, Tract 32, 5 acres more or less, situated along CR 1031.

No one spoke for or against.

6. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 1284602, A0244 John Davis, Sheet 3, Tract 18, 6 acres more or less, situated along FM 2642 and involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 38808, A1317 John Davis, Tract R8, 7.23 acres more or less, situated along FM 2642.

No one spoke for or against.

7. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 120157, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 24, 4.98 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120158, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 25, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120159, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 26, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120164, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 31, 1.91 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120163, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 30, 1.91 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120162, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 29, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120161, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 28, 2.76 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126713, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-55 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 44), 2.13 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126712, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-54 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 43), SN1 PH0514697A; SN2 PH0514697B; HUD. PFS0593380; HUD2 PFS0593381; TITLE MH000040378, 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126936, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-42 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 42), 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; and HCAD ID 206166, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-41 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 41), 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597.

Kimberly Amaral, 6245 FM 2597, HCAD ID 126936 – Spoke against annexation. Stated the property she is speaking about is her rental property. She is highly against this. She does not think this is fair. This house is in Hunt County. She pays Hunt County taxes. She does not feel it should go over to Rockwall County. She enjoys riding her side-by-side in the neighborhood, saying hi to your neighbors as she passes by. Stated she enjoys having her horse. She enjoys riding her, although she really doesn't have many places to ride her anymore. It is getting pretty dangerous out there. There is a lot of crime going on. They had to put signs up saying they do carry. If you decide to vandalize or try to steal something else then you might have to deal with the residents. She moved out to the country. She loves the country. She loves her bon fires and she loves her fireworks. Stated she loves the country life. She moved out of the city. She moved from California to live out in the country. She loves it here in Texas and she has been here almost nineteen years now. Stated she does not want Texas to become a California. She does not want Texas to become a downtown Dallas. Ms. Amaral thanked the Council.

James Coronado, 4305 CR 2509, HCAD ID 223425 – Spoke against annexation. Mr. Coronado thanked the Council for letting him speak. He agrees with everyone that is up there. Everybody there loves Royse City. He is in full support of development. He is in law enforcement. He has been in law enforcement for over fifteen years. Stated be careful what you wish for. He moved from Rockwall to Royse City because they have a two-year old son they want to raise in a small, small, small town. With more development come more people. With more people comes more crime; more traffic. Asked, is it what is best for Royse City? Stated with taxes, of course. Special interests are going to come in. It is going to be great for city. Asked, but is it good for the people? Stated maybe not. You are elected officials.

Stated, a reminder, you are to represent the people. The people here have spoken. They do not want this. This is going to affect the elderly. This is going to affect the kids. Stated do the right thing. Stated, please, vote no on this initiative.

Katherine Entrekin, 2116 FM 2453, RCAD ID 32509 – Spoke against annexation. Asked, with all the accidents that are happening on Interstate 30, and everything, what are you all going to do when you annex? Asked, what happens when you have all these people who have little ones that love to play outside, run in the grass, and stuff? Asked, what are you going to do with speed limits? Asked, are you going to raise them? Asked, are you going to lower them? Stated she was hit by a drunk driver at twelve and then hit by another lady that was fifty-two years old that was texting. Stated she went through two car accidents and does not want to go through another one. Stated she had been hit almost twice. Asked, what are you going to do with the speed limits? Stated, if I get hit everyone is going to hear about it.

Susan Irwin, 4300 CR 2509, HCAD ID 220352, 4330 CR 2509, HCAD ID 219619, 4332 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34881, 4334 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34880 – Spoke against annexation. Mrs. Irwin thanked the Council for allowing her to be heard on this issue. When she received notice for annexation she was told by a city representative that a developer near her home specifically petitioned for annexation into the city, which precipitated the notice of annexation on her property. Asked, if this is correct, and if annexation goes through, what is the projected tax return of his development; when is the projected date of the tax return; and, will the city, in advance, bear the cost of utilities and streets, in full or in part, for his development, and at what cost? She is concerned that the developer's lack of planning in relation to the cost of that development has specifically led to the potential annexation of her property, and if this process is the result of the developer and his lack of funds for said development, he should bear the cost since he will realize the financial gain of the development. Stated if this is not correct, we, on the other hand, gain nothing from the annexation that we don't already have, and have paid for. Other than higher taxes in the future, our contribution to the city now is our incomes being spent at local establishments. They have born the cost of utilities and streets, and have elected to settle for a volunteer fire department and shared law enforcement. Those were the tradeoffs for non-annexation that all of us knew and made the decision to live with. She does not believe one person, or a handful of people, should be allowed to change, nor impact, the lifestyle of the majority in order to fulfill the financial return of people who did not plan in advance for that financial return to be realized. She was also told that even if they voice their non-approval of annexation, the deal was going to go through. She understands that a city needs growth, however every household deserves equal representation; and, any decision regarding its citizens should be made with the positive impact it will have on the majority and not a handful who seek financial gain at the cost to others. If they are not allowed, as a majority, to be heard, and this process is indeed a done deal, as a new citizen of the city in the future she promises she will personally will take and make note of every official who would not consider the majority and vote accordingly. Stated since our law enforcement in the city limits are already taxed beyond belief and their abilities to do their job... they don't even have the necessary equipment they need... and you are going to put outlying areas in their job and expect them to fulfill their duties. Stated that is insane; that is totally insane. Her family does not want to be annexed. Stated they moved from a city to not be in a city. Mrs. Irwin thanked the Council.

Dickey Fields, 4296 CR 2509, HCAD ID 116962 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he was like everybody else and dreamed about getting out of the city. He was tired of the crime rate increasing every year. He wanted to get out where Royse City was, where good country folk was. He did not get away from all that just to get back into it. He has been watched over the past twelve years. Asked, how many more people have come out? Asked, how many more accidents are happening on this highway? This highway is not ready for the growth you are fixing to put on there. More people are going to be traveling back and forth to the metroplex. You need a six-lane highway, not a four-lane, to start with before development progresses. Asked, has any one taken a count of the number of accidents that have happened over the past ten years? Asked, how many of those are fatalities or serious injury accidents right out here? If it was up to him let us put 18-wheelers in the right-hand lane and drop the speed limits down to fifty-five, from Greenville into Rockwall, during certain hours of the day. By bringing more residents in, by allowing more development to come in, is only going to impact the problem worse. Asked, for what? Asked, to line a little bit of pockets?... somebody is going to get a kick back here and there, while we all sacrifice? It is going to impact us, the ones who chose to come out here. Asked, with the developments, how many more people are going to be brought in? You are going to put two to three more cars on the road per house. Asked, how many people are going to be impacted. Stated the city is not ready. Mr. Fields thanked the Council.

James Williams, 4285 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34861 – Spoke against annexation. Stated moved here in 2005. Stated retired from the U.S. Army. If it helps at all, he is seventy percent disabled combat vet. He moved to get away. He moved to the country. He moved because his kids both graduated from Royse City High School and it was a great thing, a beautiful thing. It was just like the small-town Texas he grew up in the Panhandle. He finds it curious that the state is going to pass a law to prevent this very thing from happening at the end of the year. It seems to him like a land grab for tax dollars. He thinks the city is more than that, and can be more than that. You can take all the land in Collin County that you want. Stated no one was here to say anything against that. That where they are at it is obvious they are against it. He hopes that the Council will take in consideration this meeting and any other hearings that you might have, because, as the gentleman said, the government is for the people by the people, and they are the people. He thinks their voice has been heard. Mr. Williams thanked the Council.

Martha Santos, 4265 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34860 – Spoke against annexation. She is a retired City of Dallas employee. She worked for Dallas for thirty-three years. She takes pride in working in government and making a change. Her husband always tried to convince her to move out to the country. She never wanted to do that. She was a city girl that didn't want anything to do with the country. She has been out here a year. Stated she moved from Mesquite. She is now a country girl. She loves her neighbors. Stated CR 2509 is a great street. They look out for one another. They are there for one another. They want to continue that and taking pride in their land. Stated like everyone else has said they are for progression and more development, but not when it is at our cost. Vista Oaks is going to be right behind her property. She has eleven acres. She knows for a fact it is going to be different for them. It is not going to be anything that is going to help her. It is going to be tough for someone who is retired. She gets a check once a month like everybody else that is here that is retired. It is hard to make it stretch. They are going as much as they can to make their land, their property, their acreage, better. She does not feel that bringing all of

this development close to us is going to make it better for me. She is totally against the annexation. She really doesn't think it is going to be something that our community in our little area is going to benefit from. That if anything it is going to make things harder for them. Maybe the Council can take into consideration everybody's positions. They took time to come out here. There are a lot of people that work and came out here to voice their opinions. Consider us, the little people. It is not going to be anything that is going to help us. Ms. Santos thanked the Council.

James Williams, 4285 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34861 – Spoke against annexation. Stated another concern he has is with animal control. Asked, when the coyotes each the peaches from his peach tree and goes after his dogs is he going to be able to shoot it? He doubts it if he is in the city limits. He does like to shoot. He has stuff to burn. There is stuff out there that need to happen. Hunt County has not been out there to repair the road. He has seen some of the road in town. He doubts their road is going to be fixed. Stated he has concerns paying taxes for services he doubts they are going to receive any time soon.

William Legear, 3835 CR 2522, HCAD ID 130447 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he lives past the annexation area. He and his wife lived in Sanger, TX. Stated they moved here because his grandparents' two-hundred acres got chipped away by Denton County's taxes and annexations. Asked, the City Attorney and City Manager if they were not there to hear the concerns of the people of Royse City? His concern is that the City Manager has not paid attention to anybody's concerns. Stated you all are here listening to everyone's concerns. Stated that we are the people that voted you in. Asked, if the deal is already done, when are they going to be able to fight this? Asked if there is going to be a time and place for the citizens of Royse City who have concerns to ask questions? Asked the City Attorney when they can contact him directly, or write petitions? He wanted to voice his concern. He is not in the annexation, but it is coming. Stated that is why they moved here. His father eventually had to sell off the rest of the two-hundred acres that he has owned since 1964, and they moved here. They love the place they live in. All these people on CR 2509 are four and a half miles from this location. Asked how is that in the city limits? Asked why does that need to be inside city limits? He does not understand. Stated the roads are atrocious. There has been a dirt road by the gas station behind the Main Street businesses since they moved here. Stated that is atrocious. On Main Street you cannot see one of the stop signs. Asked, how we are going to annex this much property when can't even get stop signs and potholes fixed? Stated just recently the roads were fixed. If the deal is already done, everybody would like to know what they can do about it.

8. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 34874, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 40, 20.922 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34892, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 60, 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34843, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 13, 4.578 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34879, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 45, 9.7 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 223425, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-2, 11.85 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34862, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-3, 1.738 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34881, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 47, 0.99 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 219619, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 46-2, 0.266 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 220352,

A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 39-1, 4.97 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34873, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 39, 4.868 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34860, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29, 10.924 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34861, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-1, 3 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34824, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 111, 4.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34830, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 117, 5.1 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34943, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 94, 5 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 102388, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 99, 2.439 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 214568, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112-2, 0.16 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34825, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112, 8.45 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 214567, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112-1, 1.4 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 127938, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-58 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates Unrec.), 2 acres more or less, situated along FM 1565; and HCAD ID 34821, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 107, 12.826 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509.

Joe Hernandez, 4221 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34830 – Spoke against annexation. Mr. Hernandez thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He moved from Mesquite. His whole life he has wanted to move out into the country. He finally got five acres that he can call his own. He spent the last five years applying for his agricultural exemption, and this year he finally received the exemption. He raises sheep and donkeys, and is in the process of getting chickens. Stated further down the road, he wants to get cattle. He wants to know how this is going to affect his exemption and his taxes, and how is this going to affect his living in the future. He is there to stand to say he is against the annexation. He can only see what is next. If it does pass there is going to be a Hooters. Asked what else is going to be next? Mr. Hernandez thanked the Council again for allowing him to speak.

Robert Sicard, 5957 W I30, HCAD ID 34879 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he bought the land thirty-eight years ago with no restrictions. That is why he bought the property. He moved out from under the thumbnail of the cities rule. He moved from Mesquite after ten years. Now you all want to put me under that obligation again. He does burn a lot of brush. He shoots guns and fireworks. He does have some old classic cars that you all probably want me to remove them and mow my fields, which I do not mow all of my field, just the front part. He brought his kids up here and they love Royse City. He still loves Royse City, but there is too many stuff. They do not need a Buc-ee's here. They have enough traffic problems here with the high school as it is. Mr. Sicard thanked the Council.

Vicente Garcia, 4203 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34943 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he works hard for what he has. This is his mother's dream. His mother and father worked hard to get it. They are going to work hard to stay alive. They enjoy the country. Based on all of the development and things that are going on he feels that the Council's mind has already been made up. By law they have to have this hearing. Money talks and that is going to come into play pretty soon. They will adapt. Mr. Garcia thanked the Council.

9. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 110609, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 38-4, 2 acres more or less,

situated along CR 2646; HCAD ID 34872, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 38-1, 12.352 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34875, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 41, 5.1 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34878, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 44, 2.59 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 221710, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 44-1, 2.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34856, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 26, 1.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34849, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 2, 1.963 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34913, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 79, 1.617 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34832, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 119, 16.57 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 129351, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 55-3, 12.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34887, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 55, 0.9374 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34907, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 74, Life Estate to Rochell & Lorene Jones, 3 acres more or less, situated along I-30.

Eric McElroy, 6158 W I30, HCAD ID 116898 – Spoke against annexation. He pays Rockwall and Hunt County taxes. He has gotten nothing out of either one of them. The service road went one-way and he has to drive two and a half to four miles out of his way to get home every day. You can't take care of what you have uptown. It is less than a thousand feet to the north that is being taken in. There is nothing to gain but tax money by annexing his property. He is going to have to pay three taxes and get nothing. He will be dead and gone before the city puts sewer out there. He is opposed to it. Stated you all are elected officials and can be kicked out of office. Mr. McElroy thanked the Council.

Matt Fox, 6074 W I30, HCAD ID 34832 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he is speaking on behalf of his father who owns the property. His father has cancer and could not make it. He is Eric's neighbor. There is nothing to benefit them. Stated out there they will not have sewer. They won't have city water. BHP supplies their water. It is going to be years before it is every available out there for us, which it should already be if they are being annexed. His dad bought this land and put all those buildings out there for his retirement. Just because you are annexing and going up on taxes doesn't mean his buildings rent for more. You all are getting into his pocket. They sublease the back for grazing for horses and cattle. He is sure the city will cut that out being in the city limits. They shoot fireworks and skeet out there all the time with his church. Being in the city limits they are not going to be allowed to do all that. He is against it. Stated he hopes it doesn't pass, but he thinks his words don't mean much.

Lisa Ohana, 6031 CR 2646, HCAD ID 110609 – Spoke against annexation. Stated she is speaking on behalf of her eighty-three-year-old father who owns the property. He moved out here twenty-five years ago from Mesquite to get away from the city. She is totally opposed to this action. It is a very selfish thing to do. It will not benefit anybody in her area. They have to drive two miles down the road to turn around to come back one-way to get to their house. They have already suffered a price increase. She knows there have been a lot of accidents since the city has begun construction. There have been fatalities here that were not necessary at all. Stated she is opposed to it and hopes it doesn't pass. Ms. Ohana thanked the council.

J. RECESS PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:21 PM

Mayor Nichol called for a recess.

K. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:21 PM

L. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:31 PM

M. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:31 PM

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section §551.001 etseq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

Section §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney

1. Jason Day called for an Executive Session to meet with the Council regarding legal annexation issues.

C. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:43 PM

D. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:43 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning legal annexation issues, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING #1 AT 8:45 PM

F. PUBLIC HEARING #2 AT 8:45 PM

1. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 11102, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-01, 2 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 48666, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-4, 5 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 66063, Puerta Al Cielo Church of God Addition, Lot 1, 2.802 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 49818, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-8, 7.198 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66; RCAD ID 47336, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-3, MH Serial# 12328433A Label# PFS0541230, 5.541 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66, and RCAD ID 49815, A0109 A Hanna, Tract 1-5, 5 acres more or less, situated along Hwy 66.

No one spoke for or against.

2. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 90306, A0004, ES Alexander, Tract 2-08, 15.0 acres more or less, situated along FM 548, Undivided Interest 50%; RCAD ID 69589, A0004, ES Alexander, Tract 2-06, 3.00 acres more or less, part of 32.952 acres, situated along FM 548; RCAD ID 87615, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-07, 2.33 acres more or less, situated along Elm Grove Road; RCAD ID 58141, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-4, 2 acres more or less, situated along Elm Grove Road; RCAD ID 47170, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-3, 2.76 acres more or less, situated along FM 548; RCAD ID 10034, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 2-1, 0.819 acres more or less, situated along FM 548; and RCAD ID 10040, A0004 ES Alexander, Tract 6-01, 7.656 acres more or less, situated along FM 548.

No one spoke for or against.

3. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexations located in Rockwall County: RCAD ID 32512, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-1, 1.012 acres more or less, situated along FM 35; RCAD ID 47156, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-5, 3 acres more or less, situated along FM 35; RCAD ID 12522, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 1, 3.689 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12523, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 2, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12524, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 3, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12537, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13, 4.55 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12525, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 4, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12526, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 5, 3 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 60956, A0185 JB Ratliff, Tract 19-4, 1.50 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; RCAD ID 12246, A0185 JB Ratliff, Tract 19-1, 2.5 acres more or less, situated along FM 2453; and RCAD ID 46064, A0198 JWF Stone, Tract 13-4, 2 acres more or less, situated along FM 35.

Sharla Merrett, 205 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12522 – Spoke against annexation. Animal control came to her house and told her she was annexed into the city limits and they were going to take her dogs. Asked if there is anything she can do? Asked what they are going to get? They are losing a whole lot. Everyone from section 3 is there tonight. The people in section three are really really upset. They have been there a long time and they are settled. The city has come at them more than once. The city stopped with all the people that threatened the city before. They know there is nothing they can do. Stated reduce their taxes. Asked what they are supposed to do with their animals. They have animals and pets. Not everyone has an agricultural exemption, but she has goats and chickens. Asked if she has to tell her grandchildren she has to get rid of them because the city is annexing her? She doesn't get any benefits and asked that they get something. Stated don't take everything away. Think about the citizens. Not one person in the room wants it. Not one person has stood up and said they are for it because I really want this annexation. There are two public hearings tonight so this can be pushed through. They are not stupid. They should be months apart and not on the same night. Stated property values went down but taxes went up. We are giving up a lot and most of it is our livelihood. Ms. Merrett thanked the Council.

Chris Adams, 403 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12526 – Spoke against annexation. Stated they have a barn. They have sheep, chickens, and pigs. Asked if they have to sell all that? They moved out there to have all these animals because they can have them there. Nobody there knows what the regulations are going to be. This probably would have went a little smoother if they knew what the regulations were going to be. Asked if they are going to be under the same city codes, city laws? Mr. Adams thanked the Council.

Jerry Funderburk, 371 FM 2453, RCAD ID 12525 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he knows in the county he gets a tax exemption because he is over 65 years of age. He also has a military exemption. Asked if that will apply in the city? He has a ceiling in Rockwall County and it cannot go higher than \$500, or something. This year he only paid \$240 in taxes. If he comes under the city, he is going to have county, school, and city taxes. He does not know what the tax rate will be. He has an acre. Asked if he would still have his exemptions? Stated last time, may be ten years ago, the city tried to get us but they dropped it until now. They said the grandfather clause would be in effect. He didn't know if it would still be in effect if they get into the city. He burns his trash too. Trash pickup will be about \$15.00 a month, which is

reasonable, if it doesn't go up. Mr. Funderburk stated he appreciates the Council's time.

Steven Mosler, 470 FM 2453, RCAD ID 60956 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he is so upset he can't speak. He came out here to get out of this mess. He did not want to be in the city limits. He was told he wasn't in the city limits and he would not be in the city limits. He is on a fixed income. He doesn't have taxes to go up and pay all the time. He moved out here to have his chickens, his food growing in his backyard, and so that he has someplace in his old age to live. With this there is no hope for him. Stated he has to forget it and that is all there is to it.

Delores Ballard, 3783 S FM 548, RCAD ID 10034 – Spoke against annexation. Her husband and her live on social security and they have no savings. The reason her husband is at home lying in bed now is because if they had put him in the rest home they would have to pay all that money to keep him in a rest home. Their son, who doesn't do anything but hunt and stuff, moved in to help her when Bobby falls and can't get up. If he goes into the hospital now or if something happens to her, they will have these hospital bills. He doesn't have insurance and she has a small insurance policy but it is not worth anything. If they get these bills they will be able to take their land. It is the same with the taxes. She can't pay the taxes. They will come in and take the only thing they ever had. Both of them were born and raised in this city. They came back after fifteen years in Mesquite because they wanted to be in this town. They bought this acre and built a home on it. She can probably get by and pay for the trash service, but when it comes to taxes it is money she is barely getting by on as it is now. If they don't pay their taxes they are going to come in and take this measly acre. It is all they have. She thinks it is very immoral the way the city is treating people. She knows minds are already made up. Mrs. Ballard thanked the Council.

Katherine Entrekin, 2116 FM 2453, RCAD ID 32509 – Spoke against annexation. Mrs. Entrekin thanked the Council for letting her speak again. Stated her address is not in the annexation area. They go to work every day and make as much money as they can to come home to feed our families and to take care of our land. You take it away like its nothing. Asked what is going to happen next year, and the year after that? She has to call trash service ever week to find out when they are going to pick up her trash. She has to pay Greenville when she is not even in Greenville to pick up her trash. She has no problem with Greenville calling to let her know when they are picking up. Royse City can't even have a trash company that doesn't want to pick up trash. She can pay \$120 for three months to not have her trash picked up or pay Greenville \$80. She hopes the Council will listen to all these people. You can't sit here and tell people what to do with their land. She knows it is going to happen anyways. It is not fair. Like her mamma always told her, you look at someone when they're talking to you and you at least listen to what they have to say. It is not fair. You can get mad at her all you want to, but you are going to listen to her because she is up here. Whether you like it or not, just remember, when your family's houses are annexed let's see what you have to say.

4. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 1287967, A0513 W H Kuykendall, Tract 2, 1 acre more or less, situated along FM 1777.

No one spoke for or against.

5. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 2005118, A0244 John Davis, Sheet 3, Tract 32, 5 acres more or less, situated along CR 1031.

No one spoke for or against.

6. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Collin County: CCAD ID 1284602, A0244 John Davis, Sheet 3, Tract 18, 6 acres more or less, situated along FM 2642 and involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 38808, A1317 John Davis, Tract R8, 7.23 acres more or less, situated along FM 2642.

No one spoke for or against.

7. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 120157, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 24, 4.98 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120158, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 25, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120159, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 26, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120164, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 31, 1.91 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120163, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 30, 1.91 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120162, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 29, 1.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 120161, S3934 Magnolia Place, Lot 28, 2.76 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126713, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-55 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 44), 2.13 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126712, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-54 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 43), SN1 PH0514697A; SN2 PH0514697B; HUD PFS0593380; HUD2 PFS0593381; TITLE MH000040378, 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; HCAD ID 126936, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-42 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 42), 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597; and HCAD ID 206166, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-41 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates unrec LT 41), 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2597.

Kimberly Amaral, 6245 FM 2597, HCAD ID 126936 – Spoke against annexation. She can't believe she is the only one representing her county road here today. Her neighbors she used to live with are a bunch of country folks that she loved. Not everybody makes a lot of money out here. She is a mortgage underwriter. She sees income every day. She qualifies people for loans. The last three years she has seen social security award letters come through. They do not get their annual 3 ½ percent increase in cost of living. They have not for the past three years. She doesn't get raises either. She hasn't gotten a raise in over five years. This is about her rental property. She lives about a mile north of I30, left of Redline Raceway and knows she is going to be next. Her property values have already gone up over \$20,000. She had to fight for over two years to get a new roof. She had to sue her insurance company only to still be \$1600-\$1800 out of pocket, and her insurance goes up on top of that. She can barely afford her mortgage payment, let alone her rental payment. She has to increase her rental payment now. She can only refinance so many times. The dollar is going down in value, inflation is going up, everyone is hurting in everyday life normal living expenses. Asked if they could please spare them. Ms. Amaral thanked the Council.

8. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 34874, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 40, 20.922 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34892, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract

60, 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34843, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 13, 4.578 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34879, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 45, 9.7 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 223425, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-2, 11.85 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34862, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-3, 1.738 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34881, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 47, 0.99 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 219619, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 46-2, 0.266 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 220352, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 39-1, 4.97 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34873, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 39, 4.868 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34860, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29, 10.924 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34861, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 29-1, 3 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34824, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 111, 4.9 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34830, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 117, 5.1 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34943, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 94, 5 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 102388, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 99, 2.439 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 214568, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112-2, 0.16 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 34825, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112, 8.45 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 214567, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 112-1, 1.4 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509; HCAD ID 127938, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 57-58 (AKA Gentry Ranch Estates Unrec.), 2 acres more or less, situated along FM 1565; and HCAD ID 34821, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 107, 12.826 acres more or less, situated along CR 2509.

Robert Sicard, 5957 W I30, HCAD ID 34879 – Spoke against annexation. Stated he received his tax appraisal the other day with an increase of \$38,000. His property is now being valued at \$310,000, which is way over. He is on a fixed income. There is no way he can keep paying all these taxes. He gets only so much money from the government. Asked where the money is going to come from to be able to function? He has to have so much money for pills; otherwise he is going to die. He has this piece of property that he is going to sell but he can't sell it for what he was intending to get for it. He wished the Council would take this into consideration.

Dwayne Irwin, 4300 CR 2509, HCAD ID 220352, 4330 CR 2509, HCAD ID 219619, 4332 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34881, 4334 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34880 – Spoke against annexation. He doesn't see anything that can be brought to him. He already paid to install all their utilities. They have water and sewer. They have sheriff and fire department. Only the developer is going to benefit from this. He doesn't see anything that is going to help him. Stated he is totally opposed to it.

James Williams, 4285 CR 2509, HCAD ID 34861 – Spoke against annexation. Asked the burden on the residents versus the burden on the city, which is greater? The services that the city has promised but not rendered regarding the annexation of his street and the time frame the services are supposed to be provided. He has not heard anything good about that happening. He reviewed a 2014 report the city put out and how great part of the revenue is that comes from sewer and water. With annexation they will be paying for those services, but will not be receiving any of

those services. For many of them there will be no benefit. Stated he does love this town. Stated again that he is against this.

Dickey Fields, 4296 CR 2509, HCAD ID 116962 – Spoke against annexation. He has listened to all the people and everyone has a valid point. To say it is not going to benefit you financially is a lie. As the city grows raises are given. He appreciates the fact that most of you have kept your eyes on those that are talking. It is aggravating when there is so much to lose. He doesn't want to threaten anybody, but they are working people and their votes should matter in the city as well. If you take it away from us there are going to be people that are not so much in favor of your positions. Would not be voting in your best interest. Listen to the people and understand what they are asking for. Empty promises that may come or may not on some of the things that may benefit us are too far in the future. The city is not ready for what is coming. The city is too far behind. A two-lane black top is not going to handle the traffic. To have a meeting where we really can't get any answers is really like a slap in the face. Mr. Fields thanked those who kept their eyes on those that were talking. Stated he hopes they take everyone's remarks into consideration. Mr. Fields thanked the Council.

9. Take testimony concerning involuntary annexation located in Hunt County: HCAD ID 110609, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 38-4, 2 acres more or less, situated along CR 2646; HCAD ID 34872, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 38-1, 12.352 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34875, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 41, 5.1 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34878, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 44, 2.59 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 221710, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 44-1, 2.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34856, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 26, 1.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34849, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 2, 1.963 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34913, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 79, 1.617 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34832, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 119, 16.57 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 129351, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 55-3, 12.5 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34887, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 55, 09374 acres more or less, situated along I-30; HCAD ID 34907, A0946 Shelby County School Land, Tract 74, Life Estate to Rochell & Lorene Jones, 3 acres more or less, situated along I-30.

No one spoke for or against.

L. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING #2 AT 9:28 PM

M. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:28 PM

N. CONSENT AGENDA

All items under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

City Council Minutes: June 27, 2017

Staff requested this item be removed from the agenda.

O. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing a Board Member to the Cultural Arts Advisory Board (term July 11, 2017 to December 31, 2018), and any matters related thereto.

Christine Alessio has resigned from the Board. Charles Carroll has expressed interest in serving on the Board. There are no other applications.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to appoint Charles Carroll to the position. Council Member Houk seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Voluntary Annexation of 65.92 Acres Situated in the ES Alexander Survey, Abstract No. 0004, situated along FM 548, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

This is the piece of property that is located on the east side of FM 548 and goes to Crenshaw Road and the Waterscape Development.

Council Member Branch made a motion approve the voluntary annexation. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning award of a bid to Jeske Construction Company and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and purchase order for the Wood Street Paving, Drainage & Utility Improvements totaling \$1,447,680.25, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated Matt Hickey from Birkhoff, Hendricks, & Carter, L.L.P., is available to answer specific questions and Shannon Raymond is available to answer any financial questions about the project.

Council Member Crowley asked about the vast difference in bids. Mr. Hickey said they did not make any mistakes with their bids. Mr. Hickey said they did not interview the third bidder because it was too high. Mr. Hickey said the second bidder was higher than Jeske because they were uncomfortable with the phasing of the project and deemed it too dangerous. Mr. Hickey said even the low bidder was higher than they have seen in some time.

Council Member Crowley asked about references for Jeske Construction Company and if they have a guarantee. Mr. Hickey said the contractor will be bonded and they did provide their financial statements. They are solvent and they have been in business for a long time. They have a positive cash flow. If they went bankrupt tomorrow after they sign the contract you would have insurance that the project would be completed by another contractor.

Council Member Crowley asked about a warranty. Mr. Hickey said there is a maintenance bond that will be executed at the conclusion of the project that is for two years that covers water, sewer, and drainage.

Council Member Crowley asked if asphalt is cheaper than concrete. Council Member Crowley wanted to make sure they were getting the best bang for their buck. Mr. Hickey looked at recent projects. The asphalt was being bid higher. It is his opinion they are getting more bang for their buck.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, NTMWD Board Member Update, Hot Summer Nights, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook said there is not a lot on development to talk about just yet.

Work will begin on the Wood Street project in the next 2-3 weeks. In the same time frame they hope to be resurfacing Live Oak Street from County Line Road to the Hidden Creek Estates.

Bill Forbus resigned from the NTMWD Board of Directors. There is an opening for an un-expiring term on the Board.

Hot Summer Nights is this Thursday at 7:00 PM. Free hot dogs by High Pointe Assembly of God. There will be a rock painting project for the children. The movie will begin at 9:00 PM. The movie is Moana.

Celebrating Freedom was a huge success. There were between 5,000 – 6, 000 people total.

P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

None

Q. ADJOURN AT 9:42 PM

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**



Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

