



**MINUTES SPECIAL JOINT
COUNCIL MEETING WITH RCISD**

Monday, October 28, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Royse City ISD Ernest Epps Education Service Center
810 Old Greenville Road
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 1, Mike Holder
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 Attorney, Jason Day
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
Asst. City Secretary, Camille Johnson
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Charles Houk

RCISD

Members Present: President, Scott Muckensturm
Vice President, Christina Carrion
Board Member, Eric Fort
Board Member, Julie Stutts
Board Member, Bobby Summers
Board Member, Brian Zator

RCISD

Members Present: Secretary, Mike Anderson
Staff Present: Superintendent, Kevin Worthy
Assoc. Superintendent, Jeff Webb
Asst. Superintendent, Julia Robinson
Asst. Superintendent, Kenny Kaye Hudson
Chief Financial Officer, Byron Bryant
Chief Communications Officer, Adi Bryant
Chief Technology Officer, Zach Allen
Admin. Asst., Lisa Cook

**B. WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JANET NICHOL AND
SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT SCOTT MUCKENSTURM**

C. INTRODUCTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF

D. INVOCATION

Board Member Julie Stutts gave invocation.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Scott Muckensturm lead the Pledge of Alliance.

F. DINNER

Mayor Nichol adjourned the meeting for dinner at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Nichol reconvened the meeting at 6:23 pm.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion items from Royse City ISD:

a. District Report

Presenter: Superintendent Kevin Worthy

Kevin Worthy appreciates the relationship between the school district and the city. They want to do what is in the best interest of the kids and community. He discussed the District's growth. There are eight schools with Bobby Summers Middle School opening in August 2020. The student enrollment on the first day of school was 6,355 and 6,600 on October 28th. The school district is projected to have an enrollment of 10,000 by 2025/2026. Mr. Worthy discussed rezoning goals for 2020-2021. The Master Facilities Plan, which was adopted in 2016, plans for twenty years. Currently, elementary is PK-4, intermediate is 5-6, middle school is 7-8 and high school is 9-12. According to the DFW New Home Ranking Report, Royse City ISD is ranked 16.

Mr. Worthy discussed a new program at the high school, Men of Honor. They equip young men with skills that will help them be successful in life. He also discussed the \$4,000 salary increase they were able to give to teachers. \$50,000 is the new teacher starting salary. They were able to have a tax reduction of \$0.10. Texas A&M University-Commerce has graciously extended the Superintendent's Scholarship Award to Royse City ISD. This is awarded every other year. The recipient of this award will receive a free full ride scholarship for their master's degree program. There are 180 students enrolled in the associate degree program with Paris Jr. College.

Mr. Worthy discussed "Connected for Learning", which is critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, and connectedness. Chrome Books are issued to all 7th through 12th graders. They started the Chrome Squad at the high school and Chrome Crew at the middle school. RCISD is a Google Referenced District. As a result, 70+ programs have been tailored after RCISD's program in 18 states with over 90 site visits. Their marketing is "Preparing kids for success since 1904".

2. Discussion items from Royse City, City Council:

a. Infrastructure Update

Carl Alsabrook reported the city has been working on water/drainage problems downtown. Burton Street will be resurfaced, Howard Street is under construction,

and Wood Street is complete. The city is waiting on a memorandum of understanding for the YMCA. They are waiting to choose a location. Regarding the fire station, a new station will be built at Erby Campbell and Hwy 66. Construction will start in November when soccer season is over. In a few years, there will be a new police station built on the new city owned land, just east of the middle school. FM 2642 between FM 35 and Hwy 66 will be a divided four lane with curb and gutters. The construction should begin in 2020. The I-30 expansion should begin 2022/2023.

b. Residential Development

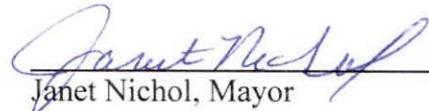
Carl Alsbrook reported new subdivisions coming consists of a total of 5,284 homes. There are 9,295 entitled lots. Creekside subdivision, on east side of Hwy 66, will have approximately 1,100 homes and should start in about 14 months. He also discussed a Wynne Jackson project along FM 35 and the service road. City Council wants to be more selective with future subdivisions.

c. Commercial Development

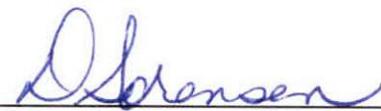
Charles Houk gave an update on commercial development. We are working on more feeder roads south of I-30 and working on downtown parking. SGRE is building a shopping center next to Arby's. Pappy's Car Wash is now open. There are a lot of property that can be developed and have inquiries. Buc-ee's opened in 2019 and has 25 acres to be developed. They have high restrictions. Anderson Crossing, 107 acres, is being targeted for entertainment options. We are seeing a lot of mixed use development plans. The lumberyard will be coming down very soon and will have about 40 parking spots for downtown. Smoke Sessions will provide more parking for downtown, on the west side, once they build. Thirsty Bro Brewing has received an incentive to move into the current fire station. Native Station is going in at Z's Qwik Stop. It is a beer garden with live entertainment. Both ends of downtown are expanding. Main Street Emporium has now opened. It's a donut/ice cream store. Our next revolution is to start targeting high employee based companies, workforce development.

H. ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM

Mayor Nichol adjourned the meeting.


Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

