

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 3, 2012

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Ussery, Council members: David Brooks, GERALYN KEVER, Don Day, Ray Ricchi, and Roger Harris.

Staff Present: City Manager Jason Gray; Deputy City Manager Joe Williams; City Attorney Mark Houser; City Secretary Sandy Hart; Finance Director Rodney Rhoades; Help Desk Technician Richard Sewell; Director of Engineering Jack Carr; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph; Construction Project Manager Patricia Jackson; Senior Planner Brandon Opiela; Plans Examiner Jeff Harris; Planning Director Jennifer Cox; Communications and Media Manager Anna Clark; Fire Chief Danny Kistner; Assistant Director of Development Services Barry Shelton; Airport Director Ken Wiegand; Police Officer Melissa Robillard; Human Resources Director Tadd Phillips; Police Chief Doug Kowalski; Director of Development Services Rob Daake; Assistant Fire Chief Neil Howard; and Assistant Chief of Police Randy Roland.

There were 50 guests present

Mayor Loughmiller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. after determining a quorum was present. Invocation was given by Pastor Arnulfo Alvarado of First Hispanic Assembly of God. Mayor Loughmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

12-190 Veterans Memorial Plaque Presentation. McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board Chairman Ralph French presented Mayor Loughmiller with a granite plaque in appreciation for supporting the Veterans Memorial.

12-191 McKinney Firefighter Recognition. This item was moved to a future meeting.

Mayor Loughmiller called for Citizen Comments.

Mr. Jim Westerheid, 2714 Club Lake Trail, McKinney, expressed his appreciation to Council for the time they spent reviewing the Sustainability Plan.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Brooks, to approve the following consent items:

- 12-192** Minutes of the City Council Work Session of March 20, 2012
- 12-193** Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012
- 12-194** Minutes of the City Council Work Session of March 26, 2012
- 12-195** Minutes of the McKinney Community Development Corporation Board Meeting of February 23, 2012
- 12-196** Minutes of the McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting of February 28, 2012
- 12-197** Minutes of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting of January 17, 2012
- 12-198** Minutes of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation Special Board Meeting of February 14, 2012
- 12-143** Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting of February 28, 2012
- 12-199** Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Amending the 2011-12 Annual Budget for the Addition of Two Temporary Irrigation Compliance Officers.
Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BUDGET AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

- 12-200** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Adopting the Gray Branch Community Park Master Plan. Caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-045 (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR GRAY BRANCH COMMUNITY PARK AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- 12-201** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Awarding Contract to Rose Contracting for Debris Hauling Services. Caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-046 (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
McKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
AWARD A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS HAULING

- 12-202** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Click It or Ticket Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. Caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-047 (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
McKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
ACCEPT A STEP (SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
PROGRAM) CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT FROM THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- 12-203** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program and Loan Agreement between the City of McKinney and Texas Global Aeroplex LLC.

END OF CONSENT

- 12-204** Mayor Loughmiller called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on a Resolution Adopting a Joint Marketing Program for the Collin County Regional Airport. City Manager Gray stated that the idea of Joint Marketing Program is to enable other cities to have an ability to negotiate with corporate relocations to offer a 25% a Section 380 grant in an amount equal to 25% of the ad valorem taxes paid to the City of McKinney for aircraft relocated to the Collin County Regional Airport for five years. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Harris, seconded by Council member Keever, to a Resolution adopting a Joint Marketing Program for the Collin County Regional Airport. Caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-048 (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
McKINNEY, TEXAS, ADOPTING A JOINT MARKETING

PROGRAM FOR THE COLLIN COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

12-205 Mayor Loughmiller called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Providing Direction on the Gateway Hotel Conference Center. City Manager Gray stated that the goal for this item is to provide an analysis of the cost, risk, and product types that are feasible for the site. Mr. Gray stated that his recommendation is to build a Sheraton-quality full service hotel on the existing site, utilizing the existing structure but reducing the existing scope to 185 rooms and a 20,000 square foot conference center. He stated that the guest rooms would be decreased by reducing the number of floors from 5 to 4. The proposed conference center would be able to accommodate an 8,000 square foot ballroom with several breakout meeting rooms. The site was originally designed for a 222 room Westin Hotel and approximately a 59,000 square foot conference center. He stated that construction was stopped in 2008 due to financial constraints and difficulties with the hotel developer which resulted in two years of litigation and settlement negotiations. Mr. Gray stated that the structure would cost about \$35 million to build with a public contribution of \$18 million. He stated the McKinney Community Development Corporation allocated \$19 million for the project after settlement and land purchase. There is \$6.5 million dollars remaining. He stated the \$11.5 million of new money would come from two different sources - one from other cash funds of \$5.5 million and certificate of obligation of \$6 million. Mr. Gray stated that we were able to come in better than expected through last year's budget. About \$2.5 million was added to the general fund balance. The last \$5.5 million dollars could potentially come from general funds reserve which would leave about 31% of our operating reserve. The policy now and the general practice in the industry are to maintain a balance of about 25% of general fund reserves. Mr. Gray stated that the occupancy tax generated from just this hotel would generate enough annual dollars to service the debt. Mr.

Gray spoke about alternatives that he is not in support of and stated that his recommendation is to partner with the Beck Group and Champ Hospitality to construct an approximately 185 room full-service hotel and a 20,000 square foot conference center utilizing the existing structure. Mr. Gray stated that the proposed development on the Gateway site would set the tone for the rest of the Highway 75 corridor. Council approved the motion by Council member Brooks, seconded by Council Kever, to approve the City Manager's recommendation authorizing Mr. Gray and his staff to move forward with a development agreement and a partnership agreement with Beck and Champ Hospitality for the City's ultimate approval with a vote of 6-1-0, Council member Ricchi voting against.

12-011Z3 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Request by QuikTrip Corporation, for Approval of a Request to Rezone Approximately 7.48 Acres from "C" - Planned Center District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District to "PD" - Planned Development District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District, Generally to Modify the Development Standards, Located on the Northeast Corner of Wilmeth Road and U.S. Highway 75 (Central Expressway), and Accompanying Ordinance. Senior Planner Brandon Opiela stated that this request is to allow a truck scale and to modify the landscaping requirements for the site. On March 6, 2012, City Council tabled the item to give the applicant additional time to work on enhancing the proposed landscaping/screening for the site and to work with Staff on including a provision in the proposed ordinance that would delay the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the fueling station until the adjacent roadway construction for Wilmeth Road and U.S. Highway 75 frontage was completed. Subsequent to the City Council meeting on March 6, 2012, Staff received numerous emails in opposition to the rezoning request

and/or sign variance request, which have been attached to this item. Mr. Opiela stated that if the truck scales were denied tonight, the fueling station could still be built. Mr. Opiela stated that truck scales are more appropriate in an industrially zoned area. Applicant, Mr. Don Paschal, 904 Parkwood Ct., McKinney, stated that they are requesting a truck scale and a sign variance. This will not be a weighing station but would be a truck fueling station. He stated that it is his opinion that the truck fueling station would be used by trucks in McKinney before they leave the city. Mr. Paschal stated that he sent McKinney Independent School District's Superintendent a letter briefing him on the various data and stated that he received a response thanking him for the information. Mr. Paschal stated that if the truck scales are not approved, they would not continue with the additional landscaping plan but rather would follow the City's landscape ordinance. Council member Ricchi asked McKinney Economic Development Corporation Chairman Keith Clifton if a semi-truck fueling station scale would enhance the area economically. Mr. Clifton stated that the truck stop is more of an issue in how that area is developed. He stated that with or without the scale, traffic of that nature is detrimental to the overall development of that intersection. Council member Day stated that currently there is one scale in McKinney and that scale has not created any issues. Council member Kever stated that half empty trucks do not weigh on the scales. The trucks that utilize the scales are the heaviest and are the most damaging vehicles on our roads as well as more risky. Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery stated that he is not in favor of the scales because it would go against the vision set forth by other Council members. Council member Brooks stated that he is not in favor of the scales. Council member Harris stated that he is opposed to a truck fueling station but since it will be built by right he is in favor of the proposed scales. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comments and there were none. Council approved the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem

Ussery, seconded by Council member Kever, to close the public hearing and deny the rezoning request with a vote of 4-3-0, Council member Ricchi, Council member Day, and Council member Harris voting against.

12-206 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on a Sign Variance Request by QuikTrip, Appealing the Denial of a Sign Permit to Allow Additional Signage Located on the Northeast Corner of U.S. Highway 75 and Wilmeth Road. Plans Examiner Jeff Harris stated that the applicant is requesting a 6' tall sign monument, 40' tall single tenant pole sign and a 6' tall truck driving directional sign. Mr. Harris stated that the current Sign Ordinance allows for 2 detached signs on the property at the intersection of a major highway. Director of Development Services Rob Daake stated that staff is working on amending the sign ordinance and will be proposing a new median height along this corridor. Council member Kever asked if Council were to approve the sign variance, would QuickTrip be willing to make the additional modifications to the landscaping. Mr. Don Paschal stated that the landscaping commitment was for the proposed scale and the sign variance stands on its own. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comment and there were none. Council approved the motion by Council member Day, seconded by Council member Ricchi, to close the public hearing and approve the sign variance, to allow additional signage located on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 75 and Wilmeth Road with a vote of 4-3-0, Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery, Council member Kever, and Council member Brooks voting against.

11-007Z3 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Request by Francisco Gomez, for Approval of a Request to Rezone Approximately 0.35 Acres from "PD" - Planned Development District to "PD" - Planned Development District, Generally to Modify the Development Standards, Located on the

Southwest Corner of Josephine Street and Kentucky Street, and Accompanying Ordinance. Senior Planner Brandon Opiela stated that this request is for an expansion of a salon/upholstery shop. He stated that there are a number of technical provisions which are to clean up the existing non conformance of the structure and modifying the landscaping. Mr. Opiela stated that staff recommends approval of the rezoning request. Mr. Opiela stated that staff has not received any feedback from any of the surrounding neighbors. Mr. Francisco Gomez, 809 N. Kentucky, McKinney, TX, stated that he concurs with the staff report. Mr. Fransisco Gomez- stated he is in agreement with staff's recommendation. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comment and there was none. Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Harris, to close the public hearing and approve the Ordinance rezoning approximately 0.35 acres from "PD" - Planned Development District to "PD" - Planned Development District, generally to modify the development standards, located on the southwest corner of Josephine Street and Kentucky Street, with following special ordinance provisions: The subject property be developed according to the "BN" - Neighborhood Business District, and as amended, except as follows: . An upholstery shop be an allowed use on the subject property; a 30' wide corner clip landscape buffer shall not be required at the intersection of Josephine Street and Kentucky Street; a 6' wide landscape buffer along Josephine Street be allowed as shown on the attached zoning exhibit; a landscape buffer along Kentucky Street shall not be required, as shown on the attached zoning exhibit; a 5' wide perimeter landscape buffer shall not be required adjacent to the vehicular use area at the southeast corner of the subject property; a terminus tree at the south end of the parking row along Kentucky Street shall not be required; canopy trees along Kentucky Street frontage shall not be required as shown on the attached exhibit.; a

10' wide landscape buffer and associated screening shall not be required along the portion of the southern property line adjacent to the building expansion; evergreen shrubs (a minimum of 3' in height at the time of planting and planted 3' on center) shall be required along the south and west property lines except where immediately adjacent to the building expansion; and the subject property shall generally develop in accordance with the attached zoning exhibit. Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1270, OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS; SO THAT AN APPROXIMATELY 0.35 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF JOSEPHINE STREET AND KENTUCKY STREET, IS REZONED FROM "PD" – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO "PD" – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, PROVIDING FOR NO VESTED INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

12-035Z2 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Request by Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc., on Behalf of the City of McKinney and McKinney Economic Development Corporation, for Approval of a Request to Rezone Approximately 12.16 Acres from "PD" - Planned Development District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District to "PD" - Planned Development District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District, Generally to Modify the Development Standards, Located on the Southeast Corner of Marketplace Drive and U.S. Highway 75 (Central Expressway), and Accompanying Ordinance. Senior Planner Brandon Opiela stated that the rezoning request is for the Emerson Technology Headquarters building that will be constructed on the Gateway site. He stated that the applicant is requesting a zoning change to modify the building standards. Mr. Opiela stated that the proposed site layout exhibit provides a general depiction of the corporate headquarters and research facility for Emerson Regulator Technologies and proposes approximately

128,000 square feet of office, research/laboratory, warehouse, distribution, and training uses. The layout exhibit provides a general representation of proposed building usage, parking and loading area locations, screening and buffering, and site circulation. Architectural elevation exhibits have also been provided as a part of the request to modify the permitted exterior finishing material types and respective percentages of each material used on the building. City Manager Gray stated that there will be no manufacturing on this site and the bay doors that are associated on the project is to have company move product in and out that requires testing. Applicant, Mr. Dan Owens, 2015 Springcrest Drive, McKinney, was available for questions and there were none. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comment and there were none. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Keever, seconded by Council member Brooks, to close the public hearing and approve the Ordinance rezoning approximately 12.16 acres from "PD" - Planned Development District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District to "PD" - Planned Development District and "CC" - Corridor Commercial Overlay District, generally to modify the development standards, located on the southeast corner of Marketplace Drive and U.S. Highway 75 (Central Expressway), with the following special ordinance provisions: the subject property shall develop in accordance with the "BG" - General Business District and "CC" Corridor Commercial Overlay District requirements, and as amended, except as follows: Warehouse/Distribution shall be an allowed use; the subject property shall develop generally in accordance with the attached zoning exhibit; the screening devices and associated landscaping for the sanitation container, mechanical equipment and loading areas shall be provided as shown on the attached exhibit; and the proposed building shall develop as depicted on the attached architectural elevations and shall not be required to meet the minimum point score as specified in

Section 146-139 Architectural and Site Standards of the Zoning Ordinance. Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1270 OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS; SO THAT AN APPROXIMATELY 12.16 ACRE PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MARKETPLACE DRIVE AND U.S. HIGHWAY 75 (CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY), IS REZONED FROM "PD" – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND "CC" – CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT TO "PD" – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND "CC" – CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT, GENERALLY TO MODIFY THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, PROVIDING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, PROVIDING FOR NO VESTED INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

12-036Z2 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Request by Y Street Ventures, L.L.C., on Behalf of Sterling Trust Company, for Approval of a Request to Rezone Approximately 0.35 Acres from "BG" - General Business District and "H" - Historic Preservation Overlay District to "CHD" - Commercial Historic District and "H" - Historic Preservation Overlay District, Generally to Modify the Development Standards, Located on the Southeast Corner of Johnson Street and Louisiana Street, and Accompanying Ordinance. Senior Planner Brandon Opiela stated that the applicant is proposing to rezone the subject property generally to utilize the building for restaurant retail uses. The building (approximately 15,000 square feet) was constructed circa 1925 for office and commercial purposes. The building was previously used as an office and is currently vacant. The change of use from office use to restaurant and retail uses requires a site plan to be approved for the subject property. Mr. Opiela stated that staff recommends approval of the proposed rezoning request. Applicant, Ms. Natalia Zinger, stated that they are a real estate company that has several buildings in Denton and have decided to expand their business into the City of McKinney. Ms. Zinger complimented staff on their

professionalism and as a result, private investors like them will show interest in coming to the City of McKinney. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comment and there were none. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Day, seconded by Council member Harris, to close the public hearing and approve the Ordinance rezoning approximately 0.35 acres from "BG" - General Business District and "H" - Historic Preservation Overlay District to "CHD" - Commercial Historic District and "H" - Historic Preservation Overlay District, generally to modify the development standards, located on the southeast corner of Johnson Street and Louisiana Street, with the following special ordinance provision: the subject property shall be developed accordance with Section 146-96 "CHD" - Commercial Historic District and Section 146-97 "H" - Historic Preservation Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance, and as amended. Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04-014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1270, OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS; SO THAT AN APPROXIMATELY 0.35 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF JOHNSON STREET AND LOUISIANA STREET, IS REZONED FROM "BG" – GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND "H" – HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT TO "CHD" – COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AND "H" – HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, PROVIDING FOR NO VESTED INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

12-037SP2 Mayor Loughmiller called for a Public Hearing for Consideration/Discussion/Action on the Request by the City of McKinney, for Approval of a Site Plan for a Neighborhood Park (Sonntag Park), Approximately 16.94 Acres, Located on the Southwest Corner of Memory Lane and Westridge Boulevard. Senior Planner Brandon Opiela stated that the City of McKinney is proposing to construct a neighborhood school park (Sonntag Park), and that the proposed neighborhood park includes two playgrounds, large pavilion, open practice fields, hike and

bike trail and a splash pad. He stated that the park is located between the Eagles Nest at Westridge amenity center and Sonntag Elementary School. Staff recommends approval of the proposed site plan. Council member Ricchi applauded staff and the city for putting parks next to schools and asked if there could be one next to McClure Elementary. Mayor Loughmiller called for public comment and there were none. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Keever, seconded by Council member Harris, to close the public hearing and approve the Site Plan for a Neighborhood Park (Sonntag Park), approximately 16.94 acres located on the southwest corner of Memory lane and Westridge Boulevard, with the following conditions: the City satisfy the conditions as shown on the Standard Conditions for Site Plan Approval Checklist; prior to the issuance of a building permit: the City revise the site and landscape plans to correctly label the streets on the plan. JFK Drive should be changed to Reagan Drive; the City revise the plant list table of the landscape plan to provide 4" caliper trees, with a minimum height of 12' at the time of planting; the City revise the landscape plan to ensure that all proposed trees are planted a minimum of 8' from any public utility line. In particular, the proposed tree next to the existing storm sewer line will need to be shifted; and the City revise the site plan to add the standard notation stating that the lighting will be in conformance to the requirements of Chapter 58 Lighting and Glare Regulations of the City of McKinney Code of Ordinance.

Mayor Loughmiller called for Council and Manager Comments

Council member Harris Roger apologized for absence for the last few meetings. Mr. Harris complimented the City Manager for completing a year under budget. He stated that he appreciated City Management staff that work so diligently at the functions that you provide, the organization you built, and the fiscal controls that you are applying. Mr. Harris stated that he continues to hear positive comments about Development Services. "You do an incredible job and we do appreciate you administering the

ordinances and policies that have been established by previous Councils. Mr. Harris stated that at the Employee Service Award Banquet today he appreciated the invitation and applaud those employees who were able to celebrate lengthy anniversaries with the City. Mr. Harris stated that tonight's decision on the Gateway project will hopefully bring some renewed interest in economic development activity. Mr. Harris expressed his thoughts and prayers to the people who have suffered damage from today's tornados.

Council member Brooks stated he appreciated the dialog and what went into the discussions we had tonight regarding the Gateway project. We have made significant progress tonight toward getting a development agreement and a partnership that will work well for this City. Real estate developments have a momentum that takes some vision to support a project like this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery thanked staff for what they do. Mr. Ussery stated that it was a great honor to attend the employee service awards today. Mr. Ussery stated that it was also nice to attend the teacher of the year award earlier this week with the Mayor and Council member Kever. Mr. Ussery stated that the City Staff and teachers make the City what it is and it doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated. Mr. Ussery stated that he will be attending a Town Hall meeting at the Heard Craig house tomorrow night sponsored by the historic neighborhood association.

Council member Ricchi stated that his no vote against the conference center was not against the City Manager or his fellow Council members but rather that he was not prepared to make that commitment tonight. Mr. Ricchi stated that he chose to vote for the truck scales tonight because of a safety issue. He stated that he prefers for a truck to know what it weighs as oppose to not knowing. Mr. Ricchi stated that he is looking forward to seeing a park next to McClure Elementary School. Mr. Ricchi assured the residents of McKinney that the City has an outstanding plan for emergency preparedness and process. Mr. Ricchi congratulated the McKinney Boyd High School Bailadoras for their national championship. Mr. Ricchi thanked staff for all their hard work.

Council member Day stated that one of things he appreciates being on Council is that it is nice to disagree with his fellow Council members and no one gets mad.

Council member Kever stated that today the City recognized the staff. Ms. Kever congratulated Mr. Gray for completing his first year with the City. Ms. Kever stated that it was a great tonight to have the Council pointed in the same direction on the Gateway project. Ms. Kever expressed her appreciation to Mr. Gray for all his hard work on this project. Ms. Kever stated that she received an email from Lynn Mortenson who is an Engineer at Raytheon and who works with young people on robotics team. The McKinney High School team won the rookie award at the robotics competition and they are going to nationals. Ms. Kever stated that they are looking for funding by April 26th to send 16 kids nationals in St. Louis.

Mayor Loughmiller stated that Relay for Life is coming up in McKinney and about 4,000 people show up for that event to raise money to fight cancer and to bring our community together. A lot of cancer survivors attend this event that need our support every single day as they battle this disease. Mr. Loughmiller encouraged everyone to support Holly Cavanagh on American Idol. It is a tremendous benefit to the City when one of our own is promoting McKinney. Mr. Loughmiller stated that the Chamber of Commerce hosted a Collin County Days and invited everyone from surrounding communities attend. A good message came from Mr. Brown regarding economic development coming to Collin County and moving this way. We are still behind the eight ball compared to our sister cities. Mr. Loughmiller stated that he would like the City to focus on a concerted effort to look at our policies regarding economic development incentives, and what our partnerships are with other organizations to continue to bring a strategic plan forward that will help us compete with Frisco, Allen, Plano and Dallas and as we look nationwide at companies that are looking for places to move. We need to be constantly evaluating what we are doing and see if we can do more. Mr. Loughmiller stated that he has forwarded some emails from constituents to the City Manager regarding park issues.

City Manager Gray stated on behalf of the staff that we appreciate to continue to work with you. Mr. Gray stated that he agrees with the comments tonight regarding Gateway as this is a big step forward and he will bring back a development agreement with all the details as quickly as possible. .

Mayor called for Citizen Comments and there were none.

Mayor Loughmiller recessed the meeting into executive session at 8:32 per Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2). Consultation with City Attorney on any Work Session, Special or Regular Session agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed), Section 551.071 (1) (A). Litigation / Anticipated Litigation, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, and Section 551.087 Discuss Economic Development Matter as listed on the posted agenda. Mayor Loughmiller recessed to the open session at 9:00 p.m.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Harris to adjourn. Mayor Loughmiller adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDY HART, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary