

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2012

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in a special session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on January 23, 2012 at 5:30 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, Assistant to the City Manager Aretha Harvey, Director of Finance Rodney Rhoades, Deputy City Manager Rick Chaffin, Executive Director Public Works Hal Cranor, McKinney Green Program Manager Julie Smith, Environmental Education Specialist Martha Cavazos-Fipps, Environmental Grants Coordinator Jorge Castillo, and Assistant City Secretary Blanca I. Garcia

Mayor Loughmiller called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. after determining a quorum present. Mayor Loughmiller turned the work session over to City Manager Jason Gray. Mr. Gray called for discussion on the following items with no action taken:

- 12-053** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Recognizing the Craig Ranch Corporate Centre as a Corporate Center in the City of McKinney. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Travis Ussery, seconded by Council member Roger Harris, to Approved 12-053 Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Recognizing the Craig Ranch Corporate Centre as a Corporate Center in the City of McKinney. City Manager Jason Gray explained the Request for Qualifications for a "Corporate Center" and stated that Craig Ranch Corporate Centre was recognized by MEDC in January 2011, as having those qualifications. He stated that Craig Ranch will not be the only location within the city that will be qualified as a "Corporate Center" and stated that based on the structure that is there, this location meets the criteria for a "Corporate Center". Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Harris, to approve a Resolution recognizing the Craig Ranch Corporate Centre as

a Corporate Center in the City of McKinney. Caption reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01-008 (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS RECOGNIZING THE CRAIG RANCH CORPORATE CENTRE AS A "CORPORATE CENTER" IN THE CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- 11-504** Receive a Presentation from Gresham, Smith, and Partners (GSP) on the Draft Sustainability Plan and Provide Input and Direction (Matthew Frankel, Project Manager, GSP) (45 minutes). Project Manager Mathew Frankel explained the Draft Sustainability Plan and stated that the City of McKinney, has been working over the last four years to develop a community-wide sustainability plan. He stated that this plan is a community plan and not a staff or consultant plan. Mr. Frankel asked as part of the Sustainability Plan for the Council to approve a Sustainability Board and allow them to work on priorities and identify potential funding sources so they could bring forth ideas. City Manager Gray stated that he would like to look at the plan even further from the perspective of managing the whole city, the costs for funding each initiative, and where that funding would come from. He stated that in order for Council to make a decision they would need to be aware of all costs. Mr. Gray stated maintenance has not been addressed and stated that in order to make an informed decision they would need to have that information. Mr. Gray stated that the community's input would be taken into consideration, but clarified that he along with staff will look at what it all involves. Mayor Loughmiller stated that when he read the 180 page plan, about 100 of the pages are dedicated to things that the city is already doing. He stated that the issues that are typically raised are ultimately the cost, benefit, return, and level of oversight of the program. Mayor stated that he read in the plan that there is a suggestion of creating another staff position that would oversee whether or not certain metrics were being met. He stated that he would be more concerned over the implementation than he would be with the supervision at a staff department level, when there is already

somebody overlooking that responsibility. Council member Day stated that this plan was put together by people of the community for the community and that there were things that are currently being done within the plan. Mr. Loughmiller encouraged the City Manager to go through the plan piece by piece. Council member Brooks stated that the plan is very well thought out and stated that in terms of objectives and values of the community, it is an important document. The City can take the Plan and frame more broad objectives and goals. Council member Harris stated that he was involved in the initial planning and stated that we do not need a plan that requires us to live a sustainable life, we want a plan that allows us to be sustainable. Mr. Harris stated that he likes the idea of forming a committee or a board for the plan that meets on a regular basis. Mayor Pro-Tem Ussery thanked all who were involved in the process and stated that he looks forward to Mr. Gray's analysis. Council member Keever stated that in this process, we have come a long way in educating our citizens and asked Mr. Gray that he revisit the metrics system. Mr. Gray stated that the metrics system doesn't always indicate which case is better and in his opinion the metrics needs to be closely reviewed particularly on the bases of each initiative as it comes forward. Council member Ricchi stated that a sustainable community is a balanced community and stated that he is not a big fan of the amount of government that is included in this document. He stated that he is not in favor of setting zoning policies and codes to make the private sector forced into mandates. Mr. Ricchi stated that the hike and bike trail is well received and stated he is not in favor of mandating things that common sense will end up leading to.

Mayor Loughmiller recessed the meeting into executive session at 7:08 p.m. 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 551.074 Personnel Matters, and Section 551.087 Discuss Economic

Development Matter as listed on the posted agenda. Mayor Loughmiller recessed to the open session a 7:22 p.m.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Day, to adjourn. Mayor Loughmiller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

Blanca I. Garcia
Assistant City Secretary