

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07-___ (R)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC THROCKMORTON STATUE ADVISORY BOARD TO OVERSEE STAFF AND EXPERT RESEARCH RELATED TO THE THROCKMORTON STATUE LOCATED ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, recognizes that current events have generated conversations about culture, race, history and the role of names, monuments and other artifacts that relate to that history; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney has received divergent requests from the public, both for and against, regarding the possible removal or relocation of the Throckmorton statue, currently situated at the southwest corner of N. Tennessee St. and E. Virginia St., near the entrance of the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas desires a transparent process to engage the community in the discussion about the Throckmorton statue and other cultural artifacts located on City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of McKinney has determined it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of McKinney to authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Board that will oversee staff and expert research related to the context, appropriateness and relevancy of the Throckmorton statue located on City-owned property and provide thorough and balanced research to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, THAT:

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, hereby authorizes the creation of an Ad Hoc Advisory Board to review and provide a final recommendation to oversee staff and expert research related to the context, appropriateness and relevancy of the Throckmorton statue located on City-owned property and provide thorough and balanced research to the City Council.
- Section 2. The Cultural Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members who shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the City Council. Staff support will be provided by several departments as needed.
- Section 3. The Advisory Board shall meet no less than three (3) times, during which it shall (i) review the history and context of the Throckmorton statue; (ii) consider all options for the Throckmorton statue, including but not limited to removing it, relocating it, or keeping it in place with or without additional context; (iii) receive public comment about said options; and (iv) provide thorough and balanced research to the City Council.
- Section 4. The Advisory Board is additionally authorized to engage in discussions and give research to the City Council related to other artifacts or cultural items located on City-owned property that may benefit from additional review.
- Section 5. The Advisory Board shall dissolve on or before December 1, 2020, unless extended by City Council resolution.
- Section 6. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
McKINNEY, TEXAS ON THE 21st DAY of JULY, 2020.**

CITY OF McKINNEY, TEXAS

GEORGE C. FULLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK S. HOUSER
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