

CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2010

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas and the McKinney Independent School District Board of Trustees met in joint session at the Collin County Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney on November 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Mayor Pro-Tem Pete Huff, Council members: Geralyn Keever, Don Day, Ray Ricchi, and Travis Ussery. Absent: Council member David Brooks.

Board of Trustees Present: President Lynn Sperry, Dick Stevens, Maria McKinzie, Wade Johnson, Curtis Rippee, and Mark Rude. Absent: Kathi Livezey.

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager Rick Chaffin, Deputy City Manager Jim Parrish; City Secretary Sandy Hart, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Chief of Police Doug Kowalski, and Police Sergeant Tom Turpin.

MISD Staff: Superintendent Dr. J.D. Kennedy; Dr. J. Davis, Shawn Pratt, Cody Cunningham, Mary Clark, Steve Fortenberry, Allen McDaniel, and Nancy James.

There were 3 guests present.

Mayor Loughmiller and President Lynn Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Welcome - Lynn Sperry, McKinney ISD Board President

Purpose of Meeting - Mayor Brian Loughmiller, City Of McKinney

10-482 Discussion of Joint Projects & Programs (30 minutes)

- A. Facility Usage - Nancy James (10 minutes). Nancy James and Shawn Pratt presented a history of the Joint Use Agreement between the City of McKinney and MISD. Ms. James stated that from 2008-2010 there have been 20,971 hours of community use of school facilities.
- B. SRO - Chief Kowalski (10 minutes). Chief Kowalski presented a report on the School Resource Officers. MISD is currently paying 25% of the salaries and benefits for the 5 SRO officers. MISD has reached an understanding with the City to increase covering expenses for the SRO officers to 50% for 2011-2012.

Chief Kowalski stated that there is potential grant money through the Save Our Schools Grant from the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing program. This would enable the officers responding to calls to see what is happening prior to their arrival at the location. Improving technology may be a way to reduce the need for additional SRO officers and improve security.

- C. Parks - Lemuel Randolph (10 minutes). Mr. Randolph presented a summary of 39 existing parks within the City of McKinney. Of the 39 parks, 14 are adjacent to school. The new tennis complex is currently under design to be located at Gabe Nesbitt Park. Aquatics center is currently in the planning stages and will be coming back to City Council with some options. There will be a skateboard park also located at Gabe Nesbit Park. Mr. Randolph stated that the City is partnering with Dowell Middle School to add a project to their math curriculum that will allow the students to work in a team based environment to assist in the design of the skateboard park. Mr. Randolph stated that funding for many of the Parks projects comes from the McKinney Community Development Corporation. The City also receives funding through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants and Collin County. The new Bonnie Wenk Park will be located at Virginia and Hardin and will be a phased in project. There are several environmental challenges that will require a lot of engineering work that will take approximately 1 year to design.

Council member Ussery left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

10-483 Fiscal Overview and Challenges (20 minutes)

- A. School Finances - J.D. Kennedy (10 minutes). Chief Financial Officer Steve Fortenberry presented an overview of the MISD

finances. Fiscal year 2009-10 ended with a reserve fund of \$50 million. The current fiscal year budget is projecting to draw down \$1.3 million of reserves. The current operating tax rate is \$1.04 per \$100 valuation and any increases will require voter approval. The school district gets an amount per student whether it is through property taxes or through state aid. When the property tax values go up, the state aid goes down. When the property values increase it has very little effect on the amount received per student but will increase the amount available for debt service. The State of Texas is facing \$18-25 billion shortfall. A state funding reduction is very possible. Mr. Fortenberry stated that it is not an optimistic picture for school funding for the next 2-3 years. Dr. Kennedy stated that it would take a home value of \$365,000 to generate enough debt service for one student.

MISD Trustee Wade Johnson left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

- B. City Finances - Rick Chaffin (10 minutes). Interim City Manager Chaffin stated that one of the City's challenges is to provide the same level of services with fewer dollars. Over the last few years the City's budget has been reduced by about \$10 million. Another challenge is how do we balance our tax base between commercial and residential as well as a balance of housing mix within the residential. The way the City develops will impact the way we provide services and will impact the School District. Currently, we have opportunities to purchase park land at reduced values. The City's current tax rate is \$.5855 with \$.41 going to maintenance and operation and \$.17 to debt service. Capital projects are funded through certificates of obligation, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds for water and sewer projects, and grants.

10-484 Discussion of Opportunities for Collaboration - Mayor Loughmiller and Lynn Sperry (20 minutes).

Possible opportunities for collaboration:

- Partnerships between the City, MISD, and Collin College
- Partnerships between MISD, FISD, AISD, and Craig Ranch for a joint sports venue
- City and School District for planning future school site selection
- NCTCOG in coordination with TxDOT and in partnership with Collin County Cities and school districts hosting a best practices conference for home to school issues and school site locations.
- Coordination of efforts to obtain grant funding for off road enhancements
- Partner on a northwest corridor study
- Partner on future joint facilities, information technology, operational efficiencies, etc.
- Research future joint partnership opportunities
- Public/private partnerships on future facilities
- Coordinated long range planning
- Publicize the joint collaboration efforts between the City and MISD

Action items:

- Council member Kever will communicate with Michael Morris that we would like to move forward on the TxDOT/NCTCOG meeting
- Dr. Kennedy and Rick Chaffin to work together on opportunities for collaboration

The future meetings will be held quarterly with the next meeting to be scheduled March, 2011.

Mayor Loughmiller and President Sperry adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Mayor

LYNN SPERRY
President

ATTEST:

SANDY HART, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary