

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JULY 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in work session in the McKinney City Hall Council Chambers, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was broadcast live on cable television and through the City's website on Spectrum Channel 16; AT&T U-Verse Channel 99; and online at <http://mckinney.legistar.com>.

Mayor George C. Fuller called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. upon determining a quorum of the Council was present, consisting of himself and the following members: La'Shadi Shemwell..... District 1

Rainey Rogers, Mayor Pro Tempore..... District 2

Scott Elliott District 3

Rick Franklin District 4

Charlie Philips At Large

Frederick Frazier At Large

City of McKinney Staff Present: City Manager Paul Grimes, Assistant City Manager Kim Flom, Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton, Assistant City Manager Steve Tilton, City Attorney Mark Houser, City Secretary Empress Drane, Chief of Police Greg Conley, Director of Planning Jennifer Arnold, Assistant Director of Planning Mark Doty, Director of Parks & Recreation Michael Kowski, Strategic Services Manager Trevor Minyard, Facilities Construction Manager Patricia Jackson, Housing & Community Development Manager Janay Tieken

Mayor Fuller called for Public Comments.

The following individuals spoke regarding agenda item #20-0540 (Discussion of Historical and Cultural Monuments and Artifacts):

Jimmy Teeling, 3704 Landsdowne Dr, McKinney TX 75072

Steven Spainhouer, 1836 West Virginia, McKinney TX 75072

The written Public Comments submitted by email for the 3:00 p.m. Work Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of July 7, 2020 are recorded in *Minutes Appendix – Public Comments Submitted by Email*.

Mayor Fuller called for the Work Session items:

20-0540 Discussion on Historical and Cultural Monuments and Artifacts

Mayor Fuller called for discussion of agenda items regarding the City Council Regular Meeting to be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. There was no discussion of those items.

Mayor Fuller called for Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Government Code:

A. Section 551.071(2) Consultations with Attorney on any Work Session, Special Session, or Regular Session agenda item requiring confidential attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed)

B. Section 551.071 (A) Pending or contemplated litigation

- First Amended Non-Exclusive Revocable License Agreement by and between KLA International Sports Management, LLC and the City of McKinney, Texas

- TXI Operations, LP, Plaintiff vs. City of McKinney, Texas, Defendants, Civil Action No. 4:20-CV-00353, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

C. Section 551.072. Deliberations about Real Property

- Municipal Facilities

D. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters E. Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Matters

- Project Moe

- Project Pegasus

The open Work Session reconvened at 6:13 p.m. with all members present.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Charlie Philips, seconded by Council member Rick Franklin, to approve the term sheet for Project Moe as discussed in Executive Session

Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Scott Elliott, seconded by Mayor Por Tem Rainey Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

Empress Drane

From: T <tbush3630@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 1:00 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Masks

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I beg you, please do not extend the mask mandate. As healthy adults, we should be able to choose to wear a mask or not. Businesses should be able to decide whether or not they want to require masks. Businesses have suffered enough, and for many this is their livelihood. Masks can be encouraged and still not mandated.

Thank you,

Trista

Empress Drane

From: Candace Russell <candace.a.russell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Masks

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Please do not mandate masks. There is so much conflicting research. It's obvious that much of the rise in numbers is from increased testing and having DSHS take over reporting (along with how they define cases). Allow citizens to decide for themselves and their families.

Thank you,
Candace Russell
972.743.9681

Sent from my iPhone

Empress Drane

From: Claudia Jensen <cjens57@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: COVID 19 Mask & Distancing

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Dear City Council, Thank you for keeping our community safe by instituting a mask ordinance. Experts recommend masks (just look at the CDC, Mayo Clinic, Stanford University, and the WHO). Following the recommendations of scientists and virus experts is the only smart thing to do. Actually it's the only path to defeating this killer.

I've been truly shocked at the state's and county's horrific leadership which has placed \$\$\$ above citizens' protection. I'm thankful our city mayor has the conscience and faith to put people first. Please don't let the citizens who put their freedom before the public's protection prevail. "They know not what they do." And the rest of us can't die because of ignorance and social media/ political bias. Please don't waver!

Sent from my iPhone

Empress Drane

From: Ronaldo Rodriguez <ronaldo_r@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: I SUPPORT McKinney MAYOR

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"I support the McKinney, Texas Mayor's Emergency Public Safety Order Requiring McKinney businesses to require patrons, employees and guests to wear face masks in a community effort to help slow the spread of COVID19."

Ronaldo Rodriguez R.T.T.
HealthCare Professional Serving North Texas Counties for 10 Years

Empress Drane

From: G R Mortenson <rmorte@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Cc: Scott Elliott
Subject: July 7 McKinney City Council Meeting Citizen Comment: Consent Agenda Item 20-0554

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Dear Council:

As a resident, taxpayer and property owner in the City of McKinney, I would like to offer the following points of consideration for the Council on its upcoming regular meeting (July 7) "consent" agenda item #20-0554, "Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Awarding a Fixed Price Contract to Maverick Harley-Davidson of Carrollton, TX for Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle Parts and Service."

(As my only interest in this agenda item is as a City taxpayer, I chose this item to review in some more detail. However, what I can see does not brook too much confidence in the City purchasing and contract award process in general, at least at the staff level.)

- This contract award should not be handled as a consent item on the agenda and should rather be severed from the consent agenda for individual item discussion and decision.
- It would appear from the bid evaluations that only two bids were received and evaluated. For reasons unclear, the contract is recommended for award to the apparent higher bidder, with the "weight" of the City staff bid evaluation given to the recommended (but higher bidder) based solely on "reputation."
- However, ordinary average "reputation" scores on readily available information services such as Yelp give the lower cost bidder a higher average "reputation" scoring than the proposed awardee.
 - What is the justification for spending our tax monies on a higher bidder even when the low bidder would seem to have a better average "reputation" score in the market (4 stars with 53 reviews vs. 3 stars with only 31 reviews)?
(See https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Harley%20Davidson%20Dealership&find_loc=75070)
- The City staff rated the bids' cost as equal in its evaluation summary, Why, when one was clearly lower (in 16 of 24 line items)?
- Was no effort made to evaluate estimated real total costs to the City for the likely most used routine maintenance services, which may have given a more accurate evaluation and might certainly be useful information to the Council in any case?
- Why select a contractor for this service which is nearly 5x the distance from McKinney (nearly 20 miles away) than the Allen bidder / dealer (about 4 mi. from McKinney, right on US75), and in Dallas County rather than Collin County?
- What is the term in months or years of the proposed contract? This seems to be stated nowhere. Yet there is a 95% completed brand new Harley-Davidson dealership on SH121 very near McKinney that could soon compete for this business from the City. A one-year term should be the maximum awarded to any vendor.

Thank you for considering these points.

G R Mortenson
2804 Albany Dr
McKinney

Empress Drane

From: Bridgette <virtualbridgette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Public comment on work session items

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Dear City Council,
I have comments on two items.

1. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda Items-- #20-0555 the FBO issue

Can City Council discuss this item at the work session since it is not a public hearing item on the regular agenda and it's just considered a consent item?

I would like to know how much we're already in the hole for this thing. As long as there is an ongoing legal/financial issues, is ownership of the FBO itself in question (ie. can the creditors end up owning the FBO)? Where will the funding will come from to get the FBO completed? Will it come from the bonds or the airport fund? The general fund should not have to pay any of it.

2. Work session item #20-0540

I don't think McKinney should have a permanent task force created without first identifying the need for such a group after the fate of the Throckmorton statue is decided. Reactionary decisions are much more likely to be the result if a task force is created solely to find problematic historical artifacts. If we had a list of all the items beforehand, all citizens could weigh in whether there is a need for such a group and whether it should be tasked with this job. It isn't a leap to assume that if a Throckmorton statue is considered problematic, a street called Throckmorton will be too, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Bridgette Wallis

Empress Drane

From: Gavin Nicholson <gavinnicholson97@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Contact-City Secretary
Subject: Public Comment regarding Former Governor and Confederate Brigadier General Throckmorton

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I would like the record to show my public comments during the city council meeting regarding the statue of Former Governor James W. Throckmorton...

"The statue of Confederate Sympathizer and pro-slavery, James W. Throckmorton, is a disgusting display here in McKinney. Throckmorton presided over the writing of our new state constitution that provided limited civil rights to African Americans and former slaves after the civil war. He allowed violence against Freedmen's Bureau agents who were trying to provide reconciliation for former slaves. Once our State was placed under military command through the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, Throckmorton, as Governor, butted heads with General Charles Griffin who asked Throckmorton to provide more protection for African Americans. Throckmorton refused and stated that the state also would not support the 14th amendment. This amendment would allow former slaves who were freed after the civil war to become citizens of the United States.

James W. Throckmorton is a stain on McKinney. I support the removal of this statue."

Gavin Nicholson
604 Fortinbras Drive, McKinney TX 75071
702-249-2890

Empress Drane

From: Carrie Sheppard <sheppard@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Statue

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I am writing in opposition to removing the statue of Gov. Throckmorton in front of the courthouse. We cannot remove & replace history, we are to learn from it so that we do not repeat mistakes that were made.

Thank you,

Carrie Sheppard

Empress Drane

From: Melanie Morgan <melanie0866@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Throckmorton statue

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Dear Council Members:

I believe the statue of Governor Throckmorton should be removed. Until this week, I was unaware of his role as a general in the Confederate army, and his failure to support reconstruction and protect freed slaves. I do not think it is inclusive to our black neighbors and friends to have a statue of such a person in a place of honor in the center of our community.

Thank you,

Melanie Morgan
1005 Lela Street
McKinney
972-989-9364
melanie0866@me.com

Empress Drane

From: Josh Schneider <js27195@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Do not remove statue

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Please do not remove any statues. This is a divisive issue for all of us, but the governor is not a racist figure and Mckinney should not remove history just to pander. This statue has nothing to do with racism or police brutality.

Josh Schneider
5120 N Meadow Ridge Cir
Mckinney TX 75072
214.621.6867

Empress Drane

From: Serena Ashcroft <serenaashcroft1114@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Removal of Statue in downtown

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Dear City Council Members,

I understand there is a discussion happening today about the removal of the statue of James Throckmorton. I would like to go on record that I do not approve of the removal of this historical statue. He was our 12th governor and he practiced medicine and law in McKinney. He was a state representative for Collin County. He stood with Sam Houston against recession and served our community and state.

Seeing these statues creates interest in history for our kids and families. Learning about these people and the years before we all lived, help us all to understand how America was built and more importantly, the local history of our town. What is the point of removing this great statue? Removing this statue would not do anything to better our community or help us come together as citizens. I would prefer a resolution to protect these monuments and statues here in McKinney.

Thank you,

Serena Ashcroft

Empress Drane

From: Joel Wasinger <joelmw.email@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 7:46 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Cc: Empress Drane; District1
Subject: City Council Work Session 7/7/2020
Attachments: Req2Speakjoelwasinger_2020-07-07.pdf

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Empress,

I'd like to submit the following as public comment for the July 7, 2020 work session. I've attached a speaker request card. Please let me know if there's anything else you need from me. Thanks!

Let's be clear about a few things:

- 1) The statue of James Webb Throckmorton in downtown McKinney is at best nominally historical. The history it does depict is of groups of Confederate sympathists and apologists who--reacting spitefully against the growing acknowledgement of the rights and humanity of Black citizens and against the emergence of groups such as the NAACP--launched a campaign to interject into local communities statues of Confederate heroes that glorified their accomplishments, underplayed their treason and generally presented the Confederacy in a misleadingly positive light. The statue went up decades after the end of the Civil War, during a peak period of Confederate sympathist and anti-Black activity. A more accurate monument would depict and lay bare the revisionist history that led to the statue's erection.
- 2) The statue falsely and unequivocally glorifies Throckmorton, refusing to contextualize its undeserved praise with the least bit of fact, save reference to his states of birth and later life and admission that the statue is little more than an accolade from admirers. I hesitate to repeat it, but here it is: "A Tennessean by birth, a Texan by adoption. A slight tribute to the patriot and statesman, from his fellow citizens and admirers, because of his pre-eminent personal worth, and distinguished public service."
- 3) The tribute is "slight" only if we understand that word as ironic understatement. It is in fact hyperbolic and outrageously inaccurate. Throckmorton was a traitor, not a patriot. His failure as a statesman is demonstrated in part by his forcibly ended one-year term as governor. The claim of his "pre-eminent personal worth" is belied by his virulent and obdurate commitment to the oppression and enslavement of Blacks. His "public service" was "distinguished" by that hateful commitment, by his being censured and by his removal from office.
- 4) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge Throckmorton's longstanding allegiance to the Confederacy and to its central principle of enslaving and dehumanizing Blacks.
- 5) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge that Throckmorton led Confederate forces defending the institution of slavery and in aggression against the United States.
- 6) A more accurate historical record would acknowledge Throckmorton's leadership of the Constitutional Convention of 1866, that both explicitly refused to cite the 13th amendment (that granted partial emancipation to Black slaves) and

denied Black men the right to vote--exclusions that he boldly championed.

7) A more accurate historical record would show Throckmorton's stubborn resistance to and, as governor, open defiance of the 14th amendment (that granted the full rights of citizenship to former slaves). This defiance led, appropriately, to his premature and involuntary removal from office and to his being banned from future public service.

8) Some might claim he was a man of his time. He wasn't. He was a man who tenaciously held to outdated and harmful bigotries despite repeated condemnation from his contemporaries. If we mean to show history, we must identify that tenacity as a--perhaps **the**--singular distinction of his public life. He might not fault us if we did. In any case, that's not the kind of tenacity we should memorialize, honor, or glorify.

9) But beyond the falseness of its "history", that hateful stain of a statue is a continued insult to and attack on every Black person who walks past its elevated perch.

Thanks,
Joel Wasinger
214-587-3292

Request to Speak Before McKinney City Council

Date _____

(Print) Full Name Joel Wasinger

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City Plano

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Public Comments for items ON THE AGENDA

☒ I wish to speak in SUPPORT / OPPOSITION of Item # 20-0540

**Those wishing to speak on Public Hearing item(s) will be called at the time of the Public Hearing.*

Public Comments for items NOT ON THE AGENDA

☐ I wish to speak about: _____

**It is the Mayor's decision to call those wishing to speak on Non-Agenda at either the beginning or end of the meeting.*

Submit a Comment without Speaking

I do not wish to speak; however, please record my:



SUPPORT FOR



OPPOSITION AGAINST

Topic of Discussion:

PUBLIC COMMENTS INSTRUCTIONS

- Individuals wishing to address the Council must be present at the meeting.
- Complete this "Request to Speak" card and submit to city staff before the start of the meeting.
- When called to speak, go to the speaker's stand, state your name and address, and discuss the topic of interest. Please address the whole Council as one body – do not address specific Council Members individually.
- Due to legal requirements, the Council cannot take action on Citizen Comments topics; however, the Council can:
 - Provide statements of fact regarding the topic,
 - Request the topic be included as part of a future meeting, and / or
 - Refer the topic to city staff for further study, conclusion, or assistance.
- The time allowed to speak is generally 3 minutes per item, but can be changed by the Mayor.
- All speakers will have the same amount of time to speak for each item.

Empress Drane

From: Dorothy Whitfield <dorothyannwhitfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: City Council Meeting/July 7, 2029

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To the City Council Members:

I would like to submit for your humble discernment to act upon the 'right and just' decision to bring African Americans to share in the insight of the matter under consideration, i.e. Confederate statues, school discipline, community policing and to create an inter-racial Diversity Task Force.

There are many groups not represented at the table... they have the knowledge and understanding to make McKinney, Texas the #one city in line with Biblical and Social Justice rights.

The power is yours...stand up for what you lack in insight and circumstances to complete, and make a decision that will be helpful and appropriate for all McKinney citizens.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Dorothy A. Whitfield
2491 Country View Lane #1303
McKinney, Texas 75069
817-279-3159

Sent from my iPad

Empress Drane

From: Julie Luton <julieluton67@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Throckmorton Statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good evening, city councilmembers,

Thank you for taking up a discussion on the Throckmorton statue in front of the MPAC. I understand you are choosing between several options that may include a recommendation from a Cultural Task Force. I'm not sure who will be on this task force and how its members will be chosen, but I hope they will be recommended by the community itself. Further, I hope members are from various geographic parts of the city and from various demographics. As this issue will most likely be contentious, any decision will only be stronger if the entire community feels heard and represented.

Regarding the person represented by the statue itself, James Throckmorton voted against secession and was viewed by some as a centrist; however, in the end he was a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army. He did not support the 13th Amendment and fought against the 14th Amendment that attempted to right the wrongs done to slaves.

Every time a resident or visitor walks downtown, that statue is part of what they see and remember of McKinney. What message have we been sending? And what story does McKinney want to tell from now on?

I hope that we can recognize that our Black residents who live, work, and shop here have the right to be angry at people who actively fought against their freedom. We can understand what the statue represents to them ... hundreds of years of slavery and abuse. And we can take a small step forward in disavowing a history that enslaved millions by relocating the statue, perhaps even just a few blocks away to the Collin County Museum.

From now on, our story can be that McKinney understands our past, and while it cannot be changed, it does not define our future. We can do better. We can be better. The decision is in our hands.

Thank you for listening. I wish you luck in your decision-making.

Julie Luton

McKinney Resident

Empress Drane

From: Kimberly Tuesday Thomson <ktnethery@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Removal of statues

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I strongly support the removal of the Throckmorton statue from the Square. This statue properly belongs in the Collin County History Museum, as part of our past, where it can be explained in context. It does not belong on display as part of our present. As a city of almost 200,000 people, we must only display statues that are appropriate to the modern, 21st century.

I support renaming Throckmorton street, and any other similarly named streets, to honor more respectable, local, and influential McKinney residents, like Leonard Evans, Jesse McGowan, and Isaiah Joshua.

Kimberly Tuesday Thomson
803 Board St.

Empress Drane

From: Rebecca Leinenger <zatsagirl@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: McKinney square statue

[EXTERNAL MAIL] This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

It has been noted that there will be a decision made on the removal of this statue in downtown McKinney square today. At the very least you should consider the cost of the removal and the fact that there are business shutting down left and right on the square.

And also it should be considered to have the statue at the very least be placed in the Pecan Cemetery where Throckmorton is buried. I personally do not agree to the removal at all but if it is decided you should place it out of respect for his ancestors at his burial site. After all if your going to use tax dollars to remove it. We as tax payers should get a vote also on what happens in our town.

Thank you

Rebecca Leinenger

Sent from my iPhone

Empress Drane

From: Latanya Malvern <lmalvern77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Removal of James Webb Throckmorton statue

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Mayor Fuller and Members of the City Council:

I am requesting the removal of the James Webb Throckmorton statue. Former Governor Throckmorton was removed from office as he did not support the 14th Amendment and refused to provide protection for freed slaves. The Throckmorton statue is not representative of our community.

Best regards,

LaTanya Malvern

Empress Drane

From: Jade Poates <jadepoates@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Throckmorton statue

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Hello council,

Mayor Fuller and Members of the McKinney City Council, I want the statue of James Webb Throckmorton removed from the current location. It represents a person who worked to promote racial division. As Governor, he voted against the well-being of Black people. This statue is not what we want or need to represent our community.

Towana Jade Poates
A McKinney citizen

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Empress Drane

From: Terri Thomas <terri.t.thomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: James Webb Throckmorton Statue

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Empress Drane

From: Dina Oliver <dinalashea@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Removal Of James Webb Throckmorton

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The statue of James Webb Throckmorton unequivocally perpetuates the mind of citizens who believed enslavement was an acceptable way to build an entire nation through dehumanizing tactics. The statue of James Webb Throckmorton perpetuates the idea of superiority rather than equality, and without the equity of all ethnic backgrounds McKinney's economy would drop significantly. This statue is a representation of close minded, racist, unethical virtues that I will not stand for. I support the removal of the James Webb Throckmorton statue.

Best Wishes,
Dinasjae Oliver

Empress Drane

From: Tanya Garcia <tete0803@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Statue removal

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Empress Drane

From: Tara Alt <tarajalt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: In favor of removal of Throckmorton statue at MPAC

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McKinney is a city that thrives in the present and the future- not the past. We are far too diverse a community to have in our town center a statue of a man who was a Confederate officer for longer than he was a Texas governor. It is past time for US municipalities to stop honoring Confederate officers and McKinney is no different.

Thank you,

Tara Alt
8608 Tanglewood Drive
McKinney

Sent from my iPhone

Suzanne Bolick

From: jeannie regan <jeanniedregan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: RE: Throckmorton statue

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Please have him read this portion it in the meeting.

Please do not remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney.

Taking down our statues is taking down our history. I ask the Board that we do not vote to remove our HISTORY.

My family is against removing the Throckmorton statue.

Thank you,

Mrs. Regan

Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Jul 7, 2020 at 3:44 PM, Blanca Garcia
<bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Could you please let me know if you'd like for this comment to be part of the public comments and would you like for it to be read or just make comments part of our minutes? We are trying to get this information to mayor and council before 5:45 p.m. today.

Thanks,

Blanca I. Garcia, TRMC
Executive Office Supervisor
City of McKinney
P. O. Box 517

McKinney, TX 75070
972-547-7501
bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

From: jeannie regan <jeanniedregan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>
Subject: Throckmorton statue

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Please do not remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney.

Taking down our statues is taking down our history. I ask the Board that we do not vote to remove our HISTORY.

My family is against removing the Throckmorton statue.

Jeannie

<https://medium.com/@triciahaas/james-webb-throckmorton-mckinneys-courthouse-statue-e987fb823b51>

Jeannie Regan

972-984-8170

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Suzanne Bolick

From: Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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Please have them read it publicly. Thank you so much! 😊

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thanks,

> Blanca I. Garcia, TRMC

> Executive Office Supervisor

> City of McKinney

> P. O. Box 517

> McKinney, TX 75070

> 972-547-7501

> bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lailani Rumfield <lrumfield@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:12 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Throckmorton Statue- DO NOT REMOVE

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> To whom it may Concern;

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> I feel as McKinney resident, removing the Throckmorton statue will be disrespectful gesture towards the History of McKinney. I feel that this is an unnecessary action, just because it hurts someone's feelings. Good, Bad, or indifferent, you can and should not erase the history. History shows so much more than just one

person's dislike. You cannot teach kids History and omit portions of our history. Furthermore, this is proof of how far we have come to become united. Honestly, having to write this email is quite insulting to the residents that truly care. Especially coming from an Unethical Councilman, that Does not care about our city.

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> Sincerely,

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> Lailani Rumfield

> McKinney Resident

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lori Patriot <keeptrxred@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Of course!
Sounds great!

Thank you,

Lori Loftin
Conservative Activist

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lori William <Loriandwilliam@outlook.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:16 PM
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>
> Subject: Throckmorton Statue
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> McKinney City Council,

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> Please save the statue of Governor Throckmorton at the courthouse in downtown McKinney. Please do not take it down! History is important for everyone! We all learn lessons from our history. James Webb Throckmorton promoted education, as he became a physician, then a lawyer, and his ambition lead him into politics and he was elected Governor. He served the people with a servant's heart. He entered the military twice, but his health caused him to leave both times with a medical leave. He was a true American patriot. It is important to know those who came before us and to learn about their hardships, while always calling McKinney, their home. I hope you all will reconsider and save our city's history!

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> Best regards,

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> Lori Loftin

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> Resident of McKinney for over 22 years The material in this e-mail is

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Empress Drane

From: Jolie Williams <Jolie@Diva-Homes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Citizen Comment Work Session Item 20-0540

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Dear Council,

I ask that you think long and hard on the difficult decision regarding the Throckmorton Statue and various other items as they arise. We live in the United States of America (specifically Texas), our history is not always pretty.

I understand how things in our History especially the Confederacy is offensive. I understand how it is offensive to overlook the positive contributions of someone as well.

The civil unrest of today will not go away with the removal of the statue, and it will not go away with leaving the statue. If the statue is removed many are concerned what else will be removed. What is the right decision? I am not sure. I just ask that you think long and hard before making any decision.

Thank you,
Jolie Williams

Texas Law requires all real estate licensees to give the following information about brokerage:
https://cust.igcdn.net/ig_cb_apex_realtors/information-about-brokerage-services/information-about-brokerage-services_2145026495.pdf

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Suzanne Bolick

From: Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Statues and Memorials

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Bianca,

Yes, I would appreciate it if my comments are read and become part of the record. Some of the Council members know me and would like to know what I say.

Thanks,

Carroll Maxwell

> On Jul 7, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon,

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> Thanks,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Carroll Maxwell <maxwellx@swbell.net>

> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:34 PM

> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>

> Subject: Statues and Memorials

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> Please relay to all members of the McKinney City Council that under no circumstances should any memorial or statue in McKinney be changed, altered or destroyed.

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> These historical monuments belong to the citizens of McKinney and must be protected at all cost.
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> Thank you,
> Carroll Maxwell
> 5600 Hillview Ct.
> McKinney, Texas 75072
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Thank You.

Empress Drane

From: Ross, John <JRoss@thompsoncoecoe.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Tonight's Meeting

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The agenda only provides for public comment on agenda items by email and only if received by 3:00 p.m. today. It is impossible to make meaningful comment regarding the Discussion PowerPoint because it suggests a range of options on p. 5, without making any specific recommendation. Accordingly, I request that the Council:

- take no action to remove any statute or monument at this time
- direct the Task Force to present a more detailed plan and bring it back to the Council for review—published to the public in advance so that meaningful comment can be made regarding specific recommendations of the Task Force before any action is taken
- reject any consideration of “deal[ing] with each statue separately outside the purview of the Task Force”



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Suzanne Bolick

From: kyle sims <kdsims0410@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Yes ma'am I would like it to be part of the public comments and be read.

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> Good afternoon,
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: kyle sims <kdsims0410@gmail.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:50 PM
> To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>
> Subject: Throckmorton Statue
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> It would be a huge tragedy for the City to remove this important part of history. History is for learning, not destroying. If we continue to take away history, our Country will fade away quickly, never teaching our children or grandchildren how this great Country was founded and built by great hard working Americans.
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> Thank You,

> Kyle Sims

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Suzanne Bolick

From: Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Please do not tear down the statue!

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Just part of the minutes is fine.
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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> From: Melissa Baker <melissabaker314@gmail.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:50 PM
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> Subject: Please do not tear down the statue!
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> To all who it may concern,
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> I understand the City Council is being pressured to remove the Throckmorton statue in downtown McKinney. I plead with you all NOT to consider this action. The demands will not stop there. Erasing our

history will just be step one in a long list of demands that are sure to come. Renaming streets, buildings, schools, and removing phrases like “master bedroom” from housing ads and so on. It’s utterly ridiculous. I wake up each morning and am in disbelief that the US is fighting this insane battle. There are definitely things that need to be corrected and people that need to be held accountable, that is a fact.

> This is not the case in McKinney at the moment.

> Please do not begin desecrating our beautiful city and bowing down to the mainstream media/agenda. Be bold and be different.

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> Sincerely,

> Melissa Baker us

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Empress Drane

From: Kerrie Howe <smukerrie@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Contact-City Council
Subject: Public Comments: Kerrie Howe

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As governor, Throckmorton denied rights of citizenship to black people in Texas – believing that life, liberty, owning property or equal protection under the law should not apply to them. Then he was removed from office for not providing adequate protection for African American Texans and later barred from public office.

Most of the confederate statues in this country are placed strategically in front of functioning courthouses, as a means of intimidation for black indigenous people of color, where public lynchings happened for the entertainment of white people in this country. These statues were intended to celebrate confederate soldiers who we all know lost fighting to uphold slavery during the American civil war (1861-1865).

The statue's maintenance is paid for by our tax dollars, and no Jim Crow Era relics should be displayed in the public square where ancestors of enslaved people come to shop, eat and even worship inside the McKinney Performing Arts Center.

To African Americans statues like these outside Courthouses are a not-so-subtle reminder of the enslavement their ancestors endured under a justice system that was and is today sometimes complicit in the subjugation of their black bodies. This statue and all other relics of the like must come down if we are to ever have true justice and reconciliation in our beloved community.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Suzanne Bolick

From: Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: Re: Throckmorton Statue

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Blanca,
Just make my comments as part of the minutes.

Thanks,
Terri

On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 03:43:30 PM CDT, Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org> wrote:

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From: Terri Gaber <gaber.terri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>
Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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As a resident of McKinney, I would like this email is to serve as my vote to NOT remove the Throckmorton Statue located in downtown McKinney.

Sincerely,

Terri Gaber

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From: matt craycraft <matt_craycraft@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Blanca Garcia
Subject: RE: Throckmorton Statue

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They can be part of the minutes. No need to be part of the public comment

From: Blanca Garcia <bgarcia@mckinneytexas.org>
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Subject: Throckmorton Statue

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Hello,

There is no point in removing someone's statue from over 100 years ago. History is history, good or bad. I hope you vote no to remove the statue. The people behind this will never give up until their whole history is erased. What's next, are you going to dig up his remains at the cemetery too?

Please vote no.

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