

MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL/MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 23, 2010, BOARD ROOM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 2600 MOTLEY DRIVE, MESQUITE, TEXAS.

Present: City of Mesquite: Mayor John Monaco and Councilmembers Al Forsythe, Bill Porter, Stan Pickett, Shirley Roberts and Dennis Tarpley

Staff Members: Ted Barron, Carol Zolnerowich, B. J. Smith, Tim Tumulty, Jerry Dittman, Cliff Keheley and Tom Palmer

MISD: Board of Trustees President Dr. Cary Tanamachi and Boardmembers Phil Appenzeller, Gary Bingham, Kevin Carbo, Rita Crump, Christina Hall and Robert Seward

Staff Members: Dr. Linda Henrie, Michael Coffey, Richard Koonce and Laura Jobe

I. Welcome and Introductions.

MISD Board President Cary Tanamachi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced his fellow school board members. Dr. Linda Henrie introduced MISD administrators. Mayor John Monaco introduced the members of the City Council and Ted Barron introduced the City staff.

II. Invocation.

Invocation was given by MISD Boardmember Gary Bingham.

III. Dinner.

IV. State of the City.

Dr. Henrie welcomed attendees to the annual joint meeting and emphasized the importance of communication to the two entities' ongoing partnerships and cooperative working relationship. She recognized Mayor Monaco who called on City staff to present updates on several City projects as follows:

Economic Development Update.

Tom Palmer, Manager of Economic Development, provided economic development highlights and significant new developments in the city, including the LBJ project completion, SuperTarget, Market East Shopping Center remodel, ALDI grocery store, Cheddar's, Genghis Grill and the ownership change at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Mr. Palmer discussed the City's plans to create a mixed use "City Center" project, which includes a senior living residential component, on City-owned land behind SuperTarget.

Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

Jerry Dittman, Assistant Director of Public Works, discussed the City's eight-year initiative to accomplish traffic signal synchronization and the complex multiple funding sources contributing to the project. He acknowledged the City-School joint project to install a fiber optic backbone

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throughout the city and its significant benefit to the traffic synchronization effort and noted the cost savings to both entities due to the cost sharing.

Hike and Bike Trails Development.

Cliff Keheley, Director of Parks and Recreation, described the City's hike and bike trail master plan and provided details of the newest project to construct a \$3 million trail to extend from northeast Mesquite to the Towne Centre/U.S. 80/I-635 area which will include lighted, 10-foot-wide trails. The trail will generally follow the TXU transmission line easement with the design phase to take place this year and the construction phase to begin next year.

City Hall Project.

Carol Zolnerowich, Deputy City Manager, provided an overview of the new City Hall construction project which will adjoin the new Police Building and contain the same architectural style. The old city hall will be demolished once construction is complete to make room for a parking lot. The project has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification status and will house all departments and functions currently existing at city hall, as well as a new City Council Chamber and two municipal courtrooms. The project will include two commissioned public art pieces – one exterior and one interior. The construction timetable is 18 months.

V. State of the District.

Dr. Linda Henrie, MISD Superintendent, identified the numerous challenges facing MISD in light of State mandates and funding formulas. She highlighted gains in student achievement in the past several years and noted improved State rankings for numerous MISD schools.

School Funding.

Richard Koonce, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, described the state school funding formula and pointed out the inequities for school districts like Mesquite. He provided funding comparison information between MISD and numerous Dallas-area districts.

Michael Coffey, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, identified various MISD construction projects including the North Mesquite High School expansion, the new warehouse facility on Beltline Road, Shands Elementary, Mesquite High School field house and Horn High School field house.

Discussion of Options Concerning an Indoor Swim Facility.

Dr. Henrie concluded the meeting by referencing recent discussions regarding an indoor swim facility to be considered as a joint project of the two entities with additional staff-level discussions to follow.

VI. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.