



CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Thursday, April 29, 2021

6:00 PM

Center for the Performing Arts
1110 W. Debbie Ln.
Mansfield, TX 76063

JOINT MEETING WITH MANSFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

6:00 P.M. - CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Absent 1 - Larry Broseh

Present 6 - Julie Short; Mike Leyman; Casey Lewis; Todd Tonore; Michael Evans and
Tamera Bounds

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Mayor Evans recessed the meeting into executive session at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Evans called the executive session to order at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Evans adjourned the executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Pending or Contemplated Litigation or to Seek the Advice of the City Attorney Pursuant to Section 551.071

Discussion Regarding Possible Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property Pursuant to Section 551.072

Land Acquisition for Future Development

Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551.074

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION

Mayor Evans reconvened into regular business session at 6:56 p.m.

INVOCATION

School Board Trustee Warren Davis led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Short led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TEXAS PLEDGE

"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State Under God; One and Indivisible"

Council Member Lewis led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Denise Lunski - 6303 Branch Hollow, Arlington, TX 76001 - Ms. Lunski spoke in opposition of the possible transfer of the Ellis County portion of Midlothian into the Mansfield ISD service area.

Della Sapp - 1550 N. Main St. #130 - Ms. Sapp spoke regarding the continued partnership of the City and ISD. She stated the two entities should partner together to avoid drug abuse amongst students.

WORK SESSION

Understanding the Funding Mechanisms of Municipalities and Independent School Districts

MISD Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Cantu introduced Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance Michele Trongaard. Ms. Trongaard gave a brief overview of the four major resources that affect school funding. She touched on enrollment, state funding, property values and the tax rate. She explained how much school funding is received and the funding sources.

The Impact of Multi-Family Development on Mansfield ISD

There was discussion regarding how multi-family developments impact the capacity in schools and what the average number of students per apartment is. Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Bond Program Jeff Brogden discussed the impact and answered Council questions. The ISD thanked the City for the continued relationship regarding multi-family developments. Director of Finance Troy Lestina touched on the City's revenue structure and how COVID-19 impacted revenues for 2020.

The Impact of Charter Schools on Mansfield ISD

Dr. Cantu discussed the impact Charter Schools have on MISD and how they reduce school funding. There was discussion regarding Charter School expansions, unlimited growth and the fiscal impact of these types of schools. Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dean Scott discussed the current bills being discussed at the State Legislature regarding Charter Schools.

The Mansfield and Midlothian ISD Service Area and the Potential to Transfer the Ellis County Portion of Midlothian into the Mansfield ISD's Service Area

Mayor Evans stated there has been no decision made regarding this topic. There was discussion regarding Mansfield residents who live in Ellis County having to attend school in Midlothian. The purpose of discussion was to allow Mansfield residents to attend Mansfield ISD.

Joint Branding and Marketing Opportunities for the City of Mansfield and Mansfield ISD

Associate Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Donald Williams discussed joint marketing and branding opportunities. He encouraged the school district and the City to continue to partner. Deputy City Manager Shelly Lanners spoke about the restructuring of the City and how the City is engaging with the community. Director of Community Engagement Theresa Cohagen spoke about how the school district and the City have worked together and how they continue to work together.

Next Steps for a Continued Partnership of the City of Mansfield and Mansfield ISD

There was consensus for the school district and the City to continue to meet. The Council expressed their appreciation to the Board of Trustees for hosting the meeting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST: Michael Evans, Mayor

Susana Marin, City Secretary