

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD BEGINNING AT 7:01 P.M., NOVEMBER 13, 2017, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 757 N. GALLOWAY, MESQUITE, TEXAS, 75149.

Present: Mayor Stan Pickett and Councilmembers Jeff Casper, Dan Aleman, Robert Miklos, Bruce Archer, Greg Noschese and Tandy Boroughs, City Manager Cliff Keheley and City Secretary Sonja Land.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Pickett announced that the City Council would meet in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to conduct a private consultation with its attorney related to pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; and issues in which there exists a duty of the City Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas (Discussed proposed annexation); whereupon, the City Council proceeded to meet in the Executive Conference Room. After the closed meeting ended at 7:26 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

No executive action was necessary.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER – 7:27 P.M.

Invocation was given by Councilmember Bruce Archer.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering annexation of approximately 5.714 square miles of territory within the City of Mesquite's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
(This is the fifth public hearing to be held to consider annexation of approximately 5.714 square miles of territory within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.)

Mayor Pickett announced that last Friday, November 10, 2017, the City of Mesquite was restrained by a Kaufman County district court from proceeding with the Kaufman County annexation. At this time, that order has not been overturned. Tonight, the City Council will only be considering the Dallas County portion of the proposed annexation. The City Council welcomes comments from anyone regarding the Dallas County annexation, but requests speakers to refrain from commenting on the Kaufman County annexation as that matter is not before the Council tonight. If comments are made regarding the annexation of land in Kaufman County, the City Council will not respond or provide comments.

Richard Gertson, Director of Planning and Development Services, stated that this public hearing is for the Dallas County portion of Annexation Area I, which is to the west of the Dallas County/Kaufman County line. Mr. Gertson utilized the Annexation Area I map and explained which property owners have executed development agreements and that the Devil's Bowl Speedway owner is currently in negotiations with the City. The Service Plan includes that immediately upon annexation the City will provide Police and Fire services as core services and that the City will be required to maintain Lawson Road as the only public street in the area. There are no public water or sewer systems in the area. Mr. Gertson explained that future extension of water and sewer infrastructure would be the responsibility of the developer, if property is developed.

The following persons spoke in opposition of the proposed annexation: (1) Kim Singleton, 1525 Lawson Road, Mesquite; (2) Pam Singleton, 1525 Lawson Road, Mesquite; (3) Wes Crenshaw, 9876 Old Nacogdoches Trail, Forney; (4) Robert Draughon, 14041 Kelly Road, Forney; (5) Pat

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Crenshaw, 9876 Old Nacogdoches Trail, Forney; (6) James Jolly, 1317 Osage Trail, Mesquite; and (7) James Songer, 14779 Kelly Road, Forney.

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed annexation: (1) Cathy Clark, 2848 Belhaven Drive, Mesquite; and (2) Jennifer Vidler, 300 Clear Springs Drive, Mesquite.

Doug Gibson, 1712 Lawson Road, Mesquite, expressed concerns regarding how the proposed annexation might affect his gun range business.

Greg Bray, 3504 Bahamas Drive, Mesquite, expressed support for Senator Bob Hall's position on the annexation.

Mr. Archer moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boroughs and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Sonja Land, City Secretary

Stan Pickett, Mayor