



**MINUTES SPECIAL JOINT
COUNCIL MEETING WITH RCISD**

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 6:00 pm

Royse City ISD Ernest Epps Education Service Center
810 Old Greenville Road
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:13 PM BY MAYOR ELLIS

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Clay Ellis
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 2, Russell Ratterree
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley

Member Absent: Council Member Place 1, Mike Holder
Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
ACM/CFO, Shannon Raymond
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Charles Houk

RCISD

Members Present: President, Scott Muckensturm
Vice President, Christina Carrion
Board Secretary, Mike Anderson
Board Member, Eric Fort
Board Member, Julie Stutts
Board Member, Bobby Summers

Members Absent: Board Member, Brian Zator

Staff Present: Superintendent, Kevin Worthy
Associates Superintendent, Jeff Webb
Chief Academic Officer, Julia Robinson
Chief Technology Officer, Zach Allen
Chief Communications Officer, Adi Bryant
Chief Financial Officer, Byron Bryant
Executive Director of Cultural Development, Taryne Dismuke
Admin. Assistant., Lisa Cook

Others Present: Rockwall County Commissioner, Janet Nichol

**B. WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CLAY ELLIS AND SCHOOL
BOARD PRESIDENT SCOTT MUCKENSTURM**

C. INTRODUCTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF

D. INVOCATION

Board Member Julie Stutts gave invocation.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion items from Royse City ISD:

a. District Report

Presenter: Superintendent Kevin Worthy

Kevin Worthy thanked his Board and the City for all of their hard work and support. The current student enrollment is 7,834; the enrollment at Christmas break was 7,665. There are currently 25 kids waiting to be enrolled right now. At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, there were 6,266 students; 2020-2021 school year, 7,017 students; 2021-2022 school year, started with 7,595 students, which was expected for the end of year enrollment. Royse City is in the Top 10 in new home rankings for DFW. The next bond will be sooner than later, probably 2023. It will be for a second high school and third middle school. Looking to open the second high school by 2028. Mr. Worthy reviewed current and upcoming projects. Elementary School #7 will be in Waterscape, to open in 2024. He does not know where Elementary School #8 will be yet.

They started the Grow Your Own Program. This program taps into high school graduates who received an Associate's Degree at graduation and are interested in the teaching profession. They would be hired as an instructional aid and earn their Bachelor's Degree online, paid by the ISD. The program is also offered to current instructional aids that do not have a degree. The ISD ask for a three (3) year commitment. He also reviewed the Lead Worthy program, which is a service to others program. He reviewed the 8 pillars of RCISD.

2. Discussion items from Royse City, City Council:

a. Infrastructure Update

Carl Alsabrook thanked the school district for this opportunity to share information. He also thanked City Council for taking a chance on him. There will be a new sewer line in the Sabine Creek area. This will be able to get the high school off the lift station. In a collaboration with the ISD, Rockwall County, and the City, Crenshaw Road will be redone. Will be open fall of 2024. They city is currently working on the downtown streets. Doing a drainage study on the downtown area. Erby Campbell is getting an upgraded pedestrian crossing with flashing lights by the elementary school. Major plans for FM 2453, FM 35 and FM 2642. They will go from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, some 6 lanes. There is a traffic light at FM 1777 and Hwy 66. FM 2642 improvements will start end of the year. Four years ago, the city bought 150 acres of land east of Baley Middle School. A new Police Building will be on the 150 acres. The city is working on parks for the 17 acres triangle tract of land next to the school. The city is working to do more for the senior citizens and the animal shelter.

b. Residential Development

Carl Alsabrook reported there is a 414% increase in building permits. We are working with developers to put more amenities in the new developments.

Approved developments are Liberty Crossing with 637 lots, which will be a mix of townhomes and homes. The developer will also curb and gutter Old Greenville Road with concrete. Fikes Farm will have 427 lots, Bear Pen Creek is approximately 3,400 lots. There is a project on I-30 in the southwest portion of the city that will have mix uses and The Meadows will have 450 lots. The city is meeting weekly with developers, we are growing.

c. Commercial Development

Charles Houk thanked Superintendent Worthy for ongoing support, as well as City Council and City Staff. We are not the only town growing. He wants to focus on four areas; jobs, targeted retail recruiting, downtown, and family entertainment. It is important to have a community that you can work, live, and play. He is looking for job-based employers. There is a company in the industrial area that is going through an expansion, which will add more jobs. A pediatric therapy company moved in downtown. Royse City needs another grocery store, sit-down restaurants, big box home improvement and hotels/motels. The CDC Board has narrowed down the list to focus on a few. There is no place to put a sit-down restaurant. We need land development for big box stores. He is in the room with people/companies we want in Royse City. Downtown is doing great, Native Station finally opened. He has a new prospect for the old fire station. He wants to concentrate on family activities. There is a market here. He is working on two deals; family entertainment company and sports travel. We are on the right track.

F. **ADJOURN AT 7:24 PM**

Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on the 22nd day of March, 2022.



Clay Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

