

COUNCIL COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair
Chris Fletcher
Phil Anderson

Council Absent:

Staff

Amanda Campos, City Secretary
Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary
Lisandra Leal, Assistant City Secretary
Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER – Time: 9:00 a.m.

Chair Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 9:06 a.m.**

Chair Victoria Johnson stated that the order of the meeting would be changed, starting with Section 3 Reports and Presentations.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS - MOVED

- A. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Burleson Independent School District (BISD), the district's enrollment, demographics, future projects and facilities, and opportunities for cooperation with the city.**
- B. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Joshua Independent School District (JISD), the district's enrollment, demographics, future projects and facilities, and opportunities for cooperation with the city.**

Items 3A and 3B were called together as one presentation to discuss infrastructure.

Bret Jimerson, BISD Superintendent and Steve Logan, JISD Operating Officer both spoke on demographic, the fluctuation of growth between students at the elementary, middle school and high school and being back after COVID. Both spoke on the housing market and finding affordable housing. Mr. Jimerson spoke on the city partnership on the upcoming gymnasium. Mr. Logan spoke about the city's continued partnership with the Police Department helping traffic during football games and for allowing the JISD golf team the use of the golf course.

Both district requested the city keep them in the loop of upcoming city projects such as housing developments that would help prepare them for potential students.

Corey Hickerson, JISD Superintendent, spoke on the steady growth, forecast of fifteen future subdivisions, and the approved bond.

Bond Project Joshua High school additions.

- New elementary school and addition to middle school
- Renovation and expansion JHS cafeteria
- Renovation to Career and Technical Education facility at JHS
- HVAC replacement, paving improvements at multiple campus and safety and security upgrades.

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager provided an update on upcoming city projects that could potentially impact the schools. He stated that collaboration and communication on upcoming projects would help the city when planning future capital improvement projects.

Victoria Johnson spoke about outreach to spark interest in government for both BISD and JISD. She spoke on Character Council students and extending an invitation to JISD.

2. GENERAL

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the August 7, 2024 Community & Intergovernmental Relations committee meeting and September 4, 2024 Community & Intergovernmental Relations committee meeting. (*Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary*)**

Motion made by Chris Fletcher and seconded by Phil Anderson to approve.

Motion passed 3-0.

- B. Review, discuss and make recommendations to fill vacancies on the Park Board. (*Staff Contact: Lisandra Leal, Assistant City Secretary*)**

Lisandra Leal, Assistant City Secretary, discussed Parks Board vacancies to the board. The following appointments were recently vacated due to the absence rule for boards and commissions.

Committee was in favor of the City Secretary's Office discussing attendance with the members and leaving them on board (October 1 to September 30).

4. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- None.

5. BOARD REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS

- None.

6. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Committee may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom at City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this agenda.

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

- No executive session needed.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Victoria Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Time: 10:25 a.m.

Monica Solko
Deputy City Secretary