

CITY OF DEER PARK

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DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

A JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT THE DEER PARK ISD EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTER, LONESTAR ROOM A, B, & C 2800 TEXAS AVENUE, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON APRIL 12, 2021, AT 6:15 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE A. SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN
JAY STOKES	CITY MANAGER
GARY JACKSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SHANNON BENNETT	CITY SECRETARY
CHARLIE SANDBERG	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
JAMIE COX	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER
KRISTIN EDWARDS	PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING ADMINISTRATOR

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

LYNN KIRKPATRICK	PRESIDENT
JASON CABLE	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
BRENDA COTHRAN	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
KEN DONNELL	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
LEE GIDDENS	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
RHONDA LOWE	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
JASON MORRIS	DPISD BOARD MEMBER
STEPHEN HARRELL	SUPERINTENDENT
PEACHES MCCROSKEY	DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT
RONDA KOUBA	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
STEVE CORRY	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

DAVID EDGAR
MATT LUCAS
TIFFANY REGAN
JANET BYERS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
INCOMING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
COORDINATOR FOR SUPERINTENDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. CALL TO ORDER – School Board President Lynn Kirkpatrick called the Joint Workshop to order on behalf of the Deer Park Independent School District and Mayor Jerry Mouton called the Joint Workshop to order on behalf of the City of Deer Park.

Stephen Harrell thanked City Council for their participation in Student Government Day.

2. ISSUES AFFECTING DEER PARK INDEPENT SCHOOL DISTRICT -

CTE Presentation - Whitney Weaver and Kayla Yates gave an overview of the CTE Program and highlighted the CTE numbers 9th-12th grade, CTE social media, new electives canvas course, CTE Student Spotlight, CTE Alumni interviews, Spotlight on CTE Programs, CTE monthly guest speakers, Industry-based certifications and Co-Op/Practicum. The discussion ended with a presentation of students throughout all of the CTE classes and programs.

Overview and Purpose of AVID – District Director for AVID Lisa Myer gave an overview of the AVID Program to include the timeline of AVID in the Deer Park Independent School District, number of students impacted, AVID secondary data and DPISD gaining the AVID National Demonstration School status in 2020. Ms. Myers introduced a current AVID student Fabian Gonzalez who shared his experience with AVID and how it shaped him as a better student, especially in areas of “time management” and “planning ahead”. Mr. Gonzalez has been accepted to Texas A&M. AVID has allowed him the time to apply for scholarships that will be supplying scholarship funds for half of his tuition.

Early College Academy – South Campus Counselor Angela Butler-Carter highlighted traditional Dual Credit, Early College and discussed current students that included their profiles of success, majors and career paths.

COVID-19 Update – Assistant Superintendent Steve Corry gave a summary of an update for COVID-19 that included face to face attendance numbers, COVID-19 restrictions/protocols, COVID-19 recovery strategies using best practices and resources and the indirect successes of the District.

3. ISSUES AFFECTING THE CITY OF DEER PARK -

City Manager James Stokes thanked the Deer Park School District Board Members and Administrators for their service on behalf of the City.

Type B Sales Tax Election on May 1, 2021 – City Manager Jay Stokes gave an overview of the five propositions that addresses the wants and needs of the City to include drainage improvements, new fire stations, street equipment and sidewalks and a new Jimmy Burke Center with a visitor center and museum. Mr. Stokes emphasized that the debt required to complete these projects will not increase the ad valorem tax rates.

Mr. Stokes commented, “We have accumulated a pretty big amount of extra funds that, quite frankly, our hands are tied and we are not able to spend because of how it is set up. If this passes and we have those new uses and the available funds, we can go into the existing facilities like the soccer complex, baseball complex and the softball complex to do improvements that we are currently not authorized to do that would include new parking.”

General Obligation Bond Propositions Election on May 1, 2021 – A video featuring the General Obligation Bond Election propositions was presented and included detailed information of:

- a. Drainage Projects
- b. Fire Stations
- c. Street Improvements
- d. Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Mayor Mouton gave an overview of the ideas and concepts behind the proposed propositions and the collective participation from City Staff to come up with the ballot language that will be utilized to conduct the General Obligation Bond Election and details of funding.

Mayor Mouton commented, “It is to the testament to our City Staff and the commitment of Council that makes sure the needed resources are allocated to have the best that we can afford and to manage our budget just as well as the school district. The combination of all that is what makes our Community unique. I have tried to find in some comparison, but I just can’t find another Community that has the same semblance of the school district, the City and all the influential leaders easily accessible and working together for an end result that produces a very high quality of life.”

Public Relations/Marketing Administrator Kristin Edwards gave an overview of the digital resources for voters for the upcoming election and highlighted the multi-platform approach including the City Website with informational links to view an

explanatory brochure, informational posters and voter information documents on the City Secretary's Elections page, Facebook webpage and Instagram webpage.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES JOINTLY AFFECTING DEER PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF DEER PARK – No issues were discussed.
5. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS – The consensus of the Board of Trustees and City Council was to continue meeting, but no determination as to when the meetings should occur.
6. ADJOURNMENT – School Board President Lynn Kirkpatrick adjourned the workshop meeting on behalf of the Deer Park Independent School District and Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting on behalf of the City of Deer Park at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor