MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS
&
LEANDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Tuesday - February 11, 2020

Mayor – Troy Hill
Place 1 – Kathryn Pantalion-Parker
Place 2 – Michelle Stephenson
Place 3 – Jason Shaw

Place 4 – Christine Sederquist
Place 5 – Chris Czernek, Mayor Pro Tem
Place 6 – Marci Cannon
City Manager – Rick Beverlin

1. Opened Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

2. Confirmed Quorum Present; Councilmember Stephenson was absent.

3. Leander City Council and LISD Board of Trustees Opening Comments

4. Public comments on items listed in the agenda. None

   Comments during this time are limited to no more than 3 minutes (6 minutes if translation is needed) per individual. Time limit will be reduced to no more than 2 minutes per individual (4 minutes if translation is needed) if there are more than 10 speakers on one item. Comments are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

5. Topics to be discussed.

   a. Leander ISD Demographic Report discussion included: PowerPoint presentation; growth; projected housing occupancies; demographer has communication with city staff and developers to keep projected information current; largest growth developments within the district; next school projected for Palmera Ridge; ten (10) year housing projection; students per occupied housing unit district wide; projected enrollment on moderate growth scenario in 2024 (47,973); demographic characteristics; new schools in next couple of years; variables in large commercial projects; proximity to Apple site how that affects projected numbers; areas of concern regarding too much housing; large multifamily complexes built where unexpected stresses schools that thought were stable with slow growth; commercial and multifamily complexes; and demographer takes into account land use.

   b. Growing Student Populations and Density Developments discussion included: Northline development includes 2400 multifamily units; other developments planned around TOD anticipating multifamily; impact on schools; helpful if provide heads up on major zoning changes; use of portables; track developments all year; numbers using for multifamily with Northline is low; what is included in development plan (i.e. infrastructure); water and wastewater needs in undeveloped land; and desire for road safety to be priority.
c. Athletic and Youth Programs discussion included: fast growth in school district and city; new city parks; synthetic turf increased various league play; work more closely on athletic fields; high schools sharing stadium facilities; plans for future stadiums will require bond election; youth council advertising through school; future partnership discussion with long term planning; arrange for Parks Director to hold regular meetings with LISD counterpart; tennis center project and partnership with Cedar Park; desire for future robotics facility shared with tech business; ACC partnerships; counterparts to prioritize their needs; shared resources; ACC interested in developing curriculum assisting tech business relocating to Leander; not all CT courses are offered in all high schools but that does not mean student could not participate at a different high school; Career Opportunities On Location (COOL) week - students placed on location to work for week; emphasis on apprenticeships; help match students with businesses; some employers are looking to bypass traditional education paths and accept alternatives such as certifications; opportunities for other paths - not just four (4) year college; and preparing students for jobs that do not currently exists.

d. Safety in Schools, Disaster Response and Emergency Management Plans discussion included: Senate Bill 11 required additional items and discussions in district; emergency management plan involves evacuation and shelter; good working relationship with LISD risk manager; schools listed as shelters, if needed; plans in past to use school buses; school safety with vestibules; police training involving schools, if necessary; Leander as well as other entities emergency response teams; process and timeline to employ SROs at schools; LISD board members recent attendance at Region 13 Security Conference; LISD Reunification Plan; LISD is made up of several municipalities that work with youth CERT teams; young Explorers shadow officers; population growth creating parking lot safety issues at LHS; discussion of signal light at LHS; LISD has signal light purchased 2010 not being used may or may not be compatible with equipment; transportation study information will be shared with district; changing traffic patterns; and rerouting of high school traffic to diminish traffic leaving LHS.

e. Understanding the A-F Accountability Rating System discussion included: summary of accountability system; three domains; first student achievements including STAAR scores, college, career and military readiness, graduation rates; second school progress academic growth individual students progress, relative performance including campus ranking; third closing gaps individual student groups, components involved; hard and complex scale of learning into one score; students more than test score; community information meeting to gather feedback; hopes and dreams of community parents and students; how fit in bigger picture; ongoing conversations what looks like; specific path if school falls below a certain level; State requirements and interventions if failing in certain area; standardized test challenges; should not be teaching to tests...stifles students creativity; sharing vision with city to help communicate; community accountability system that looks at STAAR but it is not the entire component; opportunities for individuals that do not attend college; prepare kids to make choice if desire to attend college or pursue other opportunities; how students are ranked; campaign to push ACC; dual credits; dual credit versus AP classes; affordability of dual credits; signing days for industries not just athletics; weighting of classes discussions; district covers two hundred (200) miles and dynamics of each high school different; and trying to remove stigma.

f. Long Range Transportation Plans for Raider Way, San Gabriel Parkway and Lakeline Boulevard (North of Hero Way West) discussion included: redesign of Raider Way and acquisition of ROW which will have less impact; lowering of grading with roundabout; issues with San Gabriel Parkway; new elementary school opening soon; connection to Ronald Reagan nearing end of construction and anticipate completed before opening of school; two lane connection not four lanes; Lakeline largely developer driven; no plans at this time; large un-development properties; timeline of Raider Way 18-24 month project; significantly complex project; city has regularly updated campuses to help principals stay informed and disseminate information; will be difficult during construction will be great when completed; consider signage; will continue to update PTAs at the campuses; top engineer in the country will speak to schools to educate about roundabouts; LISD and city need to have conversations before major campuses are built; lessons learned after Rouse High School construction; and good relationships that have been built since 2007.
g. Liaison(s) Between the City and District discussion included: meetings critical and need to have more frequently; designate liaisons that meet monthly and present to the Board and Councils; opportunities where can connect more; staff relationships; previously city representative used to attend quarterly meeting and give update on Freeport tax exemption; staff to staff conversations; desire for regular conversation with Chamber, Board President, Mayor and City Manager; keeps information current; and dialogue important between both parties.

h. Leander City Council Closing Comments

Christine Sederquist - thanked everyone for being here; and keep talking.

Chris Czernek - commented on the collaboration; and brings everyone together.

Jason Shaw - commented on how important district is; challenge each other; and sees a bright future.

Marci Cannon - commented she is proud of the district; and selling lots of rooftops because we have an excellent school district.

Kathryn Pantalion-Parker - thanked everyone for being here and participating; and commented on signing up to serve is not always easy but important; look forward to taking to different level in the future; and the importance in the decisions the district and city each make.

Troy Hill - commented on past frustration being criticized for building debt, but was necessary; part of existence; cooperate together to make more efficient; and give notice to each other to deal with things as they come.

6. Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CITY SECRETARY

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