



# City of Pflugerville

## Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, June 6, 2011

7:00 PM

203 E. Pecan Street, Pflugerville, TX

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### Worksession

#### 1. Call to order

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales called the worksession to order at 7:05 p.m. Councilmembers Brad Marshall, Darelle White and Starlet Sattler were in attendance. Mayor Coleman entered the worksession at 7:06 p.m. Councilmember Wayne Cooper was absent. City employees attending: Brandon Wade, City Manager; Floyd Akers, City Attorney; Lauri Gillam, Assistant City Manager; Chuck Hooker, Police Chief; Karen Thompson, City Secretary.

Travis County ESD No. 2 Commissioners in attendance: Terry Struble, Efen Brito, Mike Howe, Maize Hamilton, George Mentzer. Travis County ESD No. 2 employees attending: Ron Moellenberg, Fire Chief; Kevin Croegaert, Assistant Chief of Operations; Tommy Crane, Assistant Chief of Prevention; John Grasshoff, Director of Logistics and Government Affairs; Monica Reed, Executive Director of Staff Services.

#### 2. Discuss only

- 2A. 2011-0640 Discussion with the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 (Pflugerville Fire Department) regarding the services and facilities of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 and partnerships with the City of Pflugerville.

Mr. Wade spoke regarding ESD Districts in Travis County. He spoke to the strengths and professionalism of the Travis County ESD No. 2 but stated that some of the other ESDs are struggling. He stated that the County is seeking alternatives to improve the condition of others. He stated his desire for the ESD No. 2 to remain the Pflugerville Fire Department.

Chief Moellenberg provided additional information and reviewed the three concepts being discussed by the County: 1.) a second ESD overlay district (No. 15). 2.) a consolidated Metro Fire Department. 3.) One County-wide ESD outside of the City of Austin. Chief Moellenberg explained that the ESD Boards were given the task to review these concepts and to provide a position to Danny Hobby of Travis County. He explained that the ESD No. 2 Commissioners would be adopting an official position statement this Thursday. He explained that he expected them to not be in favor of 1, 2, or 3, but to only be in favor of considering a confederation that would allow for the ESD No. 2 to request additional funding. He explained the ESD No. 2's desire to continue to grow and be successful and provide good service to the constituents.

Mr. Wade explained that the ESD No. 2 boundaries and the City of Pflugerville's jurisdictional boundaries (with ETJ) are relatively the same. He stated a desire to keep the ESD No. 2's ten cent property tax and their 1/2 cent sales tax within the Pflugerville Fire Department as it is and to let the others merge and take care of their issues, but to leave us the same. He stated that he would also like them to leave us out of the second overlay ESD, so that we might have our own second overly ESD for emergency medical and ambulance services sometime in the future. Chief Moellenberg explained that the status quo is not really good enough, stating that we are several ambulances away from adequate. Mr. Howe stated that their position is equal to Mr. Wade's, except to provide mutual aide when needed.

Chief Moellenberg spoke to the need for an overlay district to provide for emergency medical care. Group discussion regarding emergency medical services followed. Chief Moellenberg noted that the ESD No. 2 would like to be able to provide additional medical services such as providing a pain relief shot for a child waiting for an ambulance with a broken limb, but explained that they are very limited in the medical procedures they can perform by the order of the medical director. Mr. White suggested that the City Council write letters to try to influence the medical director in allowing for more medical services to be performed by the ESD. No. 2. There was continued discussion regarding the legislation that would allow for a second overlay district.

Mr. Wade indicated that he had a couple of additional items to address. He stated that the first was that he wanted to make the City Council aware that the ESD now has the first floor of their training facility available for rent, as the Pflugerville Independent School District is unable to continue their lease due to budget constraints. He stated that the City could potentially move some employees over such as Building Inspection and Planning. He stated that he would be providing information during the budgeting process.

Mr. Wade stated his last item to address was the July 2 Pflugerville Pfireworks Pfestival and the concerns due to dry conditions. He stated that it may be necessary to cancel the event. Chief Moellenberg stated that he expects that in a matter of days that no public firework displays will be permitted. He spoke to his concerns for endorsing or permitting a fireworks display in these dry conditions. He stated that he would make a decision and notify Mr. Wade as soon as he knows.

There was no additional discussion.

### 3. Adjourn

Mr. Gonzales made motion to adjourn. Ms. Sattler seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The worksession was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson  
City Secretary

Approved as \_\_\_\_\_ on July 12, 2011.