



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 16, 2018

6:30 PM

Pflugerville Independent School District (PflISD)
Administration Building Board Room
1401 West Pecan Street, Pflugerville TX 78660

Joint Worksession with the PflISD Board of Trustees

I. Call to order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Doug Weiss, Jeff Marsh, Mike Heath and Jim McDonald were in attendance. Councilmember Rudy Metayer joined the worksession at 6:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Omar Peña was absent. City employees attending: Trey Fletcher, Interim City Manager; Lauri Gillam, Assistant City Manager; Terri Toledo, Communications Director; Jessica Robledo, Police Chief; Jason Smith, Assistant Police Chief; Karen Thompson, City Secretary; Jennifer Stubbs, Assistant City Secretary; James Hemenes, Parks Director; Emily Barron, Planning Director; Amy Giannini, City Engineer. PflISD Boardmembers attending: Vernagene Mott, President; Mary Kimmins, Secretary; Tony Hanson; Renae Mitchell, and Rob Reyes. Boardmembers Larry Bradley and Carol Fletcher were absent. PflISD employees: Doug Killian, Superintendent; Troy Galow, Deputy Superintendent; Karl Kacir, Interim Chief Financial Officer; Steve Scheffler, Communications Officer and Brandy Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, participated in the discussions at the worksession.

Discussion Items:

II. [2018-6701](#) PflISD Demographic and Citizen's Facility Advisory Committee Update.

Dr. Galow presented a demographic update. He reported that the the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee had its first meeting last week and includes 50 members that will make recommendations to the Board regarding education needs, longterm facility needs and any recommendations for a November bond election. Information on the committee is available at PflisdCFAC.net. There was discussion under the item.

III. [2018-6702](#) PflISD Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Scheffler presented the PflISD's vision and mission statements and strategic plan framework and stated that the strategic plan would be presented to the PflISD Board for consideration of approval in May 2018. There was discussion under the item.

IV. [2018-6703](#) PflISD District of Innovation Update.

Ms. Baker provided information on District of Innovation. She stated that the PfISD considered only two exemptions, one which was to implement an earlier start date of August 16, 2018 and the second would be to consider teacher contract dates. There was discussion under the item.

V. [2018-6716](#)

PfISD Funding and Finance Update.

Mr. Kacir reported PfISD revenues from property taxes have increased but are tied to state funding and as property values increase, funding from the state is decreased. He stated that funding from the state is only increased with an increase in the number of students. Mr. Kacir provided information on a possible tax ratification election to allow voters to consider increasing the M&O (maintenance and operations) rate by .02, and the school district would then reduce the debt rate of .04, which would result in an overall decrease to the taxpayers of .02 but would result in an overall gain in school funding. Discussion followed under the item.

VI. [2018-6717](#)

Potential for PfISD and City collaboration on a future bond program.

Mayor Gonzales stated that the City Council has a strategic planning meeting upcoming and they have not yet made any plans yet for a bond election. He stated that if there are areas where the school district is considering a bond election, the city will want to know if it should also hold a bond election for associated infrastructure. Mr. Marsh explained that he would like to provide the combined school costs together with city infrastructure costs to the voters to allow for increased transparency. Ms. Mott stated that the school board would see what the Citizen Facility Advisory Committee would recommend, but that she would expect elementaries and a middle school in the eastern high-growth area. Mr. Jeff Travillion, Travis County Commissioner, was in attendance and stated that it would be great to have another chair at the table for the County. He stated that he thinks they are all important to the conversation. Discussion followed regarding having all entities work together. Ms. Mitchell noted the importance of the school district and city working together first before going to the other entities. Ms. Mott noted that timing is important with Travis County, as they only go out for a bond election every five years, and they have just went out. Discussion followed regarding potential for working together on shared projects.

VII. [2018-6704](#)

PfISD 2019 Legislative priorities.

Ms. Mott stated that it is important to speak with the Legislators prior to the start of the session next January. She reviewed the school districts legislative priorities: 1. No vouchers, 2. Increase the percentage of state share of public education funding, 3. Change the Accountability A-F to unacceptable or needs improvement. There was continued discussion under the item.

VIII. [2018-6707](#)

PfISD and City Coordination on Legislative Issues.

Mayor Gonzales complimented the school district's efforts. He stated that there are so many elements at the schools that have an impact on the community. He stated that he feels more impassioned in working together on legislative issues. He stated that the City Council would develop the city's legislative priorities at the upcoming strategic worksession. He stated that he agrees that getting involved early on with legislators is important. Ms. Mott and Ms.

Mitchell provided information on the legislative support that they receive from Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and the Central Texas School Board Association. There was continued discussion under the item.

IX. [2018-6706](#)

City update on forecast for development in Pflugerville and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Ms. Barron presented under the item. There was discussion under the item.

X. [2018-6709](#)

City update on infrastructure and development East of SH 130.

Ms. Giannini provided an update on capital improvement projects. There was discussion under the item.

XI. [2018-6708](#)

City update on 1849 Park.

Mr. Hemenes provided an update on the 1849 Park. There was discussion under the item.

XII. [2018-6705](#)

Highlight of achievements and sharing accolades. (Vernagene Mott, PflISD Board President; and Victor Gonzales, Mayor)

Mayor Gonzales and Ms. Mott provided comments under the item.

XIII. Adjourn

The group indicated plans to meet again in October 2018. Mr. Marsh made a motion to close the worksession. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried. The worksession was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson
City Secretary

Approved as _____ on May 8, 2018.