

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2015

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in special session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on June 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Brian Loughmiller, Mayor Pro Tem Travis Ussery, Council members: Don Day, Randy P. Pogue, Ray Ricchi, Roger Harris, and Rainey Rogers, and Council members elect: Chuck Branch and Tracy Rath.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck; Deputy City Manager Jose Madrigal; Assistant City Manager Rob Daake; Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton; City Attorney Mark Houser; City Secretary Sandy Hart; Interim Assistant to the City Manager Chandler Merritt; Assistant Director of Development Services Rick Leisner; Director of Planning Michael Quint; Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Rhoda Savage; McKinney Community Development Corporation President Cindy Schneible; Facilities Construction Manager Patricia Jackson; Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Ryan Mullins; Communications and Marketing – CoCo Good and Laura Smetak; and Police Department – Jose Quilles, Rusty May, and Craig Owens.

There were approximately 40 guests present.

Mayor Loughmiller called for Citizen Comments.

Police Association Officers Jose Quiles, Sgt. Rusty May, and Detective Craig Owens recognized the outgoing Council members Harris and Ricchi, for their unwavering support of the Police Department during their tenure on City Council.

15-605 Mayor Loughmiller called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, Certifying the Election Results for the June 13, 2015 Run Off Election. Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Harris, to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, certifying the Election Results for the June 13, 2015 Run Off Election. Caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06-061

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

MCKINNEY, TEXAS, CERTIFYING THE ELECTION RESULTS
FOR THE JUNE 13, 2015 RUN-OFF ELECTION; DECLARING
THE RESULTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

15-606 Mayor Loughmiller called for Comments and Presentation to Outgoing Council Members.

Council member Rogers expressed his appreciation for how welcoming everyone has been and it was great working with you during my short time serving with you on Council.

Council member Day expressed his appreciation to Council members Ricchi and Harris for the years he has served with them. They have both been involved in lots of projects where we shared blood, sweat, and tears. In Ray's case, it was more blood than tears, but we appreciate his passion. Thank you so much.

Council member Pogue expressed his appreciation to Council members Ricchi and Harris for what they have done for the City. He stated that he has come to know Council member Harris during their time serving on the BREP and the public safety committees. It is going to be a new day for you and I hope you enjoy some of those bike rides. Thank you for your service to the community. He expressed his appreciation to Council member Ricchi for his friendship over the last couple of years. Thank you for your service and what you've done for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ussery stated that it certainly has been an honor to get to know both of you. Council member Harris, it has been an honor to work and serve with you and it is a greater honor to call you my friend. Ray, as for you, it has been quite an experience. I have searched high and low for some words and I have a portion of a poem for you - "Sesquipedalian you may never be, but positions on stances you always express very clearly." It has been an honor to serve with you and a greater honor to call you my friend.

Mayor Loughmiller stated that he was going to use the word sesquipedalian too but now he can't. Council member Harris, I want to

say, the first time I worked with you was back when you were on the Airport Board. You then served on the McKinney Economic Development Corporation for a time period before being elected to Council. It's been a pleasure serving with you. We appreciate your insight into different issues we have dealt with over the years and wish you all the best in the future as you move on in your business and your motorcycling life. Ray, I have known Ray for 23 years. I remember back in 2002 or 2003, telling the City Council that I know this guy that I think would be a good choice for the McKinney Economic Development Corporation. Those of you that want to blame somebody, you can blame me. That was Ray's start in public service, back on MEDC where he served as the Chairman of before being elected as the District 4 representative. Ray, you have done a great job and it's been a pleasure serving with you. I have served with a lot of people over the last 13 years and it has been entertaining serving with you. Thank you all very much for your service to the City of McKinney and bringing us to where we are today with the accolades we've received over the last several years.

Council member Harris: Wow, it's hard to believe the moment is here. I would like to begin by thanking the voters and the supporters who elected me and allowed me the opportunity to serve the community over the past four years. During my time on this Council, we've had many accomplishments of which I'm proud. We implemented development at Gateway, the premier front door of our City; Craig Ranch Corporate Center; acquired the Airport assets; finalized and set in motion the development of the Aquatic Center; built and opened parks along with a plan to finance and develop a premier park system for future citizens of McKinney; addressed and decreased litigation matters including the complaint on housing; balanced every budget, post-recession, and decreased the City tax rate; improved development plans on the way to being a City of 350,000 people which will be the fourth largest City in the

DFW Metroplex; brought in many economic development and community development projects related to the tax base; built a management organization and leadership team who has delivered City services with an impeccable record, strong results, achieving industry recognition and winning many accolades in the process including the areas of finance and transparency. Today our City enjoys accolades such as number one best City in the USA to live in. We progressed up the chart from 14 to 5 to 2 to 1 over the years. A recent citizen survey indicates our residents are more satisfied and pleased with their City services and lifestyle. We enjoy a AAA bond rating and the benefit of our ISO 1 insurance rating. Our airport is in the top 10 across the country. Our high schools are rated high academically across the country. We enjoy being one of the safest cities in Texas and across the county. Our employment and income statistics are some of the best in the country. We are one of the best places to live, raise a family and enjoy every aspect of measurable lifestyle I've seen used during my time on the Council. These accolades pair in relation to our potential and those we have yet to realize. Communities accomplish accolades due to a strong management and leadership team. I would like to thank our public safety departments for making our City one of the safest in the country. I would like to thank the City staff who work to plan and operate the City in a manner in which we are proud to say we are part of. I would like to thank our City Manager and the Assistant City Managers for their leadership over the past four years through the ups and downs that all cities deal with on a day-to-day basis and for achieving the tremendous outcomes which have continued to draw continued accolades and recognition. I would like to also thank the City Secretary's office, especially Ms. Hart, who has overseen every meeting and election I have been a part of during my time on Council. I would like to thank all the citizens who volunteer their time to participate and offer their views and experience on the boards and commissions and

to advise the City Council on matters of their respective boards. It is through this process that citizens learn the process and witness first hand leadership, structure on matters concerning the City. Additionally, I would like to thank those of you who have offered your time and effort to run for public office. It is through the consensus built with these individuals that we are able to appreciate and take advantage of opportunities of this government. It has been my humble honor to serve the City and citizens as part of the City Council. Working with this Council has been a life experience few are able to achieve and experience. I have enjoyed working with the Council and worked long and hard, often not agreeing on matters at first, but through building consensus and offering alternatives, we have been able to demonstrate good, strong leadership which history will prove has been beneficial for the residents and stakeholders of the City of McKinney. I thank each and every one of you that I have had an opportunity to serve with. Mayor Loughmiller and Mayor Pro Tem Ussery have worked long and hard attending events to represent this Council and the City in a very positive manner. A very special thanks to my family and my wife Jan for allowing me the time and opportunity to participate in the governmental process of this great City. Thank you and God bless the City of McKinney, Texas.

Council member Ricchi stated that he remembers the day when he and the Mayor got together and talked about serving the City of McKinney. You had already been on a few boards and were going to step up your participation. Having run twice unopposed, I'm not sure if I was the best candidate or they were scared of what I might dig up. The day I was sworn into office, Sandy stood up there with our hand up and Council member Rath and Council member Branch will take that same oath tonight. It was the oath to protect, serve and defend. I want to thank the citizens for trusting me to do that for them. I tried to do what I thought they would do if they were sitting here and ask the questions they would

ask. I tried to be the person you would be if you were here. And fight your fight and challenge the status quo, challenge ordinances and different things that are put in place because things change, people change, environments change and it is a living document. Our Constitution is a living document and it needs to stay that way. Our forefathers came to us with this core set of values of freedom and liberty and that's what we continue to strive for, for everyone, regardless of what they may be. Everything Council member Harris said is right on point but that's what we are supposed to do. What I am most proud of is I published my cell phone number so that Ms. Griggs could text me at 2 in the morning to tell me she has a problem. While I'm responding to her, Deputy City Manager Madrigal is also responding. That truly is what public service is about and you are exactly who we need to protect and serve and to defend. I compliment you, Mr. Madrigal for what you have done. Those are some of the key things we do as a Council. Every one of the individuals that has sat in these chairs and come to work every day for the City give up their time. They give of themselves to protect, serve and defend the citizens and people of the City, county, state and country. There is a poem called the Dash Bone by Linda Ellis. One of the last lines is about someone who passes away and they see the dates they were born and that dash and the dates they pass. People think that is a long life. Those dates have one purpose, when you were born and when you passed, but that dash in between is one of the most powerful things there. The dash represents the time you spent, the things people say about who you, and what you have accomplished. It's more of the dash that is important than the dates. I want to thank the City staff because they are part-time and full-time, people you see every day and folks you never see. Folks that work at night and fix the water lines. Folks that repair our streets. The police officers that are making their patrols at 3 a.m. Firefighters that go on calls and help people and save lives. I'm so

proud of our public safety. I'm so proud of our police force and who they are and what they have done, everyone from the civilian staff to the staff that carry the badge and gun. They truly represent our City well and I could not be more proud of who they are and what they do. Our Fire Department who blessed me with a nice gift. I went through citizens fire Academy and I did everything they asked me to do except go into that fake burning building. I said is anyone in there that needs to be saved? They said no. I said I'm not doing it. When other folks run out, public safety runs in. You can't ask for a better group from the officers sitting here today to the ones out there doing what they do best which is protecting us. There are other things most important, the Mayor and I worked on the Carey Cox Park. It's a beautiful park but there's a number of special needs families and children's in that area. We worked together with a group and the Parks Department to put a fence out there so the children could play. It wasn't so much for the children because they did not know any better, but it was the parents. Those are some of the things that are important, the Ridge Road extension to make sure the children going to McClure Elementary School did not have to go on US 380, the speed control and suppression devices in neighborhoods where there are a tremendous amount of children, and the aquatics center. The parking garage that Mr. Day and I talked about long before I was on this Council. Adriatica where Council member Brooks and George Fuller have made that dream a reality and it is an amazing project that is a true treasure for the City. They worked hard and stayed the course. Downtown McKinney is our centerpiece and pride and while Council member Day does take some shots for it, I will be right there to defend him because it truly is a jewel of a City. Mayor, in 2002 you put me on the MEDC. The next year, I was Chairman for four years and then I served as Chairman of the Chamber. Once you get involved in the City, you are in. It has been a great 13 years of service to McKinney and I want to recognize some folks

who taught me so much about the history of the City. Some of them are here and some are not. David Craig with Frank Kirby taught me the history of the City. Bill Dowdy who was the most amazing man who taught and showed me a lot of the same things. There were several individuals who were influential in my service - Thad Helsey, Bill Dowdy, Stan McWilliams, Rick Franklin, Kelly Davis, David Pitstick, Terry Ricketts, John Ratton, Johnny Galyeon, Darrell Tate, and Robbie Clark. They taught me the history. My next-door neighbor Marcia Simpson's Father laid the bricks in front of Mr. Ussery's building. I was able to get a brick and give it to Mrs. Simpson. I have served on this Council with Mayor Whitfield, Mayor Dozier, Bill Cox, Thad Helsey, David Brooks, Gilda Garza, Pete Huff, David Brooks, Don Day, Roger Harris, Randy Pogue, and Rainey Rogers. I really believe that when Council member Harris and I step down and Council Member Branch and Council Member Rath come up, you will have one of the best Councils the City has ever had. Even excluding my presence, they truly will bring to you a group of collective people who are passionate, inspired and dedicated to preserving this great City. It is an amazing thing and I'm proud to be here for it. Chuck, you are following in the District 4 footsteps of Steve Bell, Mayor Loughmiller and myself. I know you will truly do a great job of representing the district that has the highest voting percentage, who is the most active, and who will call you anytime of the day or night. I know you will respond because you've done a great job and I appreciate you for that. This City is in great shape. Over the last two years, we have built a solid foundation and that foundation is because of folks like our City attorney, Mark Houser who is an amazing human being, attorney, and person. You could not ask for better. Thank you for what you do and for being a friend. Jose, Rob, Barry and Mr. Quint, I know you are sad to see me go. Mr. Opiela, Sandy, the City is in great shape, hitting on all cylinders. We have our speed bumps but we have a leadership core up

and down that truly has given us a launching pad for greatness. Mr. Muehlenbeck, without you, I'm not sure how long it would take us to get here. You are a class act and a fine human being. I will be sad to see you retire someday. Hopefully, not in my lifetime. But you sir, have brought so much to the City and so much to the community that we needed at a time when it was truly needed. It's not how we are challenged but how we respond to the challenges and I believe the City has responded very well. Mayor, you have been a courageous, inspirational leader. In times of challenging moments, you are not just a pretty face and a good handshake, you truly are a good leader and someone who has done the right things at the right time. It truly is a great place to be, my Son has a tattoo that says "family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs, the ones who accept you for who you are." Thank you for accepting me for who I am. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and love you no matter what and truly that is who this City and this Council are. I can't thank my family enough. I have the most amazing wife. While that road was tough to get here, I'm sure glad it is. I have six beautiful children, two grandchildren, and an English son-in-law from England. Without them, they have seen me go home and they scatter. Because sometimes it's tough. It's tough what you do up here that no one knows except our families. Our families truly support us. If you want a friend, buy a dog, but if you want love have a great family. I want to thank my Campaign Manager, my sister, Wendy Shelly and her family who have been supportive. Jennifer Buchanan, who is my Campaign Treasurer, she is an incredible citizen and fighter who supported me all along the way. Our choices make us who we are, who we are brought us here, and I would not change a thing.

Mayor Loughmiller presented outgoing gifts to Council member Ricchi and Council member Harris.

Secretary Sandy Hart administered the oaths of office to Council member Tracy Rath and Council member Chuck Branch. Mayor Loughmiller presented the Certificates of Election.

15-608 Mayor Loughmiller called for welcome comments from Mayor and Council members.

Council member Day welcomed our two new members and I want to tell you that it is not always fun and glamorous and if you think so, I will forward you the several hundred emails we received over the last week. I'm happy to work with you both.

Council member Pogue congratulated Councilwoman Rath on running a very clean and positive campaign. In the discussions I've had with you, you exude excitement. I look forward to what you will bring to the table and it will be an awesome experience for you and us as well. For Council member Branch, congratulations on a well-run campaign. You outworked your opponents and you survived it. Thanks for your willingness to serve and you've heard a list of accomplishments that a couple of Council members talked about and there will be a long list for you guys to work on as well. I look forward to what you bring to the table.

Council member Rogers stated that, as a 22 day veteran of the City Council, welcome to the rookies of the City Council. I have known Tracy for 10 years. I first met her when I first ran for City Council and I couldn't imagine 10 years ahead that we would sit here together. And Chuck, I have liked him from the day I met him and I truly look forward to working with this entire Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Ussery welcomed both new Council members. I certainly appreciate your willingness to serve and what you had to go through to get here. It's something to savor and the City is thankful that you are willing to serve and we will all be better for your service. I look forward to working with both of you.

Mayor Loughmiller welcomed Council members Rath and Branch to the

Council. The day after tomorrow we have the new Council orientation and shortly after that we will be getting ready for a budget retreat. We have a lot going on. I have known Tracy for a long time. You worked with me in 2002 when I ran for City Council and your passion for the City is unquestioned. I look forward to serving with you on the City Council. You've had a lot of experience with boards and will be a big help. Mr. Branch, your service on the MEDC Board and then coming to the Council, you will see the Council board relationship and how we make that work. There are several of us up here that have two years left and we will be joining the audience with Mr. Ricchi. As I see the people that are coming on Council and the people out there that are choosing to run and try to serve in the future, our Council will be in good hands as we turn over for the next several years. Thank you for running and I look forward to working with both of you.

15-609 Mayor Loughmiller called for Comments from Incoming Council Members.

Council member Branch thanked everyone for the opportunity. We have a lot of great opportunities coming to the City and I look forward to being a part of those and making it happen. We have a great City staff who I have met and a great City Manager. I'm really proud to serve with all of them and be able to see how I can serve. I want to thank the Lord who gave me this opportunity and has been with me all this time. Thank you to my campaign team and my wife Mindy. She takes care of our four children and does a great job. Thank you to my Dad and Sister. I'm looking forward to serving with a great Council. We have a great Council right here before us and we will do some great things. I believe great things are in the midst. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Council member Rath stated that it was almost four months ago today that I started the journey of running for public office. I had a meeting with Council member Harris, where I told him that I would run a clean

campaign, stay focused on the issues and develop a plan. I'd like to say thank you for the endorsements that I received. The grassroots support and the countless volunteers that contributed financially, sent emails, placed signs, developed a website, made calls on my behalf, walked neighborhoods and shamefully bugged their friends to go out and vote. Thank you. To the former opponents who have reached out to me offering their prayers and support, I look forward to working with them and I would like to thank them as well. Council member Harris, thank you for your commitment and service to the City and for always answering the phone when I called even when you knew it would be on an issue that we disagreed on. Thank you for your service to this City. To the Council, our staff and the citizens of McKinney, I look forward to serving and working alongside you. To my family, my parents who are getting on the Internet at some point, thanks Mom and Dad. To our children, Taryn, my daughter who has moved back to the area, our son Trenton, who is serving on the U.S.S. Mahon and could not watch tonight, and to my husband Curtis, who is on a business trip, one of many he will take. He is working hard for our family so I can do this. I would like to thank him and my children. I love you and I thank you for always supporting me, licking envelopes and doing all the campaign things you have done for me and others. I am ready to get to work, roll up my sleeves, and move McKinney forward. Thank you.

15-610 Mayor Loughmiller called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Three Appointments to the 2015 Bond Election Committee. Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Pogue, to appoint Dick Thompson, Larry Jagours, and Brian White to the 2015 Bond Election Committee.

15-611 Mayor Loughmiller called for Consideration/Discussion/Action on Filling

Three Positions on the Reinvestment Zone Number Two Board. Council unanimously approved the motion by Council member Pogue, seconded by Council member Day, to appoint Rainey Rogers, Chuck Branch , and Tracy Rath to serve on the on the Reinvestment Zone Number Two Board.

15-612 Mayor Loughmiller called for Discussion on Board and Commission Interview Committee Assignments. Mayor Loughmiller presented the liaison assignments: Planning and Zoning Commission - Randy Pogue and Don Day; McKinney Economic Development Corporation - Travis Ussery and Randy Pogue; McKinney Community Development Corporation – Mayor and Tracy Rath; McKinney Convention and Visitors Bureau - Rainey Rogers and Chuck Branch; McKinney Housing Authority - Don Day and Chuck Branch; and Main Street - Travis Ussery and Rainey Rogers. Regional Transportation Council – Mayor Loughmiller with Travis Ussery as an alternate; TAPS - Randy Pogue and Chuck Branch with Tracy Rath as an alternate; PRIL Committee – Mayor Loughmiller and Mayor Pro Tem Ussery; and Mayor Loughmiller will serve as the representative on the Metroplex Mayors. Interview committee assignments: Board of Adjustments – Don Day and Travis Ussery; Buildings and Standards – Randy Pogue and Rainey Rogers; Community Grants – Rainy Rogers and Tracy Rath; Historic Preservation – Travis Ussery and Don Day; Arts Commission – Tracy Rath and Travis Ussery; McKinney Armed Services Memorial – Mayor Loughmiller and Chuck Branch; Library Board - Chuck Branch and Randy Pogue; and Parks - Tracy Rath and Mayor Loughmiller. The City Secretary will post potential quorum notices for all the interviews. Any Council member can attend any of the interviews. The City Secretary will be arranging the interview schedule and will send out to all Council members.

Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ussery, seconded by Council member Pogue, to adjourn. Mayor Loughmiller adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

BRIAN LOUGHMILLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDY HART, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary