

CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2010
8:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Converse met in a workshop at the City Hall Conference Room at 405 South Seguin on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:30 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez
Council Member Renee Paschall, Place 1
Council Member Randy Pannell, Place 4
Council Member Steve Brown, Place 6
Mr. John Quintanilla, Assist. City Manager
Mr. Richard Wendt, Chief of Fire/EMS
Mr. Mark Luft, EDC Executive Director
Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary

MPT John Shadron, Place 3
Council Member Grant Lopez, Place 2
Council Member Robin Benbrook, Place 5
Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager
Mr. Rick Jamison, Chief of Police
Mr. Jerry Wilson, Finance Director
Mr. Ray Ortiz, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

At approximately 8:42 PM, Mayor Suarez called the workshop to order.

2. Workshop

- A. Briefing by the City Manager on Municipal Boundaries, Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, and Annexation Law
- B. Discussion of Alternatives for Expanding the City through Annexation

Mr. Hughes briefed Council on the annexation process.

- Presented 2 maps showing the City of Converse & ESD #1
- We must provide services when you annex (water & sewer services)
- We would need to bore some 330' across the entire ROW of 1604 to annex ETJ
- We have the survey calls to ETJ
- We would not have to have a 3-yr. annexation plan to bring this in
- There are 2 portions on our South border; 1 on each side of 1976 & the railroad – belonging to the City of SA
- We would provide Fire/EMS Services to Northampton to the 1604 corridor & IH 10 corridor
- In general, it is a favorable atmosphere to ask release of ETJ
- Need to decide what we want
- Most of the ETJ already has Fire/EMS support
- Managing the problems (road, street lights, keeping law & order, etc.) is an advantage to us & City of SA ETJ

- Mr. Hughes has spoken to SA Council Member Ms. Ivy Taylor & we realize we need to work together & provide adequate Police patrols
- Showed the portions for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
- No burden to the citizens for services
- According to the Local Government Code, Chapter 43 – Covers the procedures for annexation
- Have to have a 3 yr. Annexation Plan, specifically listing the boundaries & areas that we intend to annex in 3 yrs.
- Inventory of emergency services (Police & Fire/EMS) – talk of response times, etc.
- Engineer go out & evaluate the condition of the infrastructure & condition of streets, sidewalks, sewer lines, water lines, etc.
- Develop a Municipal Service Plan
- Encourages Council to drive the area(s)
- We are going to be better off by growing
- Gaining of the commercial area is going to make up for the residential (streets, etc.)
- Both of the areas have a strong base & no one is there to collect the City tax
- What is the cost of additional manpower & equipment/economic analysis
- Possibly get some CDBG funds
- Do we need sub stations (Police/Fire/EMS/Facilities)
- School District – JISD
- Animal Facility & additional manpower

Chief Wendt offered to take the Council on tours of the areas.

Mayor Suarez stated we would have another mtg. in Aug. with more details, numbers & research the project.

3. Adjournment

At approximately 9:50 PM, Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2010.

Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adriana I. Hieronymus, City Secretary