

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
OF  
INGLESIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
&  
CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
JULY 21, 2014**

**1. Call meeting to order**

This Special Meeting of the Governing Bodies of the Ingleside Independent School District (IISD) and the City of Ingleside, Texas was held at the Ingleside City Hall Council Chambers, 2671 San Angelo Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. IISD Members present: President Teresa Flores and Trustees Brenda Richardson, Keith Hill, Steven Snyder, and Bobby Dendy. IISD Members absent were: Joseph Jones and Jim Snodgrass. IISD Staff present: Superintendent Troy Mircovich. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Ben Tucker, Elaine Kemp, Willie Vaden, and Paul Pierce. Council Members absent were: Council Member Kevin Robbins. City Staff present: City Manager, Jim Gray, Finance Director Rosie Vela, and City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale. There were approximately 5 guests.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. The Ingleside Independent School District Board of Directors and the City of Ingleside City Council will discuss the following topics:**

**A. Update of ongoing Projects/Funding items**

**a) I.S.D. Chapter 41**

Superintendent Troy Mircovich explained Ingleside ISD falls into Chapter 41 which is considered a "Property Wealthy School District." He provided an explanation of how the State regulates and administers these regulations. The enrollment of students is key to the calculation of these funds. At this time, the enrollment levels are back up to the same as when Naval Station Ingleside was active. IISD is also open for student transfers pending teacher availability and that the students meet the required criteria. The District is always budgeting the current year based on the prior year's enrollment figures. Due to IISD being a Chapter 41 school district, they are not eligible for grants; however, they do have a better bond rating.

It was questioned if IISD would consider reinstating the additional Homestead exemption. President Flores explained that due to Chapter 41, that is not an affordable option at this time; however, the District continues to look at it each budget cycle.

**b) I.S.D. House Bill 5**

Superintendent Troy Mircovich noted that in the past, the State has focused on various different degrees of higher education. For many years it was a joint effort towards College or Votech, then more recently it has been totally focused in preparing the students for college. Now the State of Texas has a shortage of skilled workforce for the industrial level jobs. Approximately 30% of the local workforce will be retiring in the next few years and we don't have the individuals to replace them: welding, instrumentation, nursing, truck drivers, heavy equipment specialist, etc. Industry has helped to push the legislature in the direction to offer other solutions to resolve this issue. The outcome has been a "Pathway for Graduation" which requires a student to pick a "pathway" going into High School that they will follow for the next four years. Yes, they can make changes to their plan, but it can be difficult, depending on which direction they move up or down the scale.

**c) School Zones/Flashing Signs**

Superintendent Troy Mircovich asked if the school zones around town could be changed to be more accommodating for the citizens and the schools. City Manager Jim Gray stated that would not be an issue, for them to just provide us a listing of the changes they would like or us to make. It will require an Ordinance by the City Council.

**d) City - State Highway 200, Industrial Corridor**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that the City is still working with TxDOT regarding the environmental items. At this point we are starting to prepare for the ROW's with Wildcat, Exon, and the Welder owners. We hope to have this completed within the next six months. We have begun looking at funding options with one of those options being a Tax Reinvestment Zone. Phase 3 will be the contracts and acquisitions and then Phase 4 will be the construction.

IISD President Flores questioned what Stripes at SH 361 and FM 1069 was planning to do. Mr. Gray stated Stripes has purchased additional land for expansion of parking and possibly an expansion of their store. Depending on the SH 200 project, Stripes doesn't know if they will come back to request additional pumps or not. If they do decide they want additional tanks/pumps, it will require them going before Planning and Zoning as well as City Council for zoning items.

**e) City - New Water Tower and Tank**

City Manager Jim Gray stated that the 1M Gallon Water Tank was completed and is fully functional. The previous ground water storage tank has been removed. The new Water Tower (750,000 gallons) being constructed at N.O. Simmons Park should be fully functional in October 2014.

**f) City - Industry/Housing Growth**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that the apartment complex planned at intersection of SH 361 and Avenue A is scheduled to break ground mid-September 2014 and there is still an apartment complex planned for behind HEB. These two locations combined will be approximately 450 new apartments that will be gated and have swimming pools and club houses. There is another 275 single-family homes being considered near Achievement Blvd. and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

IISD Superintendent Mircovich stated that sidewalks are needed at various places around town and that, as housing projects are considered, the school district would like to be involved in the discussions for bus route purposes. Currently they use two busses to pick up and drop off students at Portside Villa apartments alone. IISD President Flores asked what the single-family vs. multi-family ratio is at this time. Mr. Gray stated he would check into that and get back with her.

**B. Future Projects**

**a) City - Infrastructure needs to include but not limited to: buildings; water/wastewater line extensions and/or replacements; water acquisitions; and related funding options.**

City Manager Jim Gray provided a brief overview of some of the items high on their priority list over the next few years: FM 1069 expansion by TxDOT may require the City to move or adjust some of our water and wastewater lines; beautification items; Ingleside on the Bay scheduled to no longer be on the City's water system and thereby reducing our usage by approximately 300 homes; moving lines to accommodate new subdivisions; starting a sidewalk program; and a possible Live Oak Park expansion project. IISD Superintendent Mircovich questioned if the City does expand Live Oak Park with additional ball fields, if the City would be interested in selling the Little League Fields to the School District. Mr. Gray stated he would have to look and see if there are any deed restrictions.

Mr. Paul Baen questioned if the School District has a foundation that allows them to apply for grants. Mr. Mircovich stated they do not at this time; however, that has been discussed in the past.

**b) I.S.D. Facility Planning and Future Bond Programs**

IISD Superintendent Mircovich provided a brief overview of some of the items high on their priority list over the next few years: feasibility study for new 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade campuses; and the possibility for a bond election either November of 2015 or later. He asked that the City keep them informed of building activities so they know where the changes in traffic may occur when they are planning for possible new campuses.

**C. Other Potential Projects or Programs**

**a) Possibility of Immigrant Children**

IISD Superintendent Mircovich explained that if they get at least 20 students of a single different ethnicity in the same grade level, that they have to provide a bi-lingual teacher by new State laws. It is often difficult to find a certified bi-lingual teacher and especially during the middle of a school year. He asked the City to notify them if there are any indications of an influx of students occurring so the school can begin preparations. If the school does not comply, the State can restrict funding other programs until we are in compliance.

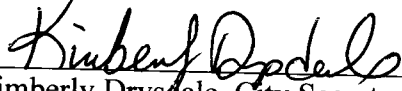
**b) Suggestions**


Council Member Pierce questioned if the School was considering the School Marshall Program. IISD Superintendent Mircovich stated he has discussed with administrators and the School Board. They feel like the Ingleside Police Department is close enough and provides a great response time so they don't feel it is necessary at this time.

**5. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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 Kimberly Drysdale, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**  
  
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 Mayor Pete Perkins