

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
OF  
INGLESIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
&  
CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2015**

**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 Priscilla Lopez Joyal, Christina Lamas Herrera, Joseph Jones, and Bobby Dendy. IISD Members absent were: Steven Snyder and Jim Snodgrass. IISD Staff present: Superintendent Troy Mircovich and Business Manager Charles Simmons. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Kevin Robbins, Steve Diehl, and Paul Pierce. Council Members absent: Council Members Oscar Adame and Dennis Knippa. City Staff present: City Manager, Jim Gray, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were 2 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. Finances**

**a) Report of City of Ingleside Finances**

City Manager Jim Gray provided an overview of the City's Finances and stated that City Council has proposed a tax rate of \$0.610/\$100 value which includes payments for a \$7,000,000 Certificate of Obligation Bond, 2% wage increase, and an increase in medical and retirement costs.

**b) IISD Funding and Process of Funding From the State And Feds**

IISD Business Manager Charles Simmons provided an overview of the School District's Finances and how the Federal and State Funding is calculated and restricted for use. Superintendent Troy Mircovich explained that an increase in student population helps; however, they calculate this by using the prior year's totals. Ingleside is one of the smallest districts in the State of Texas (only 9 square miles) and has the second lowest tax rate in the local area (Aransas Pass being less than a penny less than Ingleside's). Mr. Mircovich also provided the different options for the \$44,000,000 bonds that are being considered to be taken to the voters at the November 2015 election.

**B. Update of ongoing Projects**

**a) I.S.D. Instrumentation School**

Mr. Mircovich explained that the District is preparing students for both college and the direct workforce. Currently the IISD is providing welding courses and will begin offering Instrumentation courses this coming year; this is being sponsored by Flint Hills and Oxy. The first year it will only be offered to the Ingleside students and the following year it will be opened up to other School Districts to participate in the course.

**b) I.S.D. Continuation of One to One Learning (Kuno Tablets & Chrome Books)**

IISD currently uses Kuno Tablets instead of hard copy books and this has been helpful; however, these tablets are better for the younger students but the High School students need to use something closer to a lap in preparation for college and general workforce. So we have invested in Chrome Books for the High School Students, which will allow the younger students to have a Kuno Tablet at home and at school (thereby fewer accidents occurring in transport back and forth between home/school).

**c) State Highway 200, Industrial Corridor**

Mr. Gray explained that requested changes by TxDOT to Phase I (Environmental Phase) is being reviewed by TxDOT again and should be completed soon. Phase II is the ROW acquisition phase and we are working with TxDOT to make sure that is followed according to their standards. At this time TxDOT has committed \$4,000,000 to the construction of this project and Cheniere has committed at least \$2,000,000 and possibly as much as \$4,000,000 pending their negotiations with the City for a 380 Agreement.

**d) Annexation Plan**

The City has begun the Annexation process to annex Kiewit Offshore Services and Koch/Flint Hills that currently make up our Industrial District #'s 8 and 3 respectively. This will be completed by December 31, 2015 and thereby will provide additional ad valorem taxes for the year 2016 to be received in early 2017. Additional annexations of Oxy, Dupont, and AirLiquid will be considered when their Industrial District agreements are up for renewal.

**e) Comprehensive Master Plan**

Mr. Gray explained that the City has begun a process to provide a new Comprehensive Master Plan. This will consist of public meetings and input. The School Board will be invited to participate in these meetings. We hope to complete this in late 2015 or early 2016.

**C. Future Projects**

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

The City is currently seeking bids for a \$7,000,000 bond to do work on Street/Sidewalks, Drainage, and expansion of Live Oak Park. At this time we do not need a new Wastewater plant because the Industries coming into the area are not high wastewater users.

**b) Housing and Industrial Developments**

Mr. Gray explained there are a few single family residential areas (10-20 homes) being developed around town, but the main expansion is the two apartment complexes, which will have a total of approximately 400 units.

Industry that is developing within our city limits is Oxy Ingleside Energy Center, Cheniere, and Wildcat. Oxy is 99% complete on their Phase I (\$68,000,000 investment) and the plans are being reviewed by our engineers for their Phase II (\$165,000,000 investment). Cheniere paid \$55,000,000 for the remaining Welder property and they are planning to invest \$500,000,000. Two of the Wildcat properties currently have options to purchase on them and we are waiting to see what will happen with them.

**c) City Bond Projects**

Mr. Gray stated these projects are dependent upon whether the City accepts the bids for the \$7,000,000 bonds or not. He went into detail regarding the areas of town that need more drainage work completed. The staff is seeking direction from City Council and IISD regarding Sidewalks/Street areas that need improvements and/or to be built. The expansion of Live Oak Park will include the purchase of some land and then begin the process to build four ball fields and other amenities.

**d) Shared Land Interest**

As the City looks to build a new City Hall (to include the Building Department, Library, and maybe the Police Department and meeting areas) at N.O. Simmons Park, the existing buildings and land that also includes the existing Little League Fields, Swimming Pool, and Garden Center may be obsolete. With that being considered, the School District is interested in the land to expand their facilities. Mr. Mircovich stated the School is also interested in considering a joint venture auditorium or the School to use for their events and the City to rent out for use by the public.

**e) I.S.D. Bond Program**

Mr. Mircovich explained that on August 24, 2015 that the School Board will be holding a Special Meeting to consider a Special Election (November 2015) for a \$44,000,000 bond to build a new High School and bus drop off areas for both the Jr. High and Blaschke/Sheldon campuses.

**f) I.S.D. Education Foundation**

IISD has started an Education Foundation, which is a 501.c.3 and will allow the School to receive grants for projects.

**g) I.S.D. Vocational Transfer Students**

Currently IISD transports over 100 students to Aransas Pass for Health Science, Criminal Justice, and ROTC. Rockport offers Culinary classes, Gregory/Portland offers Process in Technology and they bring students for Welding.

Additionally, about 75 or more students transfer into our district for full time student status. These transfers help increase our numbers to keep funding local. As long as a student maintains good grades, passes the required State testing, doesn't have discipline issues, and there is classroom availability; we encourage transfers.

**D. Partnerships****a) I.S.D. Tennis Courts, Parking Lot, Storage Usage**

Mr. Mircovich stated that the use of the Tennis Courts at Live Oak Park for the students has helped the School and the students and they appreciate the use of these facilities. The School recently replaced the netting again for this school year.

**b) I.S.D. Graduation conflict with Little League**

When the City negotiates the contract with the Ingleside Little League for the upcoming year, IISD requests that the City include something about the Saturday graduation ceremonies. This last year the Little League had their opening games/events the same day and there were parking and traffic issues along Filberto Villa Drive.

**c) Other Potential Projects or Programs**

There were a few questions about the Live Oak Park expansion project and Mr. Gray explained this will have to be completed in stages and besides grant funds, we are also seeking industry assistance.

**E. Leadership Changes**

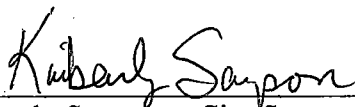
Mr. Mircovich provided an overview of the changes in Principals at the various campuses.

Both the City and School acknowledged either other's new Council and Board Members.

**5. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Mayor Pete Perkins