

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF KAUFMAN
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009 — 6:00 P.M.
El Mexicano Taqueria, (the Blue House)
1500 S. Washington Street
Kaufman, Texas**

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

MAYOR	WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR PRO-TEM	BARRY RATCLIFFE
COUNCILMEMBER	GIL ALTOM JR.
COUNCILMEMBER	STEVE COOPER
COUNCILMEMBER	JEFF COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLES GILLENWATER
COUNCILMEMBER	KENNETH MUNDEN

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Fortner called the Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. All City Councilmembers were present. Mayor Fortner declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and ACM/City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

Kaufman Chamber of Commerce members present were Ann Glasscock, Yvonne Floyd, Lee Ayres, Steve Robertson, Terri Shatter, Jerry Groom, James Kendall, Michelle Sjerven, Julie Tijerina and Kenneth Mathis.

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Groom

NOTE: A Work Session is used to explore matters of interest to one or more City Council Members or the City Manager for the purpose of giving staff direction into whether or not such matters should be placed on a future regular or special meeting of the Council for citizens input, City Council deliberation and formal City action. At a work session, the City Council generally receives informal and preliminary reports and information from City staff, officials, members of City committees, and the individual or organization proposing council action, if invited by City Council or City Manager to participate in the session. Participation by individuals and members of organizations invited to speak ceases when the Mayor announces the session is being closed to public input. Although Work Sessions are public meetings, and citizens have a legal right to attend, they are not public hearings, so citizens are not allowed to participate in the session unless invited to do so by the Mayor. Any citizen may supply to the City Council, prior to the beginning of the session, a written report regarding the citizen's opinion on the matter being explored. Should the Council direct the matter be placed on a regular meeting agenda, the staff will generally prepare a final report defining the proposed action, which will be made available to all citizens prior to

the regular meeting at which citizen input is sought. The purpose of this procedure is to allow citizens attending the regular meeting the opportunity to hear the views of their fellow citizens without having to attend two meetings.

1. Consider a discussion with the Kaufman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors regarding the following topics:

- A. Update on Tourism.

Chamber of Commerce Director Anne Glasscock gave an update on the upcoming Scarecrow Festival. It will be held October 24, 2009. She reported on items that will be improved for this year from last year.

Lee Ayres, Chamber member, reported on the Veteran's Wall event to be held on November 7th. It will be the grand opening of the Veteran's Wall permanently placed in Kaufman. They discussed how many people it will bring into Kaufman and what events that will be held.

- B. Update on Highway 34 Realignment.

City Manager Curtis Snow gave an updated report on the events of Highway 34 Realignment that has occurred in the recent months. He reported that the Council supported a Resolution to fund part of the roadway in the amount of \$3.5 million. He also informed them of a recent stimulus grant that the City would be applying for in the amount of \$34 million for the Highway 34 realignment.

- C. Update on Wellness Center

City Manager Curtis Snow reported that this project is on hold for now. He reported that the Pickens Foundation was not giving out funds until the economy gets better. This project is on delay for another year. The City will pursue it after the first of next year.

- D. Kaufman a Designation of a Certified Retirement Community.

Julie Tijerina, Chamber member, gave a history of what a Certified Retirement Community is about. The City will make application to the Texas Department of Agriculture to become a Certified Retirement Community. If approved, the City would be eligible for 5 years of marketing. This could draw development to our community. The Chamber will be asking the City to fund one half of the application fee in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mayor Fortner encouraged the Chamber and Council to make an effort to get information out to the citizens to buy local and what the city has to offer through the businesses and the hospital.

Steve Robertson, Chamber of Commerce President reported that the Chamber goal has been to promote shopping in Kaufman.

Councilmember Altom reported that the City image is that we are open for business and the City is willing to work with the businesses, citizens, and customers.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JO ANN TALBOT
CITY SECRETARY**