

THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

The Town Council met in a special meeting with the following members present:

Tom Hayden	Mayor
Kendra Stephenson	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Wise	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Bryan Webb	Councilmember Place 2
Steve Dixon	Councilmember Place 4
Jean Levenick	Councilmember Place 5

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott	Town Secretary
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager

A. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hayden called the special meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Jimmy Stathatos gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Hayden led the pledges.

D. SPECIAL MEETING ITEM

1. Discuss and consider Resolution regarding Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) school attendance zone boundary adjustments, and all matters incident and related thereto.

Mayor Hayden commented the Resolution is lengthy so it won't be recited in its entirety.

Councilmember Levenick pointed out the Resolution is available on line for residents to review.

Councilmember Webb stated that what we are looking at today is necessary because when an issue arises that concerns the residents of Flower Mound to the extent that this has, as elected officials of the Town of Flower, and in addition to being residents of LISD, they are residents of Flower Mound, and that does fall within our purview to have a thought and opinion on it. We have a vested interest in the success of our schools. If neighborhoods are the backbone of our Town, then schools that serve these neighborhoods are the lifeblood that keep us strong. Most of us moved here because of the schools and the quality of education our children would receive. Collectively, our kids,

the parents, teachers, campus support staff, administrators, and trustees, have delivered on this promise. It has taken hard work, a sense of community, a willingness to listen and the ability to work together to make the promise real. This Resolution does not tell LISD what to do – it shouldn't. The Resolution offers ideas and suggestions that came from our residents. The Resolution only adds an additional voice to the voice of our residents. Anyone who infers this Resolution to be an insult to LISD or the volunteers who have been serving on their committee would be wrong. I respect everyone who has been working hard on this. I also appreciate the efforts to include parents in the process. My understanding is this is new for LISD and in prior rezonings this has been done administratively and then coming forward to the trustees. Some questioned the specific process used and perhaps their questions have validity. Maybe they are right, but I would offer LISD the encouragement to not only improve on what can be done better, but continue to embrace the goals of being open, inclusive, and transparent. As stated previously the rezoning decision responsibility rest with LISD trustees. It is my responsibility to provide an additional voice to the thoughts and ideas of the residents of Flower Mound and that is what I hope my actions today will do. It is also my hope that the school district will hear the thoughts and ideas of the Flower Mound parents and residents and consider what they have offered and find a way to incorporate their ideas into the ultimate decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Stephenson reiterated this is not something against the committee members. That committee worked very hard and did what it was asked to do, was given a very narrowly defined task and a very limited set of data to perform it with. Our community has multiple layers of elected officials, including our county, state, constables, federal, and yes, even LISD. On a regular basis Flower Mound interfaces with each one of those elected bodies and gives them feedback and input from our residents on actions they may be contemplating taking. This Resolution is a set of very formalized feedback that we are giving to LISD collected from our residents and Council members. This is something that is not unusual for the Town Council. We do this on a regular basis. The last time we went to such a length was related to gas drilling and the last legislative session. The one thing I would caution those listening about is if you have questions or concerns about data that was used by the committee, data was shared by the Town with the committee, or LISD, please ask one of the committee members or one of the elected officials, or someone from LISD, or our Town staff directly. There is enough reason for concern from parents without inventing some. I received a phone call today about a rumor that was on Facebook that Garden Ridge could possibly, and all of this be rezoned to the 8th and 9th grade campus that is on 3040 and then into Lewisville High School. One simple phone call to the LISD administration office would have taken that concern off the table. So please when you read these things on Facebook or some of the newspaper comments, make sure that you call and verify because it is easy to misunderstand a statement that has been made. So I want everyone to know that this Resolution is something that we view in support of LISD. We are not

telling people not to rezone, we're just making sure we are asking them to consider a bunch of factors that they didn't include the first time around.

Councilmember Levenick stated whether or not rezoning the Flower Mound High School (feeder schools) is needed now or in the future, or in the next few years, we need to understand that the boundary committee has been charged with that job to decide that, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the LISD Board of Trustees. However, if we approve this Resolution tonight, we are asking LISD to take a step back, continue to gather pertinent information, accept that there are many valid resident concerns that may or may not have been addressed and restart the process. LISD chose to use residents to make the recommendations regarding the possible rezoning and it has divided the community. If approved, I urge LISD Board of Trustees to accept this Resolution from the Town of Flower Mound and its residents.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wise stated in addition to what has been said, I want to make sure everyone understands, I don't think this Resolution indicates that any particular school or staff is good or bad. We are very lucky to live in a school district where many of them are considered exemplary. I just want to make sure that everyone understands that and this Resolution does not reflect poorly on the staff's hard work, their dedication to our kids, and their dedication to the school district. I just think we need to keep that in mind on what goes through with the school district. I am very much in favor of this Resolution. I think that the school district needs to take everyone's concerns across the board for all the reasons that have come up and I'm not certain that they have done that so that's why I am going to be voting for it.

Councilmember Dixon stated having a question for staff in that the Resolution that is in front of us tonight that we are about to vote on is the same Resolution that has been posted in the packet with no changes.

Mr. Stathatos confirmed that is correct, it is the same one posted on line.

Mayor Hayden stated he would like to look at this from a broader perspective. One of the things that is happening with our Town is we are becoming a more mature community from the standpoint that a decade ago we had housing starts that were almost 2,000 a year and now we are a tenth of that. It's an interesting period as kids are going through the school system and as they go off to college parents are staying in their homes. In older neighborhoods there is a declining population and if you look to the west of Flower Mound (Bridlewood, Wellington), you're going to have similar things happen a decade from now. Because I know my kids are in middle school and when they go to college I don't see myself moving. It's going to be a challenge that we will all have to address. What this Resolution represents is what our residents have said – these are things that we would like LISD to consider. So this is us trying to make a statement that these are comments and concerns that our residents have said and we as a Town, need to look at what we can do. I got an email today that said why you feel the need to sell

Forestwood. I feel the need to sell my Town. Every time I do something – whether it's for businesses, for communities that come here, we constantly have to promote our Town. We have to promote that we have exemplary schools and we have to promote that when people are considering communities that they look at the areas and that they want to go to this school because it is an exemplary school. It's going to be an ongoing challenge. This isn't something that once this rezoning happens probably in another four or five years you'll be looking at other rezoning. It's a challenge as a Town we'll have to address. Nobody wants to do anything that is not in the best interest of everybody in our Town. It's sad that we look at things in a way that we are starting to pit one community against another. We have to look at how this impacts our Town as a whole and what's right for everyone as a whole. It's a big issue. I would also encourage what others have said. If you have questions or comments, ultimately the decision making body is LISD. You need to communicate your concerns. As I mentioned in something I wrote, it's hard for us to separate the two because the reason people do come to Flower Mound is because of the school system, but ultimately LISD makes the decision. We just need to do what we can to promote our Town and to hopefully grow and be prosperous.

Councilmember Levenick moved to approve the Resolution as written. Mayor Pro Tem Stephenson seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS, AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO DETAILED RESEARCH AND FACTFINDING BY THE LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF ANY NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES IN FLOWER MOUND; FINDING THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND THATTHE LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ANY NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES AFTER SUCH DETAILED RESEARCH AND FACTFINDING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROCESS; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Wise, Dixon, Stephenson, Levenick, Webb

NAYS: None

E. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

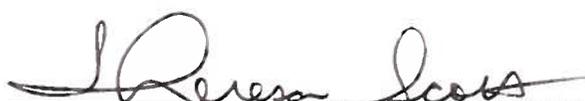
Mayor Hayden adjourned the special meeting at 5:31 p.m. on February 8, 2013, and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS



THOMAS E. HAYDEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY

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