

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING WITH
KAUFMAN CITY COUNCIL AND KAUFMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007 — 6:00 P.M.
1000 S. HOUSTON
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142**

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

MAYOR	WILLIAM FORTNER
COUNCILMEMBER	GIL ALTOM JR.
COUNCILMEMBER	JEFF COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLES GILLENWATER
COUNCILMEMBER	BARRY RATCLIFFE
COUNCILMEMBER	VON CARL THOMAS

INVOCATION: Superintendent Todd Williams

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Fortner called the Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Councilmembers present were William Fortner, Von Carl Thomas, Gil Altom Jr, Jeff Council and Charles Gillenwater. Councilmember Ratcliffe was absent. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

Board President Byron Gregg called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:47 pm and declared a quorum present.

KISD Board members present: Byron Gregg, Bettye Mayfield, Britt Murrey, Chip Langston, and Steve Rhodes. Greg Stoy and John Zaby were absent.

School officials present: Todd Williams, Blake Cooper, Kathy Covington, W. T. Shaw, Garland Willis, Marsha Johnson and Paulette Murrah

1. Discuss strategies to alleviate traffic congestion at 175 and Washington in the morning and when school lets out.

Several strategies were discussed, including staggering start and end times for the schools to work with TXDOT to make the service roads one way and adding traffic lights in the future. To help alleviate the problem now, it was decided that Mr. Snow will meet with Chief James Michael Smith to coordinate with the Kaufman ISD Police Department to schedule one police officer from each department to help direct traffic in this area each morning and afternoon.

2. Discuss closing First Street between Madison and Dallas for ISD use.

Over the past few years, the school district has purchased several houses and land around the Monday Primary School as it has come available. At sometime in the future, the school district would like for the city to close First Street between Madison and Dallas to traffic to help with two problems at the school. One being more play area for the students and to help with the traffic flow. Mr. Snow stated the city will consider a resolution to allow for the closing of First Street at such time that this is feasible. Public hearings will be held before any action by the city.

Garland Willis explained the congestion problem of buses and cars picking up students on Dallas and Madison and buses turning into the lanes with parked cars. The city will look at ending the one way on these streets at Second Street to allow buses to turn back in the opposite direction.

3. Discuss co-use of school playgrounds for use as public parks after school and weekends.

Mayor Fortner stated that the city was in need of park areas for the community. He asked if it was feasible for any of the schools to allow their play areas to be used by the community after school hours. After discussion of each campus area because of security and safety issues, it was determined that only Lucille Nash Intermediate School could be considered at this time.

An interlocal agreement will need to be worked out to keep schools from being held liable in the event of any issues resulting from this use by the community.

4. Discuss including public parks when designing future campuses.

The school district agreed that in the future this will be taken into consideration when developing any new campuses.

5. Other business.

- a. Hwy. 34 Bypass – City and School Board will aggressively work with state to make this come to pass as soon as possible. Funding available to pursue when all right-of-way issues can be worked out. Mr. Snow stated this project could be completed in the next 5-8 years.
- b. Mayor Fortner stated that the city and schools needed more sidewalks so children can walk or ride their bicycles to school.

- c. Both entities agreed to meet again when needed.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business before the Board and City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JO ANN TALBOT
CITY SECRETARY**