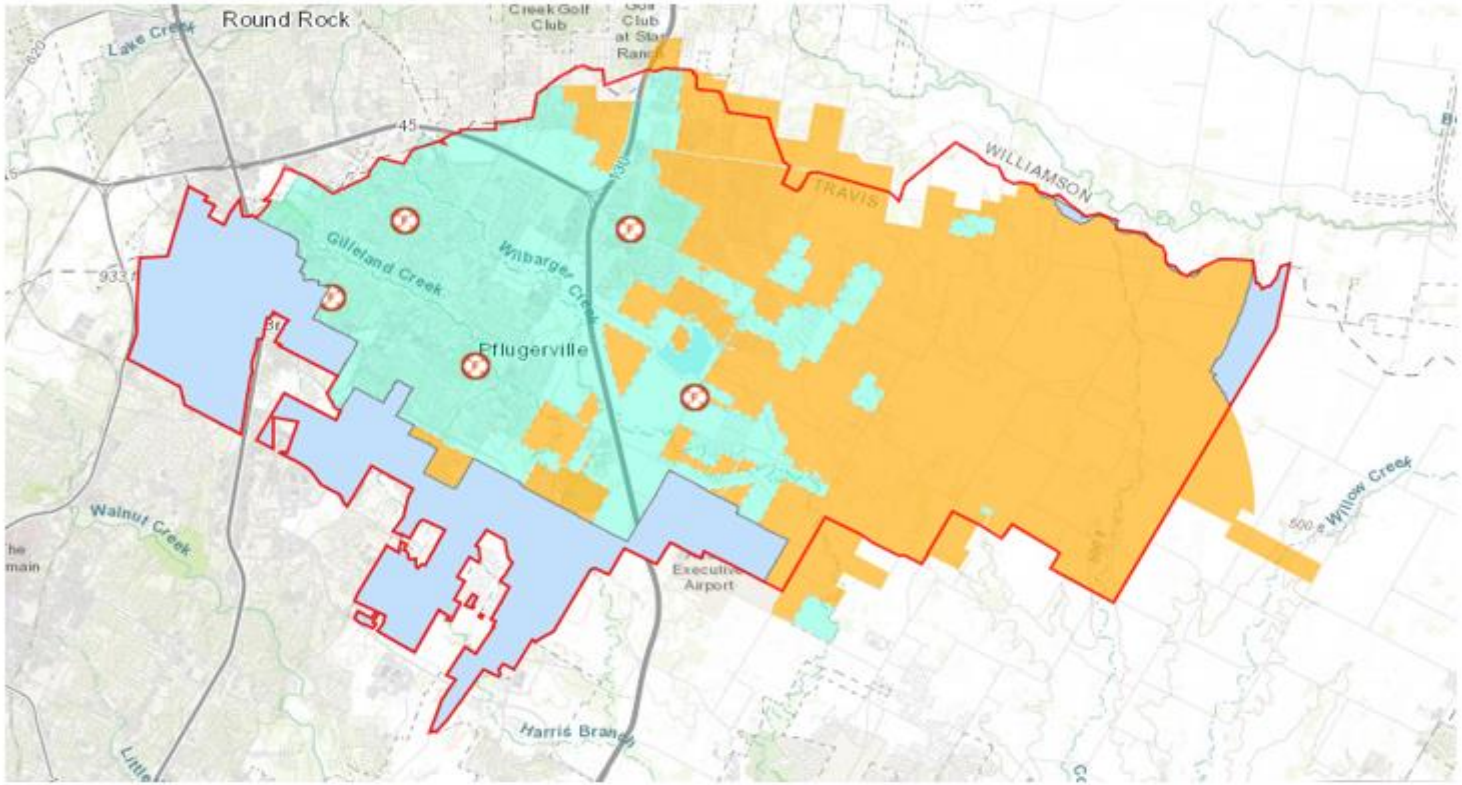
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Supreme Court Denies Mandamus

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RE: Case No. 21-0768 DATE: 9/9/2021
COA #: 03-21-00443-CV TC#: D-1-GN-21-003845
STYLE: IN RE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE

Today the Supreme Court of Texas denied the petition for writ of mandamus in the above-referenced case.

Third Court Denies Mandamus

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

NO. 03-21-00443-CV

In re City of Pflugerville, Texas; David Rogers; Scott Johnson; and Lee Hill

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM TRAVIS COUNTY

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The petition for writ of mandamus is denied. See Tex. R. App. P. 52.8(a).

Thomas J. Baker, Justice

Before Chief Justice Byrne, Justices Baker and Smith

Filed: September 8, 2021

Judge Soifer Denies TRO

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-21-003845

DAVID ROGERS, SCOTT JOHNSON, AND CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS,	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
Plaintiffs,	§	
v.	§	**200th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17, COMMISSIONERS MIKE HOWE, MITCHELL JONES, and VICKY LINSALATA, in their official capacities only	§	
Defendants.	§	**TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER

Came before me on the 12th day of August, 2021, Plaintiffs' application for a temporary restraining order. All parties appeared by and through their attorneys of record and presented arguments before the Court. Having reviewed the pleadings on file and heard the arguments of counsel, the Court at the hearing DENIED the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiffs' application for a temporary restraining order is DENIED.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2021.

HONORABLE JAN SOIFER
JUDGE PRESIDING

Disenfranchising Voters

- Political, not legal issues
- Plaintiffs believe issues are "confusing" to voters
- City Council wants to substitute its will for that of the voters
- City can make its arguments to the voters

Q. "Is the City legally obligated to provide EMS services to the – to it's citizens?

A. Not required by the charter or the State, no."

Fletcher Depo., 44:21-25

City Has No Faith in Voters

A. "I believe it's common knowledge in the community among many that there is a certain level of – of research and due diligence being undertaken by the City, and that holding this election in the middle of – of this process without full conclusion and—and clarity on the matters **creates voter confusion about what they're being proposed to – to vote in support of or not.**"

Fletcher Depo., 16:2-8

Q. "All right. So you believe that the voters are – will be confused in terms of choosing whether the City or ESD 17 provides its services?

…

A. I believe that's what I was stating, yes."

Fletcher Depo., 17:7-9; 14

City Has No Faith in Voters

Q. "Right. And so why can't you just educate voters that you believe ESD 17 – that – excuse me – that you believe advocates for this proposal are being dishonest?

A. That's a complicated issue, and it involves a lot of math."

Rogers Depo., 38:6-11

Q. "All right. And do you think the voters can't understand complicated issues?

A. I think -- very few -- I think there is a very small number of people in the United States or anywhere else in the world that can understand complicated, long-term financial projections; and moreover, of the people who can understand those long-term complicated financial projections, there is an even smaller percentage that believe that they're actually accurate."

Rogers Depo., 38:12- 22

City Has No Faith in Voters

Q. "Okay. So, the answer to my question is, yes, that you believe that these issues are so complicated that the voters can't make their own decision?"

…

Q. "All right. Well, I'm asking you if it's true.
A. I think that there are some voters who are capable of understanding these issues."

Q. "And so do those voters, should they be allowed to vote?
A. Well – the way we do things in America, is that you get to vote on things whether you understand them or not."

Q. "Exactly. Exactly."

Rogers Depo., 38:23-25; 39:9-15

City Has No Faith in Voters

Q. "And you can certainly educate the voters on these complicated issues, couldn't you?

A. The average human being spends less than five minutes a day on politics. That is a very rational decision. Because most of the time whatever politicians are doing doesn't have a direct impact on your day-to-day life. And the things that have a direct impact didn't happen today, because today was the wrong day to spend five minutes understanding. So I think it is very unlikely that I, as an individual, would be able to educate 25,000 voters about the nuances of this very complex issue."

Q. "Well, you might not be able to, but the City could, couldn't it?

A. I think you've vastly overestimated the ability of the City to educate people."

Rogers Depo., 40:4-20

Political Not Legal Issues

Q. "…Why can't the voters just make the choice themselves?
A. I don't have an answer to that question. That's what the policy body of the City of Pflugerville is evaluating, who are elected to do so."

Fletcher Depo., 19:21-25, 20:1

A: "…The – the irreparable harm is that we're taking – we're undertaking the study, and it undercuts the opportunity for the policymakers to review and evaluate and make the best decision or recommendations and consider the – those options to provide EMS services on the citizen's behalf."

Fletcher Depo., 24:8-12

Q. "But you could make those objections and make that case to the voters during the election, right?
A. Sure, sure."

Fletcher Depo., 23:23-25

Temporary Injunction Standard

- Probable right to requested relief
- Probable, imminent, irreparable injury
- Extraordinary remedy
- Balancing of equities

No Probable Right to Requested Relief

- Courts lack authority to stop or interfere in elections
- Separation of powers principles mandate judicial deference
- Established rule against judicial interference covers the whole election, including every step and proceeding necessary to its completion, and whether or not the election is contrary to law.

City of Dallas v. Dallas Consol. Elec. St. Ry. Co.,
148 S.W.2d 292, 294 (Tex. 1912)

Plaintiffs Want Court to Stop Election

Q. "... So you're asking the Court then to consider the facts and then to stop the election from proceeding, correct?
A. That's correct."

Fletcher Depo., 8:16-19

Q. "… are you still aware of the fact that ESD 17 has forwarded the required information to put this – to put these elections on the ballot for ESD 17. Are you aware that that has happened?
A. I am aware that the deadlines to order the election for November have passed."

Fletcher Depo., 9:1-6

A. "I believe that unless the Court intervenes, the election will be held."

Fletcher Depo., 15:18-19

Plaintiffs Want Court to Stop Election

Q. "Are you asking the Court to stop this election from happening?
A. Yes."

Rogers Depo., 62:4-6

Q. "Are you asking the judge to stop the election from going forward?
A. I am asking the judge to stop the election for residents of Pflugerville and the ETJ, yes."

Johnson Depo., 24:13-17

Legislative Intent

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 42.042

§ 42.042. Creation of Political Subdivision to Supply Water or Sewer Services, Roadways, or Drainage Facilities in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

Effective: September 1, 2019
Currentness

(a) A political subdivision, one purpose of which is to supply fresh water for domestic or commercial use or to furnish sanitary sewer services, roadways, or drainage, may not be created in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality unless the governing body of the municipality gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution in accordance with this subsection and the Water Code. In giving its consent, the municipality may not place any conditions or other restrictions on the creation of the political subdivision other than those expressly permitted by Sections 54.016(e) and (i), Water Code.

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 42.0425

§ 42.0425. Addition of Land in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Municipality to Certain Political Subdivisions

Effective: June 15, 2007
Currentness

(a) A political subdivision, one purpose of which is to supply fresh water for domestic or commercial use or to furnish sanitary sewer services, roadways, or drainage, may not add land that is located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality unless the governing body of the municipality gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution in accordance with this section and the Water Code. In giving its consent, the municipality may not place any conditions or other restrictions on the expansion of the political subdivision other than those expressly permitted by Section 54.016(e), Water Code.

Creation vs. Expansion

§775.014. Creation of District That Includes Municipal Territory

V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 775.014

§ 775.014. Creation of District That Includes Municipal Territory

Effective: September 1, 2011
Currentness

(a) Before a district may be created that contains territory in a municipality's limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, a written request to be included in the district must be presented to the municipality's governing body after the petition is filed under Section 775.015. Except as provided by Subsection (c), that territory may not be included in the district unless the municipality's governing body gives its written consent on or before the 60th day after the date on which the municipality receives the request.

(b) If the municipality's governing body does not consent to inclusion within the 60-day period prescribed by Subsection (a), a majority of the qualified voters of the territory in the municipality's limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction may petition the governing body to make fire control and emergency medical services available. The petition must be submitted to the governing body not later than the 90th day after the date prescribed by Subsection (a).

(c) Not later than the 30th day after the petition requesting fire protection and emergency medical services is submitted under Subsection (b) is received, the governing body shall call an election in the territory that is the subject of the petition to be included

That territory may not be included in the district unless the municipality's governing body gives its written consent on or before the 60th after the date on which the municipality receives the request.

Creation vs. Expansion

§775.051. Expansion of District Territory

…voters who own taxable real property...may file a petition…requesting the inclusion of the territory in the district…signed by at last 50 qualified voters

V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 775.051

§ 775.051. Expansion of District Territory

Currentness

…xable real property in a defined territory that is not included in a district may file a petition …ard requesting the inclusion of the territory in the district. The petition must be signed by at least 50 …own taxable real property in the territory or a majority of those voters, whichever is less.

(b) The board by order shall set a time and place to hold a hearing on the petition to include the territory in the district. The hearing may be held not earlier than the 31st day after the date on which the board issues the order.

…shall set a time and place to hold a hearing

(c) The secretary of the board shall give notice of the hearing. The notice must contain the time and place for t… a description of the territory proposed to be annexed into the district.

…shall give notice of the hearing.

(d) The secretary shall:

(1) post copies of the notice in three public places in the district and one public place in the territory proposed to be annexed into the district for at least 15 days before the date of the hearing; and

…post copies of the notice in three public places and newspaper

…ot later than the 16th day before the date on which the hearing will be held, publish the notice once in a newspaper of …culation in the county.

…the board finds that annexation…would be feasible and would benefit the district, the board may approve the annexation by resolution…

… after the hearing the board finds that annexation of the territory into the district would be feasible and would benefit the …ct, the board may approve the annexation by a resolution entered in its minutes. The board is not required to include all of …rritory described in the petition if the board finds that a change is necessary or desirable.

…nexation of territory is final when approved by a majority of the voters at an election held in the district and by a majorit… …e voters at a separate election held in the territory to be annexed. If the district has outstanding debts or taxes, the vot… …he election to approve the annexation must also determine if the annexed territory will assume its proportion of the … or taxes if added to the district.

Annexation… is final when approved by the majority of the voters at an election held in the district and by a majority of the voters…

Annexation Does Not Require Consent

Q."… And I'm asking you, City, does the law require consent from the City for ESD to annex territory?

A. I don't believe so."

Fletcher Depo., 68:22-25

775.051 Is Not Unconstitutional

- Statutory interpretation question

- Not constitutional one

Q. "…we then agreed that the judge has the authority to have a different interpretation of the statute than you do?"
A. Certainly…."

Q. "…And so what we're talking about is a statutory interpretation, you -- you have one, the city has one, the judge could have a different one, correct?
A. Sure. And you have one, and the judge could be different from all three of us."

Rogers Depo., 76:9-13

No imminent harm

- Harm at the time lawsuit was filed
- Must not be contingent or remote

  Waco Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Gibson, 22 S.W.3d 849, 851-852 (Tex. 2000)

- Must not be "speculative, hypothetical, [and] contingent"

  Coalson v. City Council, 610 S.W.2d 744 (Tex. 1980)

- Plaintiffs do not/cannot allege that any of them are incurring any expense to effectuate the election

No injury to Plaintiffs if voters vote NO on proposals

Deputy City Manager's Affidavit

If the injunctive relief requested
Texas because:

(1) if the ESD No. 17 holds its
appointed, they may take a
for August 16, 2021 withou
(2) should the August 16, 2021
a five-member appointed
election and the City's terri
(3) the City has undertaken
provision of ALS and emerg
the "Fire & EMS Assessmer
Triton;
(4) should the order of elec
territory would be inclu
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(5) should the order of
territory be include
regulate for the provisio
interfere with the provision

(4) should the order of election occur and…expansion pass, the City's territory would be included in the ESD No. 17 …

(5) should the order of election occur, …expansion pass and the City's territory be included in ESD No. 17, the City would not be able to set policies and regulate for the provisions of emergency medical services to its residents and it would interfere with the provision of those services the City is actively planning.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 11 day of August, 2021

TRISTA KATHRYN EVANS
Notary Public, State of Texas
Notary ID# 13113876-7
My Commission Expires
MAY 22, 2025

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

City's Testimony: Harm

Q. "So the only harm to the City then is -- is the fact that the election is going forward?

A. The immediate harm is that the -- the planning is still going on, and -- and the full optionality hasn't been fully vetted and presented to the community at this time."

Fletcher Depo., 30:17-22

City's Testimony: Harm

A. "And the irreparable harm is that – and imminent harm is that if ESD 17 election is allowed to go forward and is successful, it precludes the – the good – and evaluation is taking place and the – the moment in time in which the City of Pflugerville has an opportunity to evaluate how emergency services are – are provided within the community, and – and deemed if one option is better than the other, and one of those options – any of the options are still on the table pending the evaluation study. And the timing of this election poses that imminent harm."

Fletcher Depo., 22:19-25, 23:1-3

City's Testimony: Harm

Q. "If the citizens vote no, what harm does the City have?

A. Perhaps there's less immediate harm if the outcome is – is – if the outcome of the election is negative on the question, but the – the – the consideration is that the election was ordered without the proper circumstances in place. And creating uncertainty with that."

Fletcher Depo., 28:7-14

A. "I don't – I don't perceive there's as much harm, but the election, it would – it would just – if the election outcome isn't successful, it continues to afford the opportunity for the City to seek the best solution on behalf of its residents and the City and its ETJ."

Fletcher Depo., 28:18-22

Rogers' Declaration

If the injunctive relief requested is not granted,
: City limits and ETJ because:

(1) if the August 12, 2021 ESD No. 17 holds
and without a five member appointed Boa
petitions and the public hearing set for
appointed Board;
(2) should the public hearing on the expansion
that would lead to the expenditure of nonr
(3) if the order of election were to occur and
territory would be included in the ESD No. 1
(4) if the City's territory is included in the ESD N
and taxpayers in the City's
territory would be subject to the taxes for ESD
. 17 which has been authorized up
to $0.10 per $100 of property value and the imposition of additional sales tax."

(3) if the order of election were to occur and …expansion pass, the City's territory would be included in the ESD No. 17 and subject to ESD No. 17 tax;

(4) if the City's territory is included in the ESD No. 17, I and taxpayers in the City's territory would be subject to the taxes… .

Executed in Travis County, State of Texas, on September 22, 2020.

/s/ David Rogers

David Rogers, Declarant

Rogers' Testimony: Harm

Q. "…would you agree that you have not suffered harm there, that you are saying if something happens, then you'll be harmed?

A. If the -- if the order of election were to occur and the measure passed the City would be included in the ESD the subject to the ESD Number two tax, that has not happened yet. And that harm has -- that particular harm has not happened yet."

Rogers Depo., 42:18-25

Rogers' Testimony: Harm

"…if the voters vote no, then they did that because they had to insert effort to prevent their rights from being tramped."

Rogers Depo., 44:3-5

" … if I have to fight this, because ESD 17 is attempting to illegally annex me, then I have been harmed because now I have to put forward that effort to prevent them from harming me."

Rogers Depo., 44:11-14

"If the City's territory is included the ESD 17, then I will be harmed. And I will be harmed because of the actions of ESD 17. That's a but for causation problem."

Rogers Depo., 43:20-23

Rogers' Testimony: Harm

"I will be subject to taxation without representation. I will be subject to the whims of a government for which I cannot ever vote. I will be subject to taxation – illegal taxation, which cannot be recovered once it is expended under Texas law."

Rogers Depo., 17:15-19

"I have then been forced to contest an illegal election. So, no, there is definitely harm. There is effort put forth, even if the effort is as simple as going to the ballot box and checking no, that is response to an illegal action. It is perhaps less harm than it would be if the voters were somehow persuaded to allow ESD's tentacles into Pflugerville."

Rogers Depo., 18:5-11

Johnson's Testimony: Harm

Q. "So all of this is conditional on the voters voting "yes" on being included in ESD 17, correct?"

Johnson Depo., 19:24 – 20:1

Q. "But you would agree that any harm related to you having to pay taxes to ESD 17 is something that could happen in the future, right?
A. I do agree with that statement."

Johnson Depo., 20:14-18

Q. "Yeah. I mean, you're speculating that you'll pay taxes if the election passes, correct?
A. That is correct."

Johnson Depo., 20:19-23

Johnson's Testimony: Harm

Q. "So are you asking the judge to stop the election from going forward?
A. I'm asking the judge to stop the election for residents of Pflugerville and the ETJ, yes."

Johnson Depo., 24:13-17

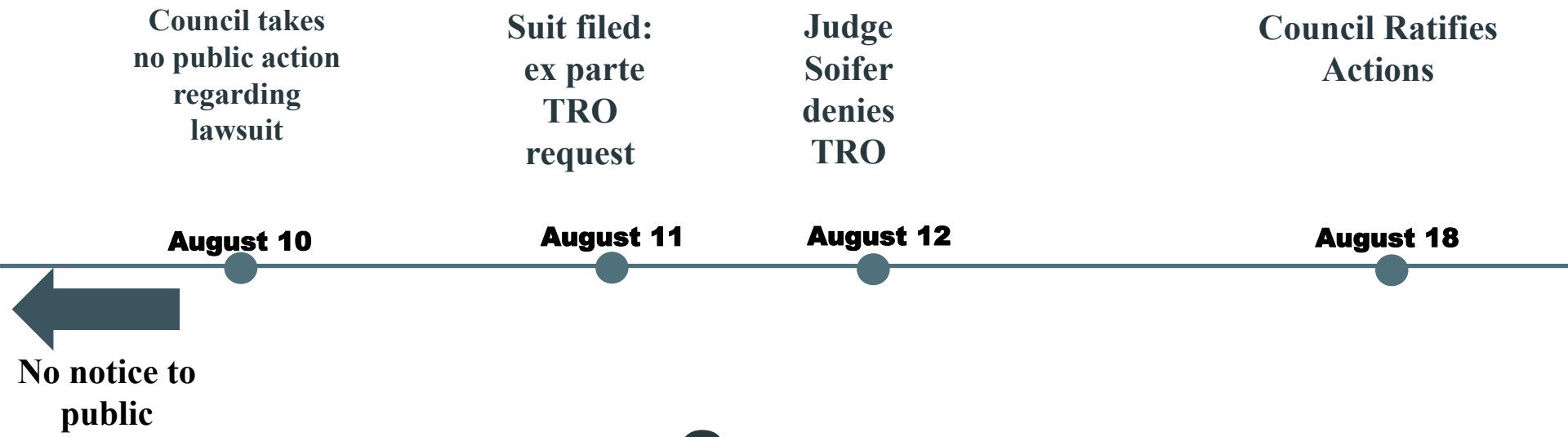
Q. "Okay. And so you might interpret a statute one way, and a judge might interpret it another way, correct?
A. Yes."

Johnson Depo., 31:17-21

"Illegal Activity" Claims are Meritless

- ESD 17 Board can act with three Commissioners instead of five
- ESD 17 has existed since May 2021
- A governmental entity has authority to act through a majority of its members "*fixed by statute.*" TEX. GOV'T CODE § 311.013 (emphasis added). Three is a majority of five

City Violated Open Meetings Act



Open Meetings Violation

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No Notice to Public

Q. "If at no time prior to August 11th is there any action that's reflected in the agendas or the meeting minutes prior to the 11th that the City Council approved the litigation, the public would not know that the City Council approved the litigation, correct?

A. Correct."

Fletcher Depo., 62:23-25, 63:1-2

No Notice to Public

Q. "All right. So my question is when, prior to the actual filing of this suit, did the City Council approve the filing of this suit?
Q. Is the answer I do not know?
A. The answer is I – I do not know."

Fletcher Depo., 58:11-15

Q. "Okay. So would it be the standard practice for the City to reference in the meeting minutes that a decision was made to file a lawsuit?
A. If a vote was – votes cannot be taken in executive session, so if – if there was a need to take affirmative action resulting from an executive session discussion, that would be reflected in the minutes."

Fletcher Depo., 59:20-25; 60:1-2

"Ratification" of Actions

Q. "My question is, I'm just trying to pin down why the City felt the need to ratify this action. And I've asked you why it wasn't done before the suit was filed. And what you've told me is you can't comment about things that are from your lawyer and executive session and I understand that. I'm not asking you about that.
Other than those communications, is there any other reason the City didn't post it before the suit was filed?

A. There is no other reason."

Fletcher Depo., 85:8-16

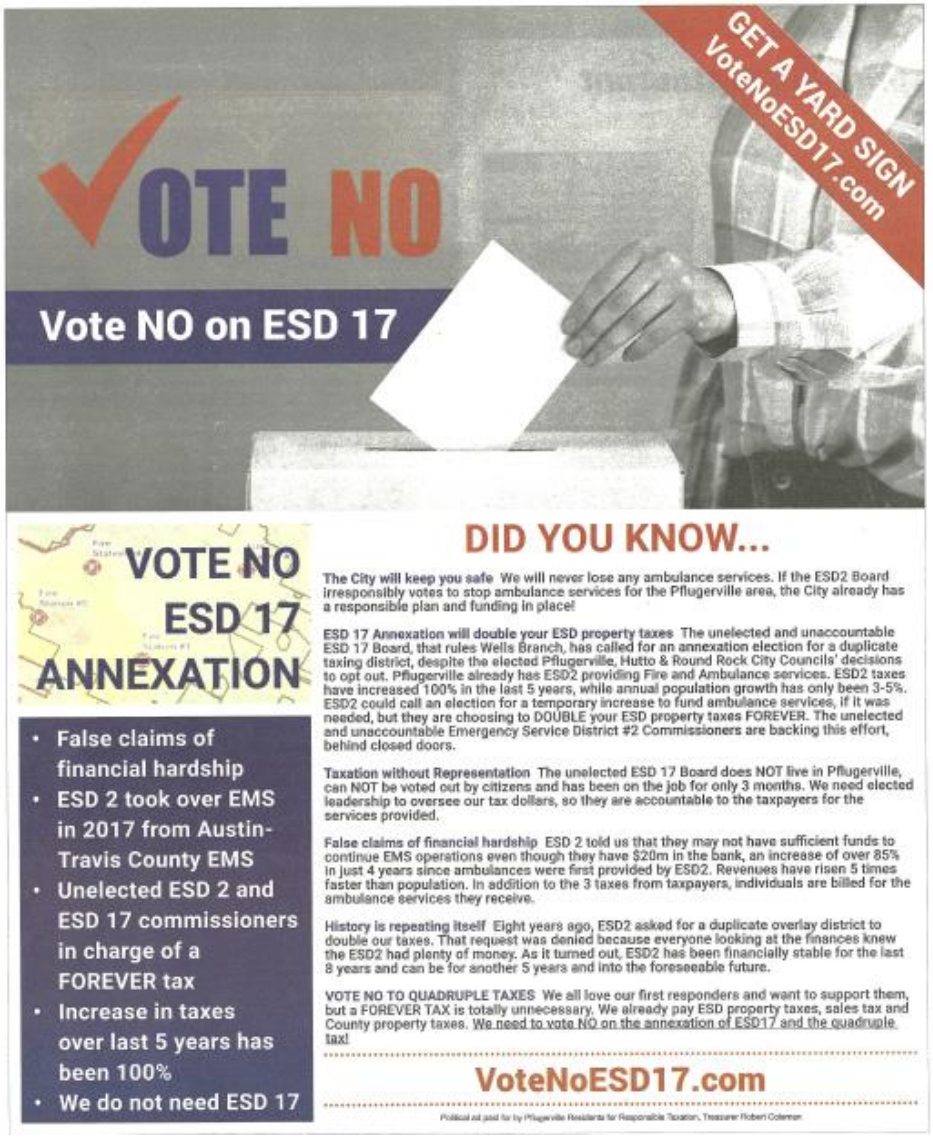
"Ratification" of Actions

Q. "Why did the City need to have a resolution ratifying the filing of the lawsuit?
A. To provide transparency."

Fletcher, 83:19-22

Q. "Why wasn't transparency provided before the 18th of August?
A. I'm not going to speculate why or why not."

Fletcher, 83:23-24; 84:1


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Vote NO on ESD 17
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ANNEXATION
• False claims of financial hardship
• ESD 2 took over EMS in 2017 from Austin-Travis County EMS
• Unelected ESD 2 and ESD 17 commissioners in charge of a FOREVER tax
• Increase in taxes over last 5 years has been 100%
• We do not need ESD 17
DID YOU KNOW...
The City will keep you safe We will never lose any ambulance services. If the ESD2 Board irresponsibly votes to stop ambulance services for the Pflugerville area, the City already has a responsible plan and funding in place!
ESD 17 Annexation will double your ESD property taxes The unelected and unaccountable ESD 17 Board, that rules Wells Branch, has called for an annexation election for a duplicate taxing district, despite the elected Pflugerville, Hutto & Round Rock City Councils' decisions to opt out. Pflugerville already has ESD2 providing Fire and Ambulance services. ESD2 taxes have increased 100% in the last 5 years, while annual population growth has only been 3-5%. ESD2 could call an election for a temporary increase to fund ambulance services, if it was needed, but they are choosing to DOUBLE your ESD property taxes FOREVER. The unelected and unaccountable Emergency Service District #2 Commissioners are backing this effort, behind closed doors.
Taxation without Representation The unelected ESD 17 Board does NOT live in Pflugerville, can NOT be voted out by citizens and has been on the job for only 3 months. We need elected leadership to oversee our tax dollars, so they are accountable to the taxpayers for the services provided.
False claims of financial hardship ESD 2 told us that they may not have sufficient funds to continue EMS operations even though they have $20m in the bank, an increase of over 85% in just 4 years since ambulances were first provided by ESD2. Revenues have risen 5 times faster than population. In addition to the 3 taxes from taxpayers, individuals are billed for the ambulance services they receive.
History is repeating itself Eight years ago, ESD2 asked for a duplicate overlay district to double our taxes. That request was denied because everyone looking at the finances knew the ESD2 had plenty of money. As it turned out, ESD2 has been financially stable for the last 8 years and can be for another 5 years and into the foreseeable future.
VOTE NO TO QUADRUPLE TAXES We all love our first responders and want to support them, but a FOREVER TAX is totally unnecessary. We already pay ESD property taxes, sales tax and County property taxes. We need to vote NO on the annexation of ESD17 and the quadruple tax!
VoteNoESD17.com
Political ad paid for by Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation, Treasurer Robert Coleman

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ANNEXATION

DID YOU KNOW...

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History is repeating itself: Eight years ago, ESD2 asked for a duplicate overlay district to potentially double our taxes. That request was denied because everyone looking at the finances knew the ESD2 had plenty of money. As it turned out, ESD2 has been financially stable for the last 8 years and probably for another 5 years and the foreseeable future.

What is the financial picture of ESD2? A third party review of the finances of ESD2 showed they had plenty of funds for the next 5 years and beyond. A review by local accountants and citizens also came to the same conclusion. The elected Pflugerville City Council denied ESD 17 after extensive research and evaluation and they are working on a cost-neutral plan for ambulance services, so ESD 17 is not needed.

Who is really responsible for Emergency Services in Pflugerville? Our area voted for the creation of Travis county Emergency Service District 2, ESD2. The ESD2 Board of Commissioners have sole discretion to provide services. The commissioners are appointed by our County Commissioners court. ESD2 can spend on anything related to emergency services, at their sole discretion. Initially, the spending was for fire protection services.

Ambulance services were provided by Austin Travis County EMS until 2017 when ESD2 decided to take over from the county, which ended up in the loss of the 2 County ambulances that served ESD2. Unfortunately, we still pay county taxes for ambulance services that we no longer use. The city of Pflugerville is not responsible for fire and ambulance services, since the area voted for ESD2 creation. The City could potentially take over fire, by a simple majority vote of the Council and they already approved funding for an ambulance plan.

VOTE NO TO QUADRUPLE TAXES We all love our first responders and want to support them, but a FOREVER TAX is totally unnecessary. We already pay ESD property taxes, sales tax and County property taxes. We need to vote NO on the annexation of ESD17 and the quadruple tax!

CALL TO ACTION : Get a Yard Sign