

## **Pro-life Victory at Historic Waco City Council meeting. The demise of the GRACE Act in Waco**

By John Pisciotta, Founding Director of Pro-Life Waco

If you were at the Waco City Council meeting on August 2 in the meeting room or one of two spillover rooms, you know about the pro-life blow out.

At the July 19 meeting, council member Kelly Palmer call for consideration of an ordinance that would stop Waco PD enforcement of Texas abortion laws, such as the Texas Trigger Abortion Ban. The ordinance carries the sacrilegious name of GRACE Act. This trial balloon popped loudly when the largest crowd in Waco City Council history swarmed in. 500 attended. The ratio was 4:1 pro-life in attendance. Also, the testimony ratio was 4:1 with a total 3-minute speeches lasting for nearly 3 hours.

The organization and individuals that worked together, under God's grace, to achieve this victory were Pro-Life Waco, McLennan County Republican Women, internet journalist Donna Garner, Pastor Ronnie Holmes, Pastor Ramiro Peña, Dr. Bradford Holland, and pro-life activist Jon Ker.

In the end, it was obvious that all but one council member realized that putting the GRACE Act on the council agenda would be bad for Waco and/or bad for the member's prospects for re-election.

### **2 Corinthians 5:20 proclaims**

We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were making his appeal through us.

On August 2, pro-life Central Texas appealed on behalf of Christ for preborn babies and their moms. Thank you, Lord, for richly blessing our efforts for love and justice.

I provide below links to many items that you may pursue and respond to regarding August 2—at day to remember and give thanks.

The first link is to an awful editorial in the Waco Tribune-Herald by a Baylor Religion professor and ordained Baptist minister. Here is the editorial by Professor Blake Burleson.

<https://www.prolifewaco.com/uploads/5/5/3/1/55313755/tribgraceactburlesonoped.pdf>

Article on the big evening by Waco conservative journalist Donna Garner "Abortion, "Waco City Council Meeting, I Was There." Donna Garner.

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Article on the evening of August 2 by Pro-Life Waco's John Pisciotta

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Article in Live Action News on how what happened in Waco can be a model and encouragement to other cities in Texas and other states with abortion bans. "Cities Across U.S. Pass Resolutions Deprioritizing Prosecuting Illegal Abortions."

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/cities-us-resolutions-deprioritize-prosecuting-illegal-abortions/>

KWTX (CBS) on August 2 Waco City Council Meeting

<https://www.kwtx.com/2022/08/03/sides-clash-waco-considers-grace-act/>

KXXV (ABC) on August 2 Waco City Council Meeting

<https://www.kxxv.com/hometown/mclennan-county/abortion-grace-act-dominate-waco-city-council-public-comment>

Waco Tribune-Herald, "Mayor questions city's role on abortion".

<https://www.prolifewaco.com/uploads/5/5/3/1/55313755/tribgraceheadline0805.pdf>

Full video of Waco City Council Meeting of August 2, 2022.

The over two hours of GRACE Act testimony begins at the 4 hours 20 minute mark shown on the video.

<http://wacocitytx.igm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=4109>