

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 26th day of February 2019, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 p.m. for a work session which was held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
EDDY SAUER
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARED MILLER
MICHELLE BONNER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS
STEPHANIE COGGINS
FRANCES HIBBS


CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Nelson established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rusty Tomlinson, 5700 Canyon Drive, spoke on the need to remove the Confederate statue in Ellwood Park. He referenced his meeting with Mayor Nelson and the idea to add a statue to Ellwood Park. He stated he spoke with the President of NCCAP, Floyd Anthony, and he stated they needed to remove anything referencing the Confederacy. Mike Fisher, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, spoke about the Democratic forum held yesterday. He made a comment on the police department's actions in the various areas of town. He also stated the Open Meetings Act was violated yesterday when a majority of the City Council appeared and a quorum notice was not posted. Gary Prescott, 10101 Amarillo Boulevard, stated he was still upset about the platting of his property without condemnation. Steven Rosas, 6307 South Fannin Street, stated he supported Mr. Tomlinson's comments to remove the confederate statue. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, spoke about the public comment period not being broadcasted, the meeting time was bad for everyone, and the prayer and pledge was not done before the public comment. He stated public comment not being broadcasted does not allow for transparency. He stated he was a supporter of the proposed tax reform (HB2). He also spoke about the City's debt, and the public meetings need to have better outreach. Samantha Burnett, 3403 Mockingbird Lane and Claudette Smith, 4410 Van Kriston Drive, signed up but did not appear. There were no further comments. Mr. Williams spoke on the quorum of the City Council and SB1440.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Elaine Hays, Mayor Pro Tem