

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 21st day of July 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items, and consideration of future agenda items.

The City Council met at 3:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELISHA L. DEMERSON	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
BRIAN J. EADES	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
RANDY BURKETT	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
MARK NAIR	COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

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

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CLAUD DRINNEN	DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
LIZ SWEARINGEN	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Danny Fulton, Hillside Christian Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ITEM 1:** Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for July 14, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

**ITEM 2:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of all of Sam B. Dannis Unit No. 6, Section 122, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Light Commercial District to Heavy Commercial District, in the vicinity of Grand Street and Southeast 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a beverage distribution center. It is recommended for approval by a 4:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7535

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF GRAND STREET AND SOUTHEAST TWENTY-FIFTH AVENUE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; voting NO none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

**ITEM 3:** Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a of a 2.17 acre and a 2.33 acre tract of land in Section 229, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Randall County, from Planned Development Districts 52 and 341 to General Retail and a 3.75 acre tract of land to change from Planned Development District 341 to amended Planned Development district for general retail and mini-storage warehouse land uses, in the vicinity of Southwest 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Georgia Street. It is recommended for approval by a 4:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by

Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7536

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHWEST-FIFTY-EIGHTH AVENUE AND GEORGIA STREET, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; voting NO none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Demerson and unanimously carried to appoint to the Convention & Visitor Council, Randy Burkett to replace Lilia Escajeda, such term to expire 09/30/2016; and to appoint to the Emergency Care Advisory Board, Franke Robertson, a new position such term to expire 04/21/2018.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, inquired if there was more than one bid for the additional paved parking for the Globe News Center. Mr. Atkinson replied that there were two. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Purchase -- Marquee LED Signage for Amarillo Civic Center:  
Award to sole responsive bidder: Hi-Plains Canvas Products, Inc./AAA Signs of Amarillo -- \$57,430.00

This item approves the removal of eighteen (18) electronic room marquee signs at the Heritage Room, Regency Room, and North and South Exhibit Halls, at the Amarillo Civic Center. The current signage was installed in the 2003 expansion and software updates and technical support are no longer available. These obsolete marquees will be replaced with new, full color, full motion LED marquees and related software. Funding for the project is budgeted in the Capital Improvements Project Interior Digital Sign Replacement budget.

- B. Approval -- Additional Paved Parking for Globe News Center:  
Award to low responsive bidder: Holmes Construction LP -- \$189,990.00

This item awards a contract for the demolition, site preparation and construction of paved parking for the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts on the east one-half of the block bounded by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Pierce and Fillmore Streets, immediately west of the downtown library. The project will provide paved parking during the construction of the downtown convention hotel and parking garage. Project completion is anticipated by September 2015. Funding for the project is budgeted in the approved Civic Center Capital Improvement Project for Liberty Theater parking lot.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of City policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, requested that the Council take a closer look at the cost of downtown storm sewer replacement projects. He felt it was high according to his calculations. Mr. Atkinson replied it was more complicated due to location and other factors. Robert Talliferro, 4400 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue inquired about the e-mail he sent to Mayor and Council regarding street damage from water drainage. He urged the Council to prioritize repairs for the 300 block of SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and West Hills Road and consideration of the drainage fee for Amarillo Country Club. He also urged the Council to reconsider the MPEV because of what projects he felt it would take away from if it moves forward.

Carol Smith, 1616 South Polk Street, stated Downtown is vital for growth. She stated we will not grow if we do not move forward. Howard Smith, 1616 South Polk Street, stated his vision for a greater Amarillo will be by moving forward with Downtown Development. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, stated he had concerns that the location of the parking garage is problematic for access to the Globe-News Center. He also stated his concern for streetscape in regards to funds given to Polk Street United Methodist Church from AEDC for landscaping. He stated residents in the area are unable to meet zoning requirements for landscaping that the church received. Mayor Harpole replied that Polk Street United Methodist Church applied for and received funds from a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Grant for landscaping not AEDC.

Lee Studer, 8010 Kerr Place, stated residents wanted change. Opportunity for change exists with the current Council. He stated time to make a decision is now. Bryan Proff, 2409 South Hughes Street, urged the Council to vote on the MPEV, the election is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Megan Riddlespurger, 6900 Alpine Lane, inquired about the Joint Meeting on the Downtown Development on Monday July, 27. She asked why Dr. Sanders will be an expert witness. Mayor Harpole replied the Council was asked to supply a venue. He stated the Council agreed on a Civic Center forum, balancing it with representation from Downtown Amarillo Inc. (DAI) and the Local Government Corporation (LGC). Mr. Burkett replied the Tea Party invited Mayor, City Council, DAI and LGC, the event is tentatively in the Heritage Room of the Civic Center. The City is only donating the Civic Center space. Ms. Riddlespurger felt a panel of experts would be better and urged the Council to pursue that venue in the future.

Cindi Bulla, 1400 Reagan Court, stated she trusts the elected leaders to move forward. She asked the Council to make a decision and move forward. Georgia Romack, 2301 South Austin Street, asked the Council to ensure Downtown Development is accessible for people with disabilities because the City is not now. Mayor Harpole replied that ADA requirements are being followed for this project. Robin Dawson, 19300 Winding River Road, introduced herself as the Chairman of the Friends of the NRA National Foundation. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, urged the Council to allow the citizens to vote on the MPEV, like they did for for the Civic Center and City Hall in 1964.

Chris Jackson, 2814 Arden Road, stated he was part of the millennial movement. He wants Amarillo to be a model City. He wants the City to move forward on Downtown Development. Mr. Demerson thanked him and offered to visit with him at a later time. Robert Talliferro, 4400 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated (1) water availability needs to be addressed and (2) the need for proactive steps to lure large manufacturing industries with large employee bases to Amarillo.

Ryan Jarvo, 4600 South Virginia Street, stated his business, Palace Coffee, is surrounded by empty buildings. He would like to see small businesses thrive in Amarillo like in Oklahoma City. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, stated he had presented plan B for downtown revitalization but there have been no comments. Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, invited the Council for a tour of the Herring Hotel. Becky Hynum, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, stated the Downtown Development project needed a business plan. She stated it would not grow the economy. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, stated the Council had changed her mind on Downtown Development. She was initially against it, but after attending many public meetings she is now for it. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to Work Session then Closed Session.

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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Paul Harpole, Mayor