STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 8th day of September 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 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 6:00 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 ELISHA L. DEMERSON BRIAN J. EADES RANDY BURKETT MARK NAIR

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

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

JARRETT ATKINSON WILLIAM MCKAMIE KELLEY SHAW FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
PLANNING DIRECTOR
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Brian Mashburn, Southwest Church of Christ. 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:

A proclamation was presented for "Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month."

<u>ITEM 1</u>: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for September 1, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Councilmember Eades, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

<u>ITEM 2</u>: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing on the fiscal year 2015/2016 City budget. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,945,509 or 5.35%, and of that amount \$671,341 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, suggested an independent budget analyst who could issue a report to the taxpayers for adequacy and accuracy. Charlene Taylor, 906 South Crockett Street, inquired as to the dues paid to the American Planning Association (APA). She requested the City stop paying the dues to APA, and to stop using APA's guidebook and software. Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated there was a flux of numbers going through the budget. Jeff Meade, 4210 Southwest 3 Avenue, stated as a landlord, he could not continue to pass tax increases onto his tenants. He asked if it was necessary to purchase new trucks and believed cuts could be made across the board. Councilmember Nair stated they have whittled the numbers down and have stated that public safety issues need to be addressed. Councilmember Eades also mentioned the increased healthcare costs. Mr. Meade replied that everyone's insurance costs have gone up. He stated perhaps the City had too many employees on the payroll. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, replied perhaps the City was not looking at the right numbers. Mr. Atkinson stated \$671,341 was being raised from new property tax. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, noted that \$2 million would not cover inflation, and it was less than 1/40th of the property tax and complaints should be limited. Councilmember Eades left meeting 6:33 p.m.

David Kossey, 1014 Cimarron Canyon, Canyon, inquired how much it would take to add three new Councilmembers. Councilmember Nair replied it would take a Charter

amendment voted on by the voters. There were no additional comments. Mayor Harpole closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to adopt the proposed budget as adjusted, which reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's budget, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7549

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS **FUNDS** PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET; ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING AN CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL PLAN FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE AND, ABOLISHING ALL POSITIONS NOT LISTED IN SAID BUDGET; AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY, INCREASE, OR DELETE VARIOUS FEES AND RATES AS FOLLOWS: CHAPTER 8-3 ADDING A SOLID WASTE TIER; CHAPTER 12-1 ADDING AN ANNUAL BALL MACHINE PERMIT FEE; CHAPTER 12-7 DEFINING SPECIAL EVENT AND ADDING AN APPLICATION FEE; CHAPTER 8-5 ADDING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE; CHAPTERS 18-2 AND VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING A **SAVINGS AND** SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Councilmembers Demerson, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 3:1 vote of the Council and Mayor Harpole opposed.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2015 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.32566 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.02506 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.35072 per \$100.00 property valuation.

Mayor Harpole stated the difference between a 5% and 4.5% increase was an additional \$1.68 per \$100,000. Councilmember Nair stated the Council has whittled the amount down as much as they could but there is a lot of infrastructure that needs to be worked on including the addition of six police officers. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, encouraged the Council to think creatively, and there were other ways to raise funds other than ad valorem taxes. Mayor Harpole replied that 60% of the sales tax revenue received by the City comes from people living outside Amarillo. Councilmember Burkett cautioned the Council on relying on the growth of hotel occupancy tax (HOT).

Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated both Ross Rogers and Comanche Trail Golf Courses were burdens on the general fund and inquired if there was a need for four courses. He stated the City could dispose of some courses to a private entity or raise the fees to pay for the golf courses. Becky Heinen, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, inquired as to the roles of City employees on the various boards. Mr. Atkinson replied that Council approves the Board's contracts and that Center City has other funding as well. Mayor Harpole stated DAI and TIRZ work with volunteer boards and they do work with City staff. Mayor Harpole stated Center City supports the Comprehensive Plan, and there has been \$61 million in building permits inside the downtown area. Ms. Heinen inquired how Toot n' Totum received support. Mr. Atkinson stated Toot n' Totum qualified for property tax increments and streetscape funds for the public right of ways.

Ginger Nelson, 2120 South Harrison Street, stated the Council has kept its ad valorem low, but now was the time to invest in our hometown. John Lutz, 2106 South Tyler Street, Chair of DAI, asked for clarification on the proposal to decrease DAI's budget by 30%. Mr. Atkinson stated the appropriate time for discussion would be when DAI's contract is on the Council agenda. Mr. Lutz stated he serves at the pleasure of this body, and has done so for several years and with success. William Sumerford, 6103 Blue Sage Circle, stated the immigrants into the United States has put pressure on the budget as well as the citizens. He further stated Amarillo has a highest proportion than any other United States city. Placing pressure on the police department, healthcare, and citizens' safety. He encouraged the Council to get Amarillo off the immigration list. Mayor Harpole replied that Amarillo does have the highest level per captia on receiving immigrants. He further stated they are currently working with the State Department and the State of Texas regarding immigrants. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, stated she was appalled the way the Council meetings are taking place. The hostility and verbally attacks of colleagues. Councilmember Nair stated the meetings get emotional, but it is a healthy debate.

Cindi Bulla, 1400 Reagan Court, stated Amarillo is the envy of citizens all over the state because of its low tax rate, but the quality of life in the City needs to be considered. She stated before beginning to dismantle boards, the Council needs to look at themselves as leaders. Even if they do not like each other, they need to work together to get the job done. Steve Pair, 1930 South Harrison Street, stated the need to not solely focus on the low tax rate, but to think about the future and how to invest in our City and community to make it grow. Ms. Dutchworth, 1004 South Lamar Street, thanked the Council for listening to citizens that normally do not get heard. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, urged public hearings on separate issues so they are not lumped into the entire budget. Candice Cathey, 3509 Gran Apple Avenue, stated tourism and quality of life are not fairing so well, and that Amarillo does not have the best reviews. B. F. Roberts, 1004 South Hayden Street, presented an olive branch for all of the projects in Amarillo.

Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, whereas the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective rate, and pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 26.05(b), he moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate, being a 0.32566 for maintenance and operations, and 0.02506 for debt service, for a combined total rate of 0.35072, which is effectively a 4.5% increase in the tax rate over the effective rate. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Nair, and that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7550

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING TAX ROLL; SETTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE TAX YEAR 2015; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

Voting AYE were Councilmembers Demerson, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 3:1 vote of the Council and Mayor Harpole opposed.

<u>ITEM 5</u>: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve the 2015/2016 budget and associated program of services for the Amarillo Hospital District. This budget is recommended for approval by the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-15-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 4:0 vote of the Council.

<u>ITEM 6</u>: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to approve an amendment to the 2014/2015 budget and associated program of services for the Amarillo Hospital District. This budget amendment is recommended for approval by the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers.

James Schenek, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired if the Amarillo Hospital District was part of the City taxes. Mr. Atkinson stated it could change over the next five years, but UHS has an extension available in the contract. Mr. Schenek stated being part of the property tax looms and depends on indigent care. Councilmember Eades returned to the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated he could not find the AHD budget proposal anywhere. He suggested these items be put on the City's website and made available for independent review. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-15-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approving the 2015/2016 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 budget. The TIRZ #1 is a cooperative effort of various governmental entities and was created in 2006 to facilitate the revitalization of downtown Amarillo and financially assist in the implementation of the Downtown Amarillo Strategic Action Plan. This budget is recommended for approval by the TIRZ #1 Board of Directors.

Jesse Pfrimmer, 5723 South Milam Street, inquired as to the requirements for the downtown TIRZ #1. Mayor Harpole stated a TIRZ cannot have more than 10% residential homes and the Attorney General approves all TIRZ. Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated he does not believe in the TIRZ financing, and considers it a bad practice. Becky Heinen, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, inquired about the requirements to get rebates. Mayor Harpole replied there was a short and long application process. Mr. Atkinson stated the information is available on the City's website, and the main point of contact is the Planning Department. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, stated he submitted a formal application to the TIRZ board for the Herring Hotel. He stated the application was tabled when it was submitted and remained tabled for three years. Councilmember Eades stated negotiations with a hotelier had provisions for a noncompete clause. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated the application process should have been acted on promptly. Richard Brown, 3004 Hayden Street, stated the 2011 City Council passed a resolution, specific about the Herring Hotel's place in that downtown plan. James Schenek, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated he had a problem with non-compete when city government was involved. David Kossey, 1014 Cimarron Canyon, Canyon, inquired what would happened if the Council voted down the budget. Mr. Atkinson replied that the prior year's budget becomes the upcoming budget for absence of action. Mr. Kossey asked if he could get opinions of the Councilmembers. Mr. McKamie answered that he could not poll the Council. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approve the resolution with the expressed stipulation that the TIRZ Board provide quarterly status reports, motion was seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-15-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1, CITY OF AMARILLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades and Nair; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council and Councilmember Burkett opposed.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution approving the 2015/2016 Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council budget with funding from hotel/motel occupancy tax revenue collected within the City. The Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council performs tourism, convention and cultural events, promotions and recruitment efforts for the City. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approve the resolution with the expressed stipulation that Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council provide quarterly status reports, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-15-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY THE AMARILLO CONVENTION AND VISITOR COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

<u>ITEM 9</u>: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to consider ordering the removal of a substandard structure located at 1003 Southwest 10th Avenue. This item was previously tabled on August 25, 2015. Mr. McKamie stated the Council could not reopen the public hearing but a report could be given on any updates.

Scott McDonald, Building Official, stated that Mr. Bagley had cleaned up some of the property and vegetation at 1003 Southwest 10th Avenue. Both fire damaged structures were open and unsecure. He further stated the foundation also has openings. The interior is full of fire damaged and discarded items. There has been little effort to abate these hazards. The Amarillo Police Department has also been called to this location since August 25, 2015. The property presents multiple hazards for the neighbors. No permit for activity has been filed. Mr. Bagley communicated that Javier would be buying this property. Mayor Harpole inquired if any of the surrounding residents expressed concerns. Mr. McDonald stated he received complaints immediately following the last meeting and this property was negatively affecting their property. Mr. McKamie stated once the public notice was posted it is extremely important for the owner and any neighbors that may have an interest in this property come forth. He further stated the hearing was concluded and cannot be re-opened for testimony. Mr. McKamie stated the ordinance options presented were the only options available to the Council.

Mr. McDonald stated he personally went to the location and there were vagrants and transients, and the buildings were degrading the longer it sits. Mayor Harpole inquired as to Mr. McDonald's best guess to bring the structures under compliance with city code. Mr. McDonald stated he had spoken to Mr. Bagley and the structures may have asbestos materials. His best guess was between \$30,000-\$50,000 with possible unknown asbestos removal. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to choose Items III and V, and seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-15-5

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND REQUIRING THE TAKING DOWN AND REMOVAL OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF LIENS; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Demerson, Eades, Burkett and Nair; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 10: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for a certain board and commission. Councilmember Eades stated this was a critical time for downtown projects and he requested an additional term for Ron Boyd and Richard Brown. He further requested that Lilia Escajeda be allowed to continue her term. Mayor Harpole seconded the motion.

Councilmember Demerson stated he would like to see diversity on the boards and not continually reappointing the same people. Cindi Bulla, 1400 Reagan Court, stated this disruption was not in the best interest of the citizens. She further stated Mr. Brown is familiar with how these projects have evolved. She urged the council to reappoint the board members. Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, commended Councilmember Demerson on his insight. Steve Pair, 1930 South Harrison Street, stated there were only two spots that needed renewal. He further stated Ms. Escajada was willing to serve her position and she was an obvious community leader. Councilmember Demerson replied Ms. Escajeda was serving as a member of the Council.

Kevin Nelson, 2120 South Harrison Street, stated the Council will replace 4 of the 7 original members inviting controversy. He further inquired if discussing replacements in executive session was appropriate. Mr. McKamie replied that advisory boards are appointed by this body and under the Open Meetings Act. They can discuss this board in executive session. There were other numerous comments made on this subject.

Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated it was not good precedent to appoint someone and then cut them short of their appointment. He further questioned the Local Government Corporation (LGC) being incorporated under the Transportation Mayor Harpole stated Mr. Norris had addressed this concern many times. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs Street, agreed Ron Boyd should stay because of his vast experience, and Richard Brown has the experience needed. She urged the Council to keep these three people on the LGC Board. Mayor Harpole amended his motion to request their terms be extended for one-year. Councilmember Eades seconded the motion. Comments received on the amendment from Howard Smith, 1616 South Polk Street, he encouraged the Council to extend the terms of Mr. Brown, Mr. Boyd and allow Lilia Escajeda to complete her term. Mayor Harpole called a vote on the amendment to allow for a one-year extension. Mayor Harpole and Councilmember Eades voted for the amendment and Councilmembers, Demerson, Burkett and Nair voted against, motion failed by a 2:3 vote. Mayor Harpole motion to approve the names separately, seconded by Councilmember Eades. Councilmembers, Demerson, Burkett and Nair voted against, motion failed by a 2:3 vote. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to appoint Judge H. Bryan Poff, William Biggs, and Mr. McKamie stated one of those terms was not Councilmember Randy Burkett. Councilmember Demerson corrected his motion stating Judge H. Bryan Poff would replace the expiring position of Ron Boyd, William Biggs would replace the expiring term of Richard Brown, and to remove Lilia Escajeda and appoint Councilmember Burkett. Councilmember Nair seconded the motion.

Lilia Escajeda, 3104 South Pittsburgh Street, stated she was diligent in attending meetings, has contributed countless hours to the City, has acted ethically, and never micromanaged. She stated she was relieved that she could now say what she wanted without violating the Open Meetings Act. She further stated she supports the work that has been done for our City.

Voting AYE were Councilmembers Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were Mayor Harpole and Councilmember Eades; the motion carried by a 3:2 vote of the Council.

ITEM 11: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated Center City should be responsive to Open Records Requests and should make their information readily available per State law. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, 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. <u>Purchase – Simms Building Furniture:</u>

Award to Officewise Furniture & Supply on the TXMAS and TCPN Cooperating Purchasing Contracts -- \$484,862.60

This item is the purchase and installation of furnishings to be used in the Simms Building. Funding for this purchase is in the approved Capital Improvement Program for this project.

B. <u>Purchase – Repair and Reinstallation of Aurora Vertical Turbine Pump</u>: Award to sole bidder Gasket & Packings, Inc. -- \$77,118.00

This item is the purchase for repair and reinstallation of a vertical turbine pump at the 34th Street Pump Station. Funding for this purchase is in the approved Water Transmission Department budget.

C. <u>Award – Public Health Department Annual Medical Supplies</u>: Award to Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Purchasing Co-op (MMCAP) – \$158,000.00

This item approves an annual medical supplies contract through the MMCAP purchasing cooperative for the purchase of medical supplies. These supplies are used by the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program, the Department of Public Health and the City Care Clinic. Funding for this purchase is included in each department's operating budget.

D. <u>Award – City Hall Vent Pipe and Draft Inducer Fan</u>:
 Award to low responsive bidder: High Plains Boiler Service -- \$51,530.00

This item awards a contract for the replacement of the boiler vent pipe and draft inducer fan replacement on the City Hall boiler. Funding for this purchase is in the Facilities Department Capital Improvement Program budget.

- E. <u>Approval Agreement for Services with Center City of Amarillo, Inc.</u>: This item approves a one (1) year agreement with Center City of Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the preservation, improvement and revitalization of the Central Business District of Amarillo. Two sources of funding are included in the agreement:
 - 1. The City will provide \$90,000.00 for administrative operations;
 - 2. The City will provide \$70,000.00 as matching funds for a Center City façade grant program up to \$20,000.00 to business for exterior building improvements;
 - 3. The Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 will provide \$150,000.00 for matching grants up to \$50,000.00 for streetscape improvements in the City's right of way.

F. Approval – Joint Election Agreements:

Terms and conditions as noted

This item approves Agreements with the Potter and Randall County Election Administrators to conduct joint elections on November 3, 2015 with the City of Amarillo. This allows the participating entities to share polling place locations and authorizes the Potter and Randall County Election Administrators to perform the duties associated with an election. The conduct of a joint election reduces election costs for each of the entities.

G. <u>Approval – Mutual Release</u>: Anonymous Donors to the City of Amarillo Terms and conditions noted

This agreement releases a 1996 gift of a Park Pavilion that was to be constructed by the Trust at no cost to the City and to have been constructed on a 1.2 acre tract of land south of the Garden Center on Streit Drive in the City's Medical Center Park. The surviving Anonymous Donor has informed the City that the Trust funds are not sufficient to fund the construction of the Pavilion, and now the survivor desires to terminate the obligation to construct the Pavilion. The City will be released from the reservation previously placed on the site, thus making it available for future use on other projects.

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.

James Schenek, 6216 Gainsborough Street, inquired if there was any further discussion on the wording for the ballot. Danny South, 7003 Windridge Place, inquired why the retail space was included in the parking garage since Wallace Bajjali was no longer under contract. Becky Heinen, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, stated she was interested in serving on a board. She encouraged the Council to restart the Environmental Advisory Board. Andrew Holley, West 51st Avenue, stated he was looking for a comprehensive list of the boards and open positions. He further asked for a place at City Hall to place concealed handguns. There were no further comments.

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

ATTEST:

Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

Paul Harpóle, Mayor