

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of November 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 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 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:

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

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

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
WILLIAM MCKAMIE	INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Brad Thompson, 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:

Proclamations were presented for "National Hospice Month," and "WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo Day."

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes for November 3, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning a portion of Lot 16, Block 1, Pleasant Valley Unit No. 3, Section 159, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, changing from Residential 1 to Residential 1 with a Specific Use Permit for placement of a carport within the front yard, in the vicinity of Slope Drive and Central Avenue. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7565

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 SLOPE DRIVE AND CENTRAL 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; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance rezoning 23.71 acres of land to change from General Retail District and Agricultural District to Light Commercial District, 14.55 acres of land to change from General Retail District and Agricultural District to Moderate Density District, and a 39.81 acre tract of land to change from Agricultural District to Residential District 2, all in Section 64, Block

9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Soncy Road/Loop 335 and Hillside Road. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7566

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 SONCY ROAD/LOOP 335 AND HILLSIDE ROAD, 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; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance renaming Crestwood Way to Hollee Spears Way in Section 24, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Tascosa Road and Crestwood Way. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7567

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 TASCOSA ROAD AND CRESTWOOD WAY, 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; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing on December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to determine if the properties at 710 Northeast 7th Avenue and 506 South Vernon Street, constitutes public nuisances and thereby declared as dangerous structures. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) day notice of public hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-15-1

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT THE LOCATION(S) STATED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE.

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

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution to consider implementing proposed changes to the City's Organizational Structure to support the implementation of the proposed One Stop Shop model for development services and related items.

Mr. Atkinson stated the organizational chart creates a Community Safety & Regulatory Services Division, existing vacated positions have been re-tasked under a common management. The Capital Projects & Development Engineering Division will place all of the engineers into a single division to support new growth and current structures. This organizational chart was presented to Council during budget considerations.

Robert Goodrich, 4111 Stony Point, inquired as to how the ownership structure on the convention hotel would be arranged and who would own the land. Mr. Atkinson replied that the City owns the fee simple title, and it is leased to the Local Government Corporation (LGC), then the hotel subleases it from the LGC, ultimately at the end of the

lease the City owns the land. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, stated a need for an open discussion on the state of the current infrastructure before adopting the new organization structure. Councilmember Demerson voiced his opposition and believes the City needs to streamline its managers and not be too top heavy. He did, however, say he embraced the One Stop Shop. He urged the Council to hold off on any dynamic changes. Councilmember Nair stated he disagreed with Councilmember Demerson and he did not believe the City was too top heavy. Councilmember Demerson stated the City was adding additional managers without adding additional personnel. Mayor Harpole stated he felt Amarillo was one of the best run cities in the country according to its funding, debt levels, and bond rating. Councilmember Eades called for the question. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-15-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: TO REORGANIZE THE CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE FOR MORE ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole stated this item approves an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (Amarillo EDC) project for Bell Helicopter (Bell) Amarillo. Bell currently operates a multi-line facility in Amarillo and is competing with two other locations to construct a state of the art commercial aircraft delivery center. The location selected for this facility will perform aircraft painting, customization and as the training and orientation site for aircraft buyers and flight crews. The facility will expand upon the Amarillo location's move into the commercial aircraft market which provides continued growth and diversity for Amarillo. Customers using the center will be hosted in Amarillo for multiple day stays in the community.

The proposed budget for the delivery center project for design and construction is \$8.9 million and will be located at the existing Bell complex. If selected as the location for this center, the Amarillo EDC will provide up to \$6 million for the project's completion. This project is recommended for approval by a 4:0 vote of the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors.

Richard "Buzz" David, introduced Shannon Massey, General Manager of Bell Helicopter Operations. Becky Heinen, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, inquired if this item would bring more jobs. Ms. Massey stated there would be approximately 50 new jobs, 12 professional and 38 hourly. Ms. Heinen inquired if AEDC audited Bell on their job retention. Mr. David replied they did audit on an annual basis and the layoffs in Amarillo have been minimal. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, urged the Council to review AEDC's structure in the future, and inquired how much AEDC has spent on Bell. Mr. David replied that Bell Helicopter has been an investment of \$130 million total. Mr. Finegold inquired who held the title to Bell Helicopter's buildings. Mr. David answered that AEDC holds the title to the buildings on 20-year leases, and Bell has the opportunity to purchase them. Ginger Nelson, 2120 South Harrison Street, stated there were multiple layers that Bell brings to the community. Ms. Massey replied having the commercial business side is important. Bell Helicopter has many letters of intent, and they have entertained 8-10 international countries to-date. Lee Studer, 8010 Kerr Place, stated he was a local recruiter and over the last two years he has had 20 engineers and other people that were part of a reduction in force at Bell Helicopter. He asked for clarification on the number of personnel. Ms. Massey stated the workforce had been at 1,200, but now they were at 865, both professionally and hourly employees and she believed this was a good size for Amarillo. Councilmember Eades stated this was also an education issue and the upcoming needs for our population over the next 20 years. Mayor Harpole stated Amarillo College provides much needed training to our workforce. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Nair, that that this item be approved as presented.

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 8: Mayor Harpole stated this item approves an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (Amarillo EDC) project for Amarillo College. The proposed project is to increase the aviation and diesel technical training programs offered at the Amarillo College East Campus. The total project budget is \$5.3 million which will be used to construct and equip new facilities for the aviation and diesel training programs. Amarillo College will provide \$1 million towards the project, the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation will provide \$1.5 million towards the diesel training program and the Amarillo EDC will provide \$2.8 million to complete the project. Upon completion, this project will support workforce development for local companies and the Amarillo EDC's mission. This project is recommended for approval by a 3:0:1 vote of the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors.

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Amarillo College President, stated that Amarillo is only as strong as its college. Amarillo College adds to the local economy with jobs in the City and in the Panhandle. He further stated that this well thought-out proposal, honors the taxpayers, supports the college and the City directly. This expansion will allow Amarillo College to expand its programs and enrollment by 1,000 students. It attracts new partners that are not currently in the City, and allows Amarillo College to build an FAA approved facility.

Becky Heinen, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, inquired if AEDC projects had to be a certain percentage of their business outside the region. Mr. David replied that funding for the expansion of higher education was allowed by law, and Bell Helicopter produces products sold across the world. Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart stated this project helps Amarillo College build an aviation hub like in other communities. Councilmember Nair inquired as to when construction could begin. Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart replied they were waiting on funding but the expansion could start in about 2-3 months. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand Street, inquired as to how much Bell Helicopter has paid in taxes to the independent schools and Amarillo College during the last 18 years. George Herring, 14520 Halsey Trail, replied he could not answer that question specifically. Mayor Harpole stated Bell Helicopter was a valuable taxpayer in the community. Mr. David replied that Bell Helicopter was the largest taxpayer in the Highland Park Independent School District. Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart stated there were no exact figures, but Bell Helicopter has supported Amarillo College with equipment, scholarships, and have been an incredible partner taxes notwithstanding. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that this item be approved as presented.

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 9: Mayor Harpole advised that appointments are needed for certain boards and commissions. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Eades and unanimously carried to reappoint to the Convention and Visitor Council, Daphne Adkins, Phil Woodall and to appoint Bobby Lee and Lauren Walsh to replace Cliff Vanderpool and Kevin Hawkins, such terms to expire September 30, 2017.

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 10: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Mr. Atkinson stated there were two projects for approval at the Animal Management & Welfare. Mr. Atkinson further stated the Council was introduced this evening to the new Animal Management & Welfare Assistant Director and the newly hired Veterinarian. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair to approve the consent agenda and authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burkett.

- A. Award – Animal Management & Welfare Exterior Insulation and Finishing System:

Award to Tri-State General Contracting Group -- \$74,000.00

This item awards the contract is install an Exterior and Insulation Finishing System (EIFS) on kennel walls at the Animal Management & Welfare Complex. This project is part of the continued enhancement of the AM&W facilities. Funding for this purchase is within the approved Animal Control Structural Repairs and Upgrade account within the Animal Management & Welfare Department budget.

- B. Award – Animal Management & Welfare Construction of a New Feline Housing Facility:
Award to Tri-State General Contracting Group -- \$120,854.00

This item awards the contract to construct a new feline housing facility at the Animal Management & Welfare Complex. This project is part of the continued enhancement of the AM&W facilities. Funding for this purchase is within the approved Animal Control Structural Repairs and Upgrade account within the Animal Management & Welfare Department budget.

- C. Award – Information Technology Dell Computer Hardware:
Dell Marketing LP -- \$80,451.45

This item awards the contract to purchase computer hardware – specifically, the purchase of 50 computer desktops, 23 laptops, 7 tablets, and 4 mini-desktops. These products are being purchased through the State of Texas DIR contract. Funding for this purchase is within the approved Infrastructure and Support – IT Hardware Account within the Information Technology Department's budget.

- D. Approval – City of Amarillo Investment Policy:

This item is the annual approval of the revised Investment Policy for the City of Amarillo as recommended by the City Investment Committee. State law requires the City to have a written investment policy and for the City Council to review and approve the policy on an annual basis. The only revisions are minor changes to keep the Policy consistent with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

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. Voting no were none.

Councilmember Eades left the meeting.

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.

Mr. McKamie reminded the audience of the Texas Open Meetings Act and the limited responses by the Council.

James Schenek, 6216 Gainsborough Street, stated the non-binding referendum vote gave the perspective on the split in the City and the need for a consensus. Paul Matney, 3918 Eaton Drive, stated he represents the Vote For Amarillo Committee. He respectfully requested the City Council take the following action at the next week's meeting. The City Council should unanimously adopt a resolution specifically authorizing and instructing the Local Government Corporation ("LGC") to proceed without delay with the construction of the Multi-Purpose Event Venue ("MPEV") portion of the catalyst project as approved by the City Council on August 23, 2011. The MPEV should be designed and built in accordance with the previously developed and approved specifications. The construction cost of the MPEV should be approximately \$32,000,000. The LGC should consult with and receive direct input from Downtown Amarillo, Inc., and appropriate senior level city staff. The LGC should take any and all actions necessary to complete construction of the MPEV in accordance with these specific instructions from the City Council. The LGC should report back to the City Council on a regular basis, no less frequently than once per month, with project status

reports. Mayor Harpole inquired if there were two other members of the Council who may wish this to be an agenda item next week. Mr. Atkinson stated at the request of three Councilmembers it could be put it on next week's agenda.

Hanna Huff, 1007 20th Avenue, Canyon, stated she would like to see Ordinance No. 7333 on a future agenda to repeal. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there were three Councilmembers who would like to see this item on next week's agenda. Councilmember Eades stated it was already on the work session. Councilmember Nair stated it was a priority item for discussion. Mayor Harpole asked to also bring back the people who asked for this Ordinance to be passed, Faith City Mission, Department of Public Safety, Salvation Army, the railroad, and others. Councilmember Demerson requested to have this item on the agenda for action. Councilmember Burkett stated a need to repeal Ordinance No. 7333. Hunter Calloway, 6114 Gainsborough Road, stated he was wholeheartedly in agreement to repeal Ordinance No. 7333. He further stated the police could focus on protecting its citizens instead of enforcing this ordinance. Queen Ester Watkins, 6201 Hatfield Circle, stated she felt she was receiving the runaround from the City on her leaking roof. Councilmember Burkett stated he would be happy to discuss the issue with Bob Cowell and Scott McDonald this week. Mayor Harpole reminded the Council of the City Manager form of government. Mr. Atkinson stated they would provide the Council with a report on this matter. Virginia Williams Trice, 1504 Bowie Street, stated Ordinance No. 7333 violated many constitutional rights of citizens in not allowing them the ability to get proper rest and sleep. Dale Potter, 3200 Oakdale Drive, stated he appreciates the work being done at Animal Management & Welfare and thanked each of the Councilmembers for their public service. Dutch Worth, 1004 South Lamar Street, stated her 'vote no' signs were removed and she encouraged citizens to come to the City Council meetings and not believe everything in the newspaper and television. Mike Ford, 7005 Alpine Lane, stated the sound of the Council meetings was terrible on television. Mr. Atkinson's replied it should be better today because new speakers and amps have been installed. Mr. Ford further stated the non-binding referendum was a closely divided vote and the need to work on a consensus. Kathy Altman, 2105 South Lipscomb Street, stated a large amount of money was spent on the recent election to get votes and some investors have a large amount at stake. Becky Heinin, 2036 South Lipscomb Street, stated the need to repeal Ordinance No. 7333. Gary Jennings, 4503 Greenwich Place, thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for their time and resources. He further stated there was a lot of work put into that getting the MPEV passed. Trina Fouriner, 4427 South Hayden Street, stated she remembers first voting down the downtown catalyst projects, and now finds herself defending the projects. She hoped the Council will abide by the vote. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor