

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of February 2013, the Amarillo City Commission 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 Commission met at 5:30 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

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

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
FRANCES HIBBS	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Burt Palmer, Polk Street United Methodist Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation was presented for "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week."

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 of January 29, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms as amended, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes as amended.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented of an ordinance changing the zoning of Lots 1 thru 7 and Lots 12 thru 17, Block 1, Western Plateau Addition No. 1, in Section 6, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, from Planned Development District 358 and Residential District 1 to Amended Planned Development 358A for expansion of an existing institutional land use. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7391

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 WESTERN STREET AND PRAIRIE  
AVENUE, RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A  
SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

- A. Award –The Greenways Unit 26: Public Improvement District Projects:  
Award to low responsive bidder: Brown Construction Services: \$109,709.00  
This item approves a contract for the construction of a masonry and wrought iron fence and installation of irrigation and landscaping for The Greenways Public Improvement District. Work will be adjacent to Coulter Road. This project will be funded by the developer, who will be reimbursed by property assessments from The Greenways property owners. The City has overseen the design and bid process of this project. The project is recommended for approval by The Greenways Public Improvement Advisory Board.
- B. Approval – Martin Road Lake Drainage Study:  
Award to best evaluated proposer: Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. - \$246,000.00  
  
The item approves a professional services contract for a comprehensive evaluation of the drainage in the Martin Road Lake area. The drainage area is approximately 2,000 acres. The project will provide recommendations to reduce the risk of flooding and a construction estimate for the recommended phases. Funding for the study is available in the approved 2012-13 Drainage Utility Project budget.
- C. Approval – Annual Advertising Contract:  
Award to AGN Media  
  
This item approves the annual contract for the City's advertising with the Amarillo Globe News. The contract provides for both print and online products at contract rates specific to the City of Amarillo for employment advertisements, legal notices, and other required publications and notices for all City departments. During 2011-12 the City's expenditures the Amarillo Globe News was \$99,564.17.
- D. Approval – Aviation Clear Zone Easement:  
Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 4,500 feet MSL above the plat of Grand Avenue Tracts Unit No. 9, in Section 139, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Harold O. Jones.

ITEM 4: Presentation by Chief Robert Taylor with the Amarillo Police Department of a report on the 2012 Crime Statistics and Update. Chief Taylor stated overall the crime rate in 2012 was down 5% from 2011. He stated there were 133,690 calls to 911 in 2012 up 1%. The largest decrease was in arson at -23.9% and larceny theft at 9.5%. The largest increase was in robberies at 18.3%. Chief Taylor stated the use of directed patrol assignments was a key factor in the decrease in crime.

ITEM5: Presentation by Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager - City of Amarillo Economic Update. Mr. Atkinson stated 2011 was a record year with sales tax collections at \$45,619,081. 2012 set another record of collections at \$48,016,592. 2013 sales tax collects are up 8.72% year-to-date. He also briefed the Mayor and Commissioners on the hotel occupancy tax revenues, appraised property values, downtown property values, unemployment rate, ad-valorem tax rate, the Standard & Poor's rating, quality of life, economic strength rankings, recent major capital projects and Amarillo's diversified local and regional employment base.

Mr. Atkinson announced the Amarillo 101 program which will begin on March 21. He stated applications are available on the City's website.

Commissioner Simms publicly acknowledged Dean Frigo, Assistant City Manager, announcing his retirement after 35 years of service to the City.

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. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Commission can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of


city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.


Mayor Harpole acknowledged the attendance of Boy Scouts working on their citizenship class.

Craig Sheets, 142 Viking Blvd., Fullerton, California, addressed a few of his concerns. David Kossey, 1014 Cimarron, Canyon, inquired as to why TIRZ was not city-wide. He stated the City stated it needed 45 more officers. He further stated the City could hire more officers out of the revenue generated from the red light cameras and that the officers could be at intersections instead of red light cameras and officers would be mobile. He asked the Mayor and Commissioners to consider dissolving red light cameras. Allen Finegold, 2601 North Grand, asked if the crime density map could be made available to general public and he asked the Commission to consider placing police substations for means of reducing crime in the San Jacinto and Amarillo Boulevard areas. Joseph Hayes, 802 S. Mississippi, complimented the new water calendars. Robert Tolivar, 4400 Southwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated the red light cameras were placed in high traffic intersections as a source of revenue for the City. He stated more prudent use of the City's money would be to cancel the contracts and keep the money in-house. He further stated that the 2009-2011 red light cameras were presented as a safety issue, the result unfortunately did not decrease deaths but increased rear-end accidents. He also requested that Mr. Atkinson's report be available online along with the expanded police report. Felipe Aguilar, 6070 Gateway East, El Paso, Texas, Regional Public Affairs Manager for K-Love networks, stated he looked forward to working with the commission and expressed interest in the Amarillo 101 program. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

  
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Paul Harpole, Mayor