

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 13th day of August 2013, the Amarillo City Commission met at 12:00 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 Commission met at 3:00 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:

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| 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:

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| JARRETT ATKINSON | CITY MANAGER |
| VICKI COVEY | DEPUTY CITY MANAGER |
| MARCUS NORRIS | CITY ATTORNEY |
| CRIS VALVERDE | SENIOR PLANNER |
| FRANCES HIBBS | CITY SECRETARY |

The invocation was given by Bryan Houser, Amarillo Area Baptist Association. 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 of August 6, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance ordering a special city election for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for the purpose of voting on proposed amendments to the Amarillo City Charter. The ordinance states 21 amendments as ballot propositions. For each proposition there is explanatory material and prescribed ballot text. State law requires the ballot text to be succinct, so the ordinance also prescribes the ballot text for each proposition, and broader background information for each. The ordinance contains standard clauses for the administration of the election jointly with Potter and Randall Counties and contracting for their services in conducting the City's portion of the election. Since 1913, the charter has been amended only 7 times since 1913. This is the first time a broader updating of the Charter has ever been proposed. Numerous state and federal laws have been enacted or changed since 1913 and many of the propositions are "housekeeping" to bring the Charter into compliance with current law. Mr. Norris presented the proposed 21 charter amendments for voters to consider separately.

William Sumerford, 6103 Sage Blue Circle, inquired to how the timeframe on the circulation of petitions was derived. Mr. Norris stated the signatures start dropping off after they are 180. He further explained that he studied 17 cities they ranged 60 to 180 days. Mr. Sumerford also asked about the 25% of the last election versus 5% of the city's registered voters. Mr. Norris stated that subject to broad fluctuations based on the emotion appeal issues or candidates in the previous election to manipulation people by trying to affect the number of signatures required. Registered voters grow more slowly. Other cities varied. Mr. Sumerford asked if these requirements were more stringent compared to what we are currently doing. Mayor Harpole stated the democratic process would be more stable.

Alan Finegold, 2601 North Grand, asked that the Commission extend the 90 days to 120 days.

Commissioner Eades stated he would support 120 days. Commissioner Green commented that 5% of registered voters was not too high. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda to approve propositions 1-21, seconded by Commissioner Eades, as amended, to designate 120 days in proposition 15, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7425

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013 TO VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AMARILLO CITY CHARTER, AS MORE FULLY SET OUT HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION WITH POTTER COUNTY, RANDALL COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF AMARILLO OR OTHER ENTITY; APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EACH COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE CITY ELECTION IN PRECINCTS OF EACH COUNTY THAT ARE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACES AND PROVIDING GENERALLY FOR THE CONDUCT OF SAID ELECTION; 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 an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Brennan Boulevard Public Improvement District (PID). The Brennan PID is located within the Brennan Subdivision in S.W. Amarillo. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7426

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE BRENNAN BOULEVARD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 4: Commissioner Eades presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Greenways Public Improvement District (PID). This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Greenways Public Improvement District Board of Directors.

Thomas Schuman, 7308 Park Ridge, asked what caused the 71/2% increase and how it compared to other PIDs. Kathleen Collins, Planner I, responded that the assessments were assigned according to the type of lot. Jarrett Atkinson stated that the PID structures were layered and the City works as administrator. Eddie Scott, 2412 South Lipscomb, stated the developer pays the assessments until the lots are sold. He stated he continues to work to lower the costs and he was proud of the Greenways.

Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7427

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE GREENWAYS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 4:0:1 vote of the Commission and Mayor Harpole abstained.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the for the Quail Creek Public Improvement District (PID). This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Quail Creek Public Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7428

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE QUAIL CREEK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 6: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the for the Vineyards Public Improvement District (PID). This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Vineyards Public Improvement District Board of Directors. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7429

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE VINEYARDS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE

DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLATIONS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 7: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Colonies Public Improvement District (PID). The Colonies PID is located within the Colonies Subdivision in S.W. Amarillo. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7421

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE COLONIES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 8: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Point West Public Improvement District (PID). The Point West PID is located adjacent to the Amarillo Medical Center in West Amarillo. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7422

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE POINT WEST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 9: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property

assessment for the Redstone (PID). The Redstone PID is located South of Coulter Street and Hollywood Road in Amarillo. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7423

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE REDSTONE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 10: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance adopting the 2013/2014 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Tutbury Public Improvement District (PID). The Tutbury PID is located within the Tutbury Subdivision in S.W. Amarillo. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7424

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE TUTBURY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND FIVE-YEAR SERVICE PLAN; DESCRIBING THE AREA WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; OBLIGATING THE AREA TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST OF PROVIDING SPECIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT; ESTABLISHING THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN PERIODIC INSTALLMENTS AND OBLIGATING PERSONS PURCHASING PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND 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 11: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing to discuss and consider the proposed tax rate for maintenance and operation and debt service for the proposed 2013/2014 City of Amarillo fiscal budget.

Mr. Atkinson advised that this is the first step in the process to adopt the budget and associated tax rate for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. He stated that after the tax rate is set today, it cannot be raised but can be lowered when the City Commission approves the final tax rate and budget.

Commission Escajeda stated she believed there was a public safety issue, a need to add an additional 10 police officers, and giving employee raises are vital. Mayor Harpole stated there was also a need for additional IT computer upgrades and equipment. Commissioner Eades stated he did not concur because of additional capital revenue from a drainage utility fee, dramatic increase in sales tax revenues, and a one-cent increase in ad valorem tax rate to support police officers could meet the needs, and the need to look at the employee benefit package.

Commissioner Simms also stated the need for additional police and he would like to see employee pay increases from 2.75% to 3.75% based on merit.

Carolyn Thornton, 1947 South Marrs, stated she has a better appreciation after attending the budget meetings and she encouraged others to come to meetings. Commissioner Green stated the City needs to take care of the basic needs.

Mayor Harpole closed the hearing. Commissioner Green, motion to set the proposed property tax rate at \$.34009 per \$100 of taxable value, seconded by Commissioner Simms. Mayor Harpole asked for comments. There were no further comments. Mayor Harpole asked for a vote of the Commission. Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO was Commissioner Eades; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 12: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in an amount not to exceed \$8,505,000. The application requests financial assistance for the construction of improvements and extensions to the City's Sewer System. Should this application be approved, the City will receive favorable financing terms for the \$8,505,000 and will receive preference towards future TWDB applications related to construction of the proposed project. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-13-13-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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 13: 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 Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Playground Purchase and Installation:

Award on Texas BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract – Exerplay, Inc.:

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| Willow Vista Park | \$74,343.45 |
| Ellwood Park | 72,711.50 |
| Total Award | \$147,054.94 |

This item awards a contract to purchase new modular playground equipment for Willow Vista and Ellwood Parks. The new equipment for Willow Vista Park will replace the equipment installed in 1980. Ellwood Park currently has no play equipment. The cost of the equipment is 3% less than the last purchase in January 2012. Funding for both playgrounds is available in the approved 2012-2013 Parks Department Capital Improvement Program budget.

B. Award – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Repair Parts Supply Agreement:

Award to low responsive bidder: Panhandle Breathing Air Systems, Inc. -- \$82,870.65

This item awards an annual supply agreement to provide repair parts as needed for the SCBA units used by the Amarillo Fire Department. Maintenance and repair of the SCBA units are performed by trained Fire Department personnel. The agreement reflects an overall 47% increase in the cost of parts. Funding for the agreement is available from the approved Fire Department inventory account.

C. Approval – Transportation Project Grant Agreement:

Grantor Texas Department of Transportation
Grantee: City of Amarillo
Amount: \$403,966.00

This item accepts a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2013-2014 funding to support the Amarillo City Transit. These funds are used to provide operational support to the system. The funding level represents a 2.5% decrease of from the current grant.

D. Approval – Agreement for Architectural Services:
Lavin Associates, Inc. -- \$337,500.00

This item approves a contract for phase two - architectural and engineering services for the renovation of the building at 808 South Buchanan. The agreement provides for development of construction and bid documents. The funding for the agreement is available in the approved 2012-2013 capital improvements budget.

ITEM 14: Presentation and discussion from William Ware, 3012 South Ong and Trevor Caviness, 2410 Lipscomb, representatives of the proposed Amarillo Recreation Complex (ARC). The ARC is a public/private partnership backed by a number of community organizations that would be incorporated into the development currently around the existing Rick Klein Baseball Complex with additional facilities to include sport fields, recreation center, an indoor aquatic facility and hike/bike/jogging trails. Mr. Ware stated there was a tremendous need for the Amarillo Recreation Complex. Mr. Caviness stated the population of Amarillo had grown 50,000-60,000 since 1990, and by 2020 expected to grow another 20,000. He stated the Maverick Club had closed their indoor swimming pool and the Amarillo Town Club only has three lanes. Mr. Ware stated the ARC complex would have something for everyone. Mr. Caviness stated the complex would enhance the quality of life for Amarillo and the region. They are asking the City of Amarillo for a \$30.9 million bond election which would cost 2 1/2 cents per \$100,000 property valuation or \$25 per year to be put on the ballot in November. Mr. Ware stated it would also be beneficial to the hospitals, colleges, aid in swimming lessons and rehabilitation. He stated community partners have come together working to benefit everybody.

Jimmy Lackey with Kids, Inc. stated they have a common goal and this project would benefit everybody and Kids, Inc. endorses the efforts. He requested the City Commission put this item on the November ballot. Patsy Walker, Panhandle Aquatics, stated there was a need for this type of facility. It would benefit and encourage healthy lifestyles. She further stated many schools limit the amount of swimmers due to the limited pool space. She asked the City Commission put this item on the November ballot. Bob Medina, High Plains Fast Pitch, stated there were only two playing fields for fast pitch available. There is a need for six to seven. He also asked that this item be placed on the November ballot. Tom Clark, YMCA, also asked that this project be put on the November ballot. He stated there was a need for indoor aquatics. Dean Crump, Junior Volleyball, stated there was a lack of gym space. Trevor Caviness stated every group is one voice supporting the ARC.

Alan Finegold, 2601 North Grand, stated he was concerned that with the \$30 million bonds for the ARC the City would not be able to improve its current parks and schools. He further stated proximity was key. Mayor Harpole stated he would like to see development happen other than southwest Amarillo.

Edmund Johnston, 2116 South Hayden, stated that he was not totally against the ARC. He asked what would happen if the partnership was unable to come up with the \$6 million. He inquired as to the maintenance and water usage and if there would be artificial turf or grass. Cameron Monroe, 7709 Farrell, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, stated the Parks and Recreation Commission was 100% in support of the ARC.

Commissioner Eades stated the Panhandle Aquatics has been tenacious on behalf of everyone. Elizabeth Hayes, 1301 Alta Vista, stated she would be very nervous if her children had to go across town for practice. Mayor Harpole stated activity breeds security. Thomas Schuman, 7308 Park Ridge, stated he has been to Lubbock's Aquatic Center and it was amazing. Clay Wallace, 9102 Clint Avenue, encouraged the investment in our children and encouragement for the community to grow.

Mayor Harpole stated Amarillo was the largest city our size in Texas that did not have such a facility and the voters could decide. Commissioner Simms stated that various groups had individually approached them numerous times, but the groups coming together was meaningful. He predicted this bond could pass overwhelmingly. Commissioner Escajeda stated she was happy to have so many young people involved improving our quality of life. Commissioner Green encouraged the groups and stated they were stronger together.

William Ware stated they hoped to have the \$6 million raised by November. Trevor Caviness stated the Amarillo Area Foundation was aiding in putting this together. There was no action on this item. Mr. Atkinson stated this item would be placed on the next agenda.

ITEM 15: Presentation by Tim Loan, Assistant Director of Utilities, provided an update through the end of July on the City of Amarillo's Water Conservation efforts. He stated the July weather has helped out. The highest water day was July 11 with 8½ million gallons of water. There has been a slight easing of the drought. To-date there has been 11.21" of rainfall, normal rainfall is 13.73" compared to 2012 which received 7.74" of total rainfall.

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 Commission can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Walter Wolfram, 6704 West Hollywood Road, stated he represented the United States Postal Service local union. He encouraged the Mayor and Commissioners to contact their Senators and Representatives to ask them to allow Amarillo to keep their distribution center. He also noted that the City of Amarillo would lose its postmark. All cancellations would be stamped from Lubbock. There were no further comments.

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

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor