

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012 AT 1:30 P.M. ON THE THIRD FLOOR, ROOM 303, CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 509 S. E. 7th AVENUE, AMARILLO, TEXAS, AND FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION AT 3:00 P.M. THE COMMISSION CHAMBER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

***Please note:** The City Commission may take up items out of the order shown on any Agenda. The City Commission reserves the right to discuss all or part of any item in an executive session at any time during a meeting or work session, as necessary and allowed by state law. Votes or final decisions are made only in open Regular or Special meetings, not in either a work session or executive session.*

WORK SESSION

- A. City Commission will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.
- (1) Review agenda items for the regular meeting, miscellaneous attachments; and appointments for the following boards and commissions:
 - Amarillo Economic Development Corporation
 - Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors
 - Traffic Commission
 - (2) Presentation and discussion -- Amarillo Police Department's 2011 Racial Profiling Report;
 - (3) Discussion – Recommended revisions to Municipal Code regarding Abatement of Substandard Structures and related matters;
 - (4) Discussion – Recommended Texting While Driving Ban; and
 - (5) Consider future agenda items.
- B. City Commission may receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters in Work Session or Regular Meeting:
- (1) Amarillo Economic Development Corporation incentive project;
 - (2) Possible groundwater rights transactions in Hartley, Potter, Carson, Roberts or Ochiltree Counties; including Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and related acquisitions;
 - (3) Downtown Development/Redevelopment (studies, progress reports, plans, proposed projects – TIRZ No. 1, Center City, Inc., Downtown Amarillo, Inc. and/or Amarillo Local Government Corporation);
 - (4) Proposed acquisition and disposition of real property for economic, recreational or cultural projects;
 - (5) 2012 Water Conservation and Use Discussion;
 - (6) Discuss Atmos Rate Review Mechanism rider and the associated rate and regulatory matters;
 - (7) Proposed Drainage Utility Program; and
 - (8) Confer with attorney and discuss threatened or pending litigation or settlement of same: Burch; Trujillo; Tortella.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Jim Guest, Westover Fellowship United Methodist Church

1. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2012.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 7316:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning of a 7.76 acre tract of unplatted land in Section 64, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, in the vicinity of Buccola Avenue and Nancy Ellen Street, to change from Agricultural District to Residential District 2. This is recommended for approval by a 5:0 vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

3. **RESOLUTION -- GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN REINVESTMENT ZONES IN THE CITY OF AMARILLO:**

This resolution adopts the guidelines and associated criteria for the possible abatement of the taxable value of improvements to real property or tangible personal property that is brought to real property on land located within a reinvestment zone created in the City of Amarillo. The City must adopt tax abatement guidelines every two years. The guidelines and associated criteria were last approved in 2010. The 2012 guidelines consider jobs retained as well as jobs created and adhere to the requirements and authorization granted to the City by Texas statute.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It is recommended that the following items be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents necessary for each transaction:

A. **Acceptance - Fire Response Equipment Agreement:**

This item approves a Property Transfer Record Agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for the acceptance of a dual agent foam trailer for response to fires involving alcohol or ethanol-based fuels. The foam and chemical fire response equipment was purchased under PRPC's 2009 and 2010 State Homeland Security Programs. The equipment will be on permanent loan to the City of Amarillo. The agreement is recommended by the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management.

B. **Award – Water Transmission Main Improvement Project:**

Award to low responsive bidder:
SAK/Murphy Joint Venture -- \$984,550.00

This item awards a contract to rehabilitate 3,000 linear feet of an existing 30 inch water transmission line by installing an HDPE liner and related appurtenances. The line to be rehabilitated is located in the alley between Harmony Street and Teckla Blvd from Tawny Avenue to Albert Avenue. Rehabilitation of this line will use the swage lining method rather than open trenching. This method provides the quickest repair and insures minimum service interruption. The project cost is less than estimated but represents an 18% increase in the linear foot cost since the last project in February 2011. Funding for this project is approved in the FY 2011 Utilities Division Capital Improvement Program budget.

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments from interested citizens on matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission, Minutes of January 23, 2012.
2. Boards and Commissions – appointments as listed on attached.