

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Health Facilities Corporation
 - Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation
 - Board of Review for Landmarks and Historic Districts
 - Community Development Advisory Committee
 - Downtown Urban Design Review Board
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - (2) Discussion – Fiscal Year 2012/2013 City of Amarillo Budget and related items;
 - (3) 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 municipal, 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) Potential changes and/or updates to Ambulance Ordinance and Permit;
 - (8) Confer with attorney and discuss threatened or pending litigation or settlement of same: Burch; Trujillo; Zambrana; Flores and Castleberry; and
 - (9) To deliberate regarding security devices or security audits, security personnel.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ

1. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held on August 21, 2012.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE:**

THE CITY OF AMARILLO IS CONSIDERING A TAX RATE OF \$0.32009, WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE CURRENT RATE. THIS PROPOSED RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.79 PERCENT. THE TAX ON AN AVERAGE HOME LAST YEAR WAS \$360.57. THE TAX ON AN AVERAGE HOME WOULD BE \$363.45 UNDER THE PROPOSED RATE.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON HAND-HELD CELL PHONE AND TEXTING USE WHILE DRIVING:**

This item conducts a public hearing to solicit input regarding the recommendation to ban texting and hand-held cell phone use and texting while driving.

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 7349:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to adopt the 2012 Edition of the International Building Code. The Building Code is the primary standard for the construction of multi-family housing and commercial buildings in Amarillo. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 7350:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Residential Code. This code, which is utilized for the construction of one and two family dwellings, and townhouses not more than three stories, also includes code standards for structural, plumbing and mechanical installations. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 7351:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to adopt the 2012 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. This code regulates and governs energy efficient building envelopes, including the installation of energy efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 7352:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code. This code regulates and governs fuel gas systems and gas fired appliances. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 7353:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Mechanical Code. The code regulates and governs the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, replacement, use and maintenance of mechanical systems. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 7354:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Existing Building Code. The Existing Building Code provides flexibility to permit the use of alternative approaches to achieve code compliance for existing buildings. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 7355:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-4, Electricity, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2011 National Electrical Code. This code is the most current national standard for all electrical installations. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 7356:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-5, Plumbing, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Plumbing Code. This code regulates and governs the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, replacement, use and maintenance of plumbing systems. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 7357:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4-5, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. This code regulates and governs the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, replacement, use and maintenance of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, and aquatic facilities and equipment. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 7358:**

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 10-2, Fire Prevention, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code. The fire code serves to safeguard life, property and premises from fire and explosion hazards. This ordinance is recommended for approval by the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board.

14. **RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT THE LOCATION(S) STATED:**

This resolution sets the date and time for a public hearing to determine if two properties constitute a public nuisance and thereby declared as dangerous structures. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of the public hearing. These properties are the first to be considered under the new Amarillo Dangerous Structure Code approved by ordinance on February 14, 2012.

15. **RESOLUTION – DESIGNATION OF TEXAS ENTERPRISE PROJECT:**

This resolution nominates Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Inc. as a Qualified Business and Enterprise Project for economic development assistance under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act. In February 2006, the City elected to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. The local incentives offered under this resolution are the same as stated in Ordinance No. 6915. Subsequent nominations may be made by resolution. As an Enterprise Project, Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Inc. will continue to be eligible for State sales tax refunds for taxable items purchased for its Amarillo facilities and operations. The resolution does not obligate the City of Amarillo to provide any financial commitments or incentives to Northwest Texas Healthcare System Inc but provides City support to Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Inc. in its application for possible State of Texas economic development assistance.

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 7348:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2012/2013 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Vineyard Public Improvement District (PID). The Vineyard PID is located in northwest Amarillo south of the Loop and Broadway Drive. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Vineyard Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

17. **ORDINANCE NO. 7349:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance changing the zoning in Block 58, Bivins Addition Amended, Section 187, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, from Residential District 1 to Residential District 1 with a specific use permit for philanthropic uses related to Mary E. Bivins Foundation.

18. **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. **Purchase – Computer Equipment:**

Award on State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase Program to Dell Computers -- \$90,329.45

This item approves the purchase of a variety of Dell laptops, workstations and LCD monitors to replace existing equipment that has been in service 6 years. The purchase also includes network storage devices and servers to replace aging equipment as well as provide redundancy and failover capabilities. The purchases are part of the routine replacement schedule for technology equipment. Funding is available in the approved 2011-12 Information Technology budget.

B. **Award – Elevator and Escalator Service Annual Contract:**

Award to low responsive bidder:
Schindler Elevator Corporation -- \$41,952.00

This item is the award of the annual contract for maintenance, repair, and emergency response for 19 elevators and 3 escalators at the Airport and other City locations. This contract represents a 49.35% decrease from the current contract. Funding for this contract is in the approved FY 2011-12 Operating Budgets for the Facilities Maintenance and Airport Departments.

C. **Approval – Airport Land Lease Agreement Federal Aviation Administration:**

This item approves a land lease between the Amarillo International Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for outer marker equipment on Runway 04. The equipment is part of the Instrument Landing System. The term of the lease will be 15 years and provides no monetary consideration.

D. **Approval – Airport Drainage Improvements Contract Administration:**

KSA Engineers, Inc. Task Order Number 10 -- \$165,223.00

This item approves task order number 10 for the professional services and related fees necessary to provide construction administration, project inspections and materials testing for the airport drainage improvement construction project. Funding for this agreement is available within the approved project budget.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Boards and Commissions – appointments as listed on attached.

Amarillo City Hall is accessible to individuals with disabilities through its main entry on the south side (S.E. 7th Avenue) of the building. An access ramp leading to the main entry is located at the southwest corner of the building. Parking spaces for individuals with disabilities are available in the south parking lot. City Hall is equipped with restroom facilities, communications equipment and elevators that are accessible. Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations or a sign language interpreter must contact the City Secretary's Office 48 hours prior to meeting time by telephoning 378-3013 or the City TDD number at 378-4229.

Posted this 24th day of August 2012.