

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 5th day of June 2012, the Amarillo City Commission met at 4:30 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:

ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	MAYOR PRO TEM
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was Paul Harpole, Mayor, due to personal business. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
EMMETT AUTREY	DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES
CLAUD DRINNEN	DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem Green led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Green established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the minutes of May 29, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented an ordinance to prohibit camping or remaining overnight on public property. The ordinance is designed to protect the ingress and egress rights of citizens, vendors, contractors and employees to public property and municipal facilities for the conduct of routine business and to prevent the obstruction of such facilities. The ordinance would further provide protection from the potential health, security and sanitation risks associated with camping in areas without proper facilities. The ordinance preserves the ability to use such public property for expressive purposes, public speech and the redress of grievances.

Mayor Pro Tem Green asked for comments. Gary Stach, 1519 S. Alabama, Rick Allsup, 5504 Andrews, Dewey Butterfield, 6401 Tierra, Pastor at New Beginnings Church, Carolyn Thornton, 1947 S. Marris and Alan Finegold, 2601 N. Grand, appeared and expressed concerns about how the ordinance will affect the homeless people. Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that this ordinance does not have anything to do with the people staying under the TxDOT bridge. She stated that TxDOT asked the City to enforce the trespassing laws at that location. Commissioner Eades stated that the City Commission are concerned about the homeless people and want to help them. Mr. Atkinson stated that the Police Department and the Homeless Coalition will work with the people at the bridge through the end of the week to help them relocate. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 S. Marris, and Trina Fournier, 4427 S. Hayden, appeared about the helping the homeless people.

Motion was made and amended by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Simms, to change on page 2 the word "City" to "Public" and the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7333

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 10-3, ARTICLE IV, ADDING SECTION 10-3-45 PROHIBITING CAMPING ON PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 3: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented an ordinance changing the zoning of the east 135 feet of Lot 5, Block 250, Eberstadt Subdivision of Holland Addition, in Section 156, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Northeast 7th Avenue and Arthur Street for a manufactured home. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7334

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 NORTHEAST SEVENTH AVENUE AND ARTHUR STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 4: Mayor Pro Tem Green presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Green asked to remove Item C for separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve Items A and B on the consent agenda. Commissioner Simms motioned to approve Item C on the consent agenda and Commissioner Escajeda seconded the motion. Voting AYE were Commissioners Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; ABSTAINING was Mayor Pro Tem Green; the motion carried by a 3:0:1 vote of the Commission. The City Manager was authorized to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Purchase – Police Radios:

Award to Motorola Solutions c/o WT Services on the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract -- \$190,921.60

This is the purchase of 13 portable (handheld) and 32 mobile (car mounted) radios for the Amarillo Police Department SWAT and Narcotics units.

B. Approval – Junior League of Amarillo Volunteer Agreement:

Parties: City of Amarillo and the Junior League of Amarillo

This approves an agreement whereby the Junior League of Amarillo will provide volunteers and funding from their Community Trust Fund to the Amarillo Zoo. Under the agreement, the Junior League will provide a minimum of five volunteers to assist in providing visitor services at the Zoo. This agreement does not create a financial obligation on the part of the City of Amarillo.

C. Approval – Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Incentive Project:
Amarillo College – 1314 South Polk Street
Developer Agreement for Streetscape Improvements -- \$50,000

This approves a project to fund streetscape improvements in the public right-of-way at the Amarillo College Polk Street Campus, 1314 South Polk Street. The streetscape improvements will include twenty-seven (27) trees, twenty-seven (27) pedestrian lights, associated planters and new sidewalks adjacent to the property along Polk Street and 12th Avenue. The estimated cost of the improvements is approximately \$102,600, and the amount requested from the TIRZ is \$50,000.

ITEM 5: Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that a presentation would be given regarding the 2012 Every Drop Counts – Be Water Wise. Mr. Autrey gave the monthly water production report comparing the current year with previous years. Mr. Frigo presented information about the Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program and the Every Drop Counts Summer Poster Contest.

Mayor Pro Tem Green 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.

Mel Stapleton, 104 Sunset Terrace, Johnny Cobb, 102 Sunset Terrace, Perry Killough, 3718 Cheyenne Terrace, Hope Nielsen, 1000 Sunset Terrace, Bill Sims, 801 sunset Terrace, appeared and stated that they have been informed the street lights in their neighborhood are going to be replaced. They stated that they do not want the lights removed because they have been in place since approximately 1928 and are part of the character of their neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Green stated that she understands their concerns and encouraged them to form a Neighborhood Association. Mr. Atkinson stated that City Staff will meet with them to find a solution. Carolyn Thornton, 1947 S. Marris, appeared and thanked the City for the help that has been given to the people staying under the bridge. There were no further comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Green advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary

Ellen Robertson Green, Mayor Pro Tem