

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 13th day of November 2012, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:30 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 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:

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 Jim Shelburne, Washington Avenue Christian Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "National Bible Week" and "National Hospice/Palliative Care Month."

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 November 6, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012A" in the principal amount not to exceed \$6,900,000 for the purposes of acquiring, improving and constructing municipal drainage facilities, equipment and related items.

This issuance is as considered in the approved FY 2012/2013 budget and will be repaid with revenue generated by the Drainage Utility and includes an ad-valorem tax pledge to ensure the City receives the most favorable rates possible, which will result in a net savings for Amarillo residents.

Mr. Frigo and Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance, appeared and stated that the rating reviews by Standard & Poor's gave the highest credit rating of AAA; while Moody's rated a Aa1, the second highest credit rating. He further commented that very few cities or other municipalities have these high credit ratings. There were eight bids for the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012A with UBS Financial Services, Inc. being the successful bidder of the 20-year debt Certificates of Obligation with a true interest cost of 1.763277%. Mr. Adams recommended the City award these certificates to UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7374

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012A"; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A PLEDGE OF THE NET REVENUES OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; 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 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Amarillo, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012B" in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,790,000 for the purposes of acquiring rolling stock, equipment, vehicles and related items for City fleet.

This issuance is as considered in the approved FY 2012/2013 budget and will be repaid with revenue generated by the Municipal Garage Fund and includes both an ad-valorem tax pledge and solid waste disposal fee pledge to ensure the City receives the most favorable rates possible, which will result in a net savings for Amarillo residents.

Mr. Frigo and Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance, appeared and stated that 10 bids were received on the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012B with BOSC, Inc. being the successful bidder with a true interest cost of 0.686050%. These certificates will be used for acquiring rolling stock, equipment and vehicles for the municipal garage. Mr. Adams recommended to the Mayor and Commission that the 5-year debt Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012B be awarded to BOSC, Inc.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7375

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012B"; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A LIMITED PLEDGED OF THE NET REVENUES OF THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; 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 4: Mayor Harpole opened a public hearing on the Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Grant Application. This application was presented by Melissa Dailey. Ms. Dailey stated these are the same funds that were applied for three years ago with TxDOT but unfortunately were not received. She stated that the proposal includes trees, pedestrian lighting, benches and bike racks and the deadline for the application is

Friday. She further stated that the design considered each block's needs, including proposed crosswalks at each intersection as well as a special design at 6th and Buchanan. The project will result in a more pedestrian friendly downtown. She stated that the total cost of the project was \$1,925,942, which included a TxDOT administration fee of \$251,210, and a TIRZ match of \$385,188. Mayor Harpole said the grant was a way to leverage dollars with TxDOT bonds.

Mayor Harpole asked for public comments. Alan Abraham, 7205 Southwest 35th Avenue, stated he felt this grant was quickly put together and downtown was moving south rather than to the north. Mr. Abraham also stated he did not feel Wallace Bajjali's financial plan was going to hold up. Commissioner Eades commented that some people do not want to pass up this opportunity, and the City would like the streetscape all over. Local churches and colleges have all ready made the commitment. Mayor Harpole stated that for 20-years plus, the downtown property values increased only 2%, but in the last 2-3 years property values downtown have increased 37%. Melissa Dailey stated that Buchanan Street is an important street and that walkability is important no matter what happens. Mayor Harpole commented that by adding a 300 room hotel, 841 garage parking spaces, a ballpark with the possibility of 57 games and 150 other events, the trucks might slow down going through downtown or decide to take the loop.

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented a resolution which authorizes the City of Amarillo to submit a nomination (application) to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for a Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project for portions of Buchanan Street and Southeast 6th Avenue. This project has been cooperatively developed with Downtown Amarillo, Inc. and the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 and is consistent with the Downtown Urban Design Standards and the Downtown Strategic Action Plan. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,925,942 of which 80% is requested from the TXDOT Texas Enhancement Program and the 20% local match of \$385,188 will be provided from the Amarillo Center City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13-12-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS:
APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A NOMINATION TO THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT
NOMINATION AND PLEDGING THE MINIMUM 20% LOCAL
FUNDING MATCH AS PROVIDED BY THE SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OF THE U.S. FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A
SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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 a resolution which authorizes the submission of an application to the Texas Comptroller for Special Event Trust funding for the 2013 American Quarter Horse Adequan World Championship Show in Amarillo. The resolution also authorizes a multi-party contract with American Quarter Horse Association, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Amarillo Potter Event Venue District. Mr. Frigo stated this was similar to previous years' Adequan events. Commissioner Escajeda noted that this event was courted by other cities. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, that the following captioned resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13-12-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF AMARILLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO SEEK AND DISTRIBUTE STATE
FUNDS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 398 OF THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE IN COOPERATION
WITH THE AMARILLO-POTTER EVENTS VENUE
DISTRICT, FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS; PROVIDING
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE
AND 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 the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Purchase – Fire Trucks:

Award on Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Hall Buick, Pontiac GMC - \$1,199,219.00

This item approves the purchase of three pumper style fire trucks for the Amarillo Fire Department. The purchases are scheduled replacements for two 1995 pumpers and an upgrade of one 1994 grass rig truck that have surpassed their usable lifespan. These replacement units are recommended for purchase on the cooperative purchasing contract to ensure consistency across the fleet. Doing so allows for common training, quicker repairs, and reduces down time. This purchase represents a 3% increase from the last purchase in 2011. Funding is available in the approved FY 2012/2013 Municipal Garage Budget.

B. Approval – Center City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Project:

2012 Transportation Enhancement Project -- \$400,000.00

This item approves a project to provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 as the local match required for the City of Amarillo's nomination for 2012 Texas Enhancement Program for certain streetscape improvements on Buchanan Street and 6th Ave. This project is consistent with the goals of the TIRZ and all activities funded through this project will be performed on the public right-of-way. The proposed funding will be used as the required local match for the TxDOT Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project.

C. Approval – License and Hold Harmless Agreement:

License and Hold Harmless for an existing building in a public utility easement along the southern five feet of Lot 38, Block 14, Country Club District, in Section 226, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County for Patricia Ann Pennington.

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.

Robert Goodrich, 6510 Sandie, appeared inquiring about a letter to which he had not received a response. He also, stated concerns over his TIRZ application and request for support for his property. Mayor Harpole advised Mr. Goodrich he had responded and a response was put in writing and mailed. He would get Mr. Goodrich a copy after the meeting.


Commissioner Eades reminded the audience that during this time of the meeting the Mayor and Commissioners were unable to debate.

Commissioner Simms noted that there were five times as many people in the audience during today's meeting compared to last Tuesday's evening meeting, which spoke well of the 3:00 p.m. meetings as compared to the 5:30 p.m. meetings.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor