

## AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M. ON THE THIRD FLOOR, ROOM 303, CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 509 S. E. 7<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, AMARILLO, TEXAS, AND FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

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*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 Housing Finance Corporation  
Potter-Randall Appraisal District Board of Directors  
Zoning Board of Adjustment
  - (2) 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;
  - (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) To deliberate regarding security devices or security audits, security personnel;
  - (6) Potential private gifts and donations to the City;
  - (7) 2011 Water Conservation and Use Discussion;
  - (8) Discuss 2011 Wildfire incident and preparedness; and
  - (9) Discuss Atmos Rate Review Mechanism rider and the associated rate and regulatory matters.

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### REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

**INVOCATION:** Davlyn Duesterhaus, Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems

1. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held on October 4, 2011.

2. **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. **Award – Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement:**

Low Responsive Bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors -- \$192,768.00

This item awards a construction contract for the replacement of a deteriorating six (6) inch sanitary sewer main in the alley between Northwest 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Northwest 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue from North Lipscomb to North Bonham Streets. Funding for the project is available in the 2010 Utilities Division Capital Improvements budget for wastewater collection improvements.

B. **Award – Sidewalk Repairs:**

Low Responsive Bidder: Tri-State General Contracting -- \$123,114.75

This item awards a construction contract for the sidewalk repairs at Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fillmore Street. The sidewalk is weakened by the basement that encroaches beneath it, and will be addressed with the owner's permission. The problem was discovered during a curb ramp repair. The sidewalk improvements will comply with the new Downtown Urban Design and Streetscape Standards.

C. **Acceptance – Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator Award:**

Department of Housing and Urban Development -- \$36,009.00

This item accepts the award of FY 2011-12 funding for a portion of the salary and fringe benefits of the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator in the amount of \$36,009.00 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The FSS Coordinator guides the Section 8 participant in developing a five-year plan to achieve self sufficiency. As job skills improve causing wages to increase, the participant pays a greater proportion of their rent and the Section 8 program pays less. The difference is placed in an escrow (savings) account. At completion of the five years, participants have used this money to buy a home or continue their education. The FY 2011-12 allocation represents level funding.

D. **Approval – Agreement for Services with Downtown Amarillo, Inc.:**

This item approves a one (1) year agreement with Downtown Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the successful implementation of the approved Downtown Amarillo Strategic Action Plan, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) Project and Financing Plan, and the Civic Center Area Redevelopment Plan for the revitalization of downtown Amarillo. In consideration for these services, the City of Amarillo is to provide \$286,432 in total funding.

E. **Approval – IS5 FT-IR Spectrometer:**

Low Responsive Bidder:

Thermo Electron North American LLC -- \$32,730.34

This item approves the purchase of a FT–IR Spectrometer for the Amarillo Fire Department's Hazardous Materials team to identify unknown chemicals in the field. The unit can test liquid, solid, white powder or explosive materials. This technology will provide early identification of hazardous material to allow the Fire Department to more effectively respond to the incident. Reimbursement funding for the purchase is available from a Homeland Security grant provided through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

F. Approval – Artificial Christmas Tree:

Low Responsive Bidder: The Christmas Light Co. -- \$40,319.00

This item approves the purchase of a 40-foot artificial panel (branch) Christmas tree to replace the pole tree currently used for the annual parade and lighting of the tree at the Amarillo Civic Center. The cost is 19% less than estimated. Center City of Amarillo, Inc. and Civic Amarillo are both contributing one third of the cost of the purchase. The balance of the funding for the project is available in the approved Parks and Recreation 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