

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, 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. IN 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) Discussion and review of the proposed 2010/2011 City of Amarillo Budget;
 - (2) Review agenda items for the regular meeting, miscellaneous attachments; and appointments for the following boards and commissions:
 - Airport Board
 - Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers
 - Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation
 - Traffic Commission
 - Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - (3) Consider future agenda items
- B. City Commission may receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:
- (1) Amarillo Economic Development Corporation incentive project;
 - (2) Possible groundwater rights transactions in Hartley, Potter, Carson, Roberts or Ochiltree Counties;
 - (3) Downtown Development/Redevelopment (studies, progress reports, plans, proposed projects – TIRZ No. 1, Center City, Inc., and/or Downtown Amarillo, Inc.);
 - (4) Proposed acquisition and disposition of real property for economic, recreational or cultural projects;
 - (5) Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of the position of City Manager;
 - (6) Southwestern Public Services' proposed rate increase, filed on May 17, 2010; and
 - (7) July 2010 Airport flood damage and insurance claim.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Marvin James, First Christian Church

1. **MINUTES:**

Approval of the City Commission minutes for the regular meeting held on September 7, 2010.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 7238:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 7239:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2010 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.28279 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.02730 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.31009 per \$100.00 property valuation.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.14% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY FORTY CENTS \$0.40.

However the total tax rate is the same as last year and will REDUCE taxes collected for interest and sinking fund purposes. This will REDUCE taxes for Interest and Sinking fund (debt service) on a \$100,000 home by approximately forty cents (\$0.40).

The net effect is that total taxes collected on a \$100,000 home for FY 2010/2011 are the same as collected on a \$100,000 home for FY 2009/2010, excluding any change in taxes due to appraisal value.

4. **RATIFICATION—CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET:**

Pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, sec. 102.007(c), the City Commission is required to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate when the adopted budget requires more property tax revenue than did the previous year's budget.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 7240:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance modifying the terms of the City of Amarillo's participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). This ordinance terminates the automatically repeating allowance of increased prior and current service annuities or cost-of-living adjustments (COLA's), which is prudent and necessary due to current economic conditions. Passage of this ordinance does not prevent the Amarillo City Commission from considering the reinstatement of these retirement annuity adjustments in the future.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 7241:**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16-3-180 (a) of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adding a new sub-section 7 to authorize the Amarillo Police Department to enforce temporary traffic regulations promulgated by the City Traffic Engineer. This amendment is necessary to provide clear authority to enforce temporary traffic regulations for special conditions such as parades or other permitted events as well as for temporary and special conditions or emergencies.

7. **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 – Potter County Wellfield Transmission Pipeline Construction Contract:

Award to low responsive bidder:

S.J. Louis Construction of Texas, LTD. -- \$24,515,941.00

This item is the award of a contract to construct the new water transmission pipeline from the Potter County Wellfield to the existing City of Amarillo 24th Avenue Pump Station. The proposed contract includes the installation of approximately 13.4 miles of 48" pipeline and 6.8 miles of 42" pipeline. The project will provide the necessary connection to bring the water produced in the Potter County Wellfield to Amarillo and also includes an interconnecting pipeline between the new Potter County pipeline and the existing Carson County pipeline. This interconnecting pipeline will provide for greatly increased safety and redundancy of these two critical systems and will allow water to be shifted from one pipeline to the other during emergency situations or to allow routine maintenance without interrupting the ability to deliver water to the city. Funding for this contract is in the approved Potter County Wellfield Capital Improvement project and uses the favorable low-interest financing arranged through the Texas Water Development Board Water Infrastructure Fund.

B. Award – Airport Flood Damage Repair & Restoration Project:

Award to Western Builders of Amarillo, Inc. at a guaranteed maximum price of \$9,006,363.00

This item is the award of a contract to perform permanent repairs and restoration to the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport for damage caused by the July 7, 2010 flood event. Under the terms of this contract, all damage caused to the airport and the associated equipment and fixtures by the flood will be restored to new condition and all equipment warranties and guarantees will be restored. Funding for this contract is provided by the City of Amarillo's insurance carrier, FM Global, with certain items of work being funded by the All Builders Risk Policy. Approval of this contract ensures that these necessary repairs are completed as soon as possible with all systems restored to pre-event functionality and reliability.

C. Award – Public Safety Software Interface Contract:

Awards to Intergraph Corporation on State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchasing Contract -- \$68,860.00

This item is the award of a contract to create and install two software interfaces for the City of Amarillo Police Department. The first interface will allow the automatic importation of Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) information into the new I/Leads automated Police record management and access system. The second interface will automate the importation of data collected from pawn tickets into the I/Leads Police record management and access system. Currently, pawn data is entered manually into the system and consumes a large amount of staff time and effort. Automating this process will greatly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system while also freeing up staff time for other efforts. Funding for this contract is available within the existing Amarillo Emergency Communications Center Capital Improvement Program budget.

D. Acceptance – Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Funds:

Federal Aviation Administration Funds	\$3,137,987.00
Airport Matching Funds	<u>\$ 165,157.00</u>
Total	\$3,303,144.00

This item is the acceptance of the annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funds. These dedicated funds are provided to the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport each year based on enplanement numbers and are restricted for use on aviation projects. This grant represents the full funding award for FY 2009/2010. These funds are programmed to support Terminal Building Improvements. The required five percent Airport matching funds are in the approved FY 2009/2010 Airport Budget.

E. Approval – City Radio Network Evaluation Contract:

Award to RCC Consultants, Inc. on Houston Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program -- \$86,390.00

This item is the award of a contract to conduct a complete diagnostic evaluation of the coverage provided by the City's radio network and the potential impact of the mandated conversion to narrowband technology by January 1, 2013. This study will analyze the performance of our existing mobile and hand-held radios in both open areas and buildings and provide recommendations as to what changes or improvements may be necessary to ensure that complete coverage is available when the system is converted to narrowband operation. Funding for this contract is in the approved FY 2009/2010 Communications Department Capital Improvement Program.

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