

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:15 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room to review agenda items, receive a presentation by Downtown Amarillo, Inc. regarding the downtown revitalization project process and related activities, discuss the appointment of an associate municipal court judge, and consider 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:

DEBRA MCCARTT	MAYOR
MADISON SCOTT	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
RONALD BOYD	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent was none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
KELLEY SHAW	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Perry Hunsaker, St. Paul United Methodist Church. Mayor McCartt established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor McCartt presented the minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance renaming a portion of Littler Place to Ryan Palmer Lane. Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7245

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO RENAMING A PUBLICLY DEDICATED PORTION OF A STREET FORMERLY KNOWN AS LITTLER PLACE TO RYAN PALMER LANE AS IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Eades, Boyd and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 3: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance changing the zoning of a tract of land in the vicinity of Southwest 18th Avenue and Ong Street from Residential District 3 to Residential District 3 with Specific Use Permit for institutional, philanthropic, and charitable uses. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7246

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 CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTHWEST EIGHTEENTH AVENUE AND ONG STREET, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Eades, Boyd and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor McCartt presented an ordinance amending Chapter 16-3, Traffic, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by modifying an existing public street from one-way vehicular traffic to two-way vehicular traffic as follows:

Benton Park Area - S.E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue from S. Bolton Street to S. Spring Street from the current one-way vehicular traffic designation to two-way vehicular traffic designation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7247

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 16-3-1001, SCHEDULE A, TO REMOVE A ONE-WAY STREET DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ITEM 5: Mayor McCartt opened a public hearing to receive comments from residents concerning the stop and yield signs at the intersections of S.W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and S. Hayden Street and S.W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and S. Ong Street and the intersection at S.W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and S. Hayden Street. Mr. Atkinson presented the history and prior City Commission actions regarding the installation of the stop and yield signs at these locations.

Richard Ware, 32<sup>nd</sup> and Hughes, appeared against the stop signs and stated that there is not a need for stop signs at both intersections. He commented that the traffic in this area is not high enough to warrant two sets of four-way stop signs. Dale Smith, 3009 S. Ong, appeared in favor of the stop signs and stated that the safety of the children should be enough reason to keep the stop signs. Tyler Morgan, 1320 S. Fillmore, appeared and suggested that one set of the stop signs be replaced with a digital sign showing the speed of the car and it might slow traffic down. Currie Smith, 1017 S.W. 33<sup>rd</sup>, appeared on behalf of the stop signs and stated that they have helped decrease traffic. Jerry Ghormley, 3207 S. Hayden, appeared in favor of the stop signs for the safety of the children. Lane Seliger, 2618 S. Hughes, appeared in favor of the stop signs. He stated that this is about safety and he finds no reason not to keep the signs. William Ware, 32<sup>nd</sup> and Ong, appeared on behalf of the removal of the stop signs. He stated that if this is about safety for the children then there should be four-way stop signs on every corner. He commented that this sets a bad precedence and there are other ways to slow traffic. He stated that people ignore the signs and go through them. He noted that when too many rules are set no one follows them. Mark Bivins appeared concerning the stop sign that is out in the street on Hayden and stated that he realizes the stop signs are for the safety of the neighborhood. Caroline Smith, 3009 S. Ong, appeared in favor of the stop signs and asked what is more important, safety or convenience.

Commissioner Eades stated that the data is clear that the second set of stop signs has not made a significant change in the amount of traffic or the speed and therefore he does not think they are necessary. Commissioner Scott stated that the government is responsible for the safety of its citizens and is in favor of the stop signs for the safety of the children. Commissioner Boyd stated his first thought is for safety. He suggested making a five-way stop at S.W. 32<sup>nd</sup> and S. Hayden and a two-way stop at 32<sup>nd</sup> and S. Ong. No comments were made regarding the proposed change by Commissioner Boyd. Commissioner Simms stated that since last December his stand for the safety of the children has remained the same and will remain the same. Commissioner Eades stated that no one here is not for the safety of children. He commented that that his number one responsibility is for liberty. He stated that he is not for regulating people and they should be careful not to start adding layers of regulation. Mayor McCartt

stated that when she drives down 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue she does not see any children outside. She stated that she does not see the need for both sets of stop signs. She commented that the burden of proof was not established with this public hearing.

Commissioner Boyd stated that because of the children and the comments he has heard during the meeting he would make a motion to leave the stop signs at both intersections and change the yield sign on S.W. 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to a stop sign. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Voting AYE were Mayor McCartt, Commissioners Scott, Boyd and Simms; voting NO was Commissioner Eades; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6: Mayor McCartt 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 Simms, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Sanitary Sewer Main Reroute Project:

Award to low responsive bidder: Amarillo Utility Contractors -- \$48,500

This is a contract to permanently realign a sanitary sewer main in the vicinity of T-Anchor Lake near Ross Street. This project will relocate 940 linear feet of this main into an area that will not be subject to future erosion and resulting failure as previously occurred on this line segment.

B. Award – Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Protective Clothing Annual Contract:

Award by lot to low responsive bidders as follows:

Daco Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	(Lot 1)	\$ 28,494.00
MES, Inc.	(Lots 2, 3)	\$ 8,676.00
Total Award		\$ 37,170.00

This is the purchase of personal protective equipment for firefighters assigned to the Airport for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) duties. These protective suits are specially designed to be used in and around aircraft or fuel related incidents. This purchase is for eighteen sets of protective suits that will replace existing suits that no longer meet safety standards and to equip new personnel assigned to the Airport.

C. Award – Potable Water High Service Pump Repair:

Award to low responsive bidder: J&L Equipment -- \$80,000.00

This is for the repair of a water pump used at the Osage Potable Water Treatment Plant. This unit is necessary to ensure that the Osage Plant is able to continuously deliver treated water throughout the system

D. Award – Water Works Fittings Annual Supply Agreement:

Award to low responsive bidders by line item as follows:

Ferguson Enterprise, Inc.	\$30,492.04
(Lines 1-3, 5-10, 28-31, 33-36)	
Water Products of Oklahoma, Inc.	\$ 7,137.60
(Lines 4, 11-27)	
Silver Star Supply Company	\$ 225.00
Total Award	\$37,854.64

This is the annual supply agreement to furnish various fittings, tubing, valves and associated items used by City Departments throughout the year.

E. Award – Airport Baggage Handling System Contract:

Award to low responsive bidder:

Glidepath LLC in the total amount of \$3,148,783.00

This is a contract to furnish and install the new baggage handling system at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

F. Acceptance – United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Grant:

Grant Amount:	\$1,230,819.00
Local Match Amount:	<u>\$1,269,181.00</u>
Total Project Cost:	<u>\$2,500,000.00</u>

This is the acceptance of a grant from the Federal Economic Development Administration for road improvements within and adjacent to the CenterPort Business Park. The Amarillo Economic Development Corporation is the sponsor of this project and is providing the required matching funds. The City of Amarillo is the co-applicant of the project and will own and maintain the improvements when completed. This road improvement project will result in improved transportation facilities within CenterPort and on Folsom Road. These improvements will support the businesses currently located within CenterPort with enhanced access to U.S. Highway 60 and will facilitate product, equipment, and material movement into and from the site.

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

This is a one (1) year agreement with Downtown Amarillo, Inc. for services associated with the implementation of the 2008 Downtown Amarillo Strategic Action Plan and the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (TIRZ) project and financing plan for the revitalization of Downtown Amarillo. In consideration for these services, the City of Amarillo is to provide \$211,429 in total funding.

H. Approval -- Addendum to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Project:

This is an addendum to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 Developer Agreement for the renovation of the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel at the Fisk in downtown Amarillo to provide \$70,000 in additional financial incentives for the construction of streetscape improvements along South Polk Street and S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The addendum will provide a reimbursement of the costs not to exceed \$70,000 for sidewalks, pavers, landscaping and pedestrian lighting consistent with the Downtown Streetscape design.

Mayor McCartt 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. Alan Abraham, 7205 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, appeared and stated that from what he has seen Mr. Atkinson is very competent and capable of being named the City Manager. He also commented on how beautiful the Martin Lake area looks. Alan Finegold, 2601 N. Grand, appeared and asked the Commission to review the Urban Design Standards with the possibility of changing the boundaries to be between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Buchanan Street and Jackson Street. There were no further comments. Mayor McCartt announced that the meeting was adjourned and the City Commission would return to Executive Session.

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Debra McCartt, Mayor