

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 17th day of October 2018, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Bryan Poff, Jr., Board Member	Y	40	37
William Biggs, Vice President	Y	40	39
Eddy Sauer, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	17	14
John Lutz, President	Y	59	54
Howard Smith, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	17	17
Michael Haning, Board Member	Y	8	8
Paul Matney, Board Member	Y	8	8
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS			
Jared Miller, City Manager	Y	21	13
Mercy Murguia, Potter County Commissioner	Y	60	40

Absent were none.

Staff in Attendance:

William McKamie, Jerry Danforth, Facilities Manager, Andrew Freeman, Economic Development Manager, Michelle Bonner, Deputy City Manager, Frances Hibbs, City Secretary, and Bob Garrett.

ITEM 1: Mr. Lutz called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2018 were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Haning to accept the minutes, and seconded by Mr. Poff. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 3: Jerry Danforth stated the MPEV was still on schedule even though we have had rain events. The basement is completely framed out and the structural steel has been completed. There is no longer a crane on location. They are currently watching for upcoming rain events before the sod is delivered. They are making minor changes to the pedestrian bridge that goes across the ramp. The Team stated that some concert venues and events who bring in 14' trailers. He encouraged the Board to check Amarillo Professional Baseball's Facebook every Tuesday for 'Transformation Tuesday,' to see what happened the previous week onsite. Ms. Murguia inquired what type of sod and where it is grown. Mr. Danforth replied it is grown outside of Austin. It is a Latitude 36 and the same that is used in Ranger Stadium and on four NFL fields.

Ms. Murguia inquired if the other events dollars would come back to City funds. Mr. McKamie stated the City receives its share of parking during events and any sales tax. Mr. Lutz inquired how drainage on the field worked during the recent rain event. Mr. Danforth stated they are working on the dirt microns and the amount of sand, but it will drain eight inches of rain within one-hour. After the recent rain event, there was 40,000 gallons pumped off, and the drainage system worked fantastic performing above expectations.

Bob Garrett stated they have seen lots of activity regarding the retail space. They are currently working with a group and have plans for an architect. Mr. McKamie stated they would place an item on the next agenda for an executive session. Ms. Murguia inquired if tenants were waiting for the team to get started. Mr. Garrett replied that some were looking and others are moving faster. He further stated there was good activity and good mix of interest.

Mr. Freeman stated downtown parking ordinances would be presented to Council next week. Ms. Murguia inquired were the revenue for parking would be placed. Mr. Miller replied into the general fund with an objective to create additional parking capacity.

Dr. Sauer came in at this time.

ITEMS 4 and 5: Mr. Biggs stated they hope to provide the campaign ideas to the Board next month. He stated they have two tasks: 1) alert more people that the garage is available because there was not enough people utilizing the garage. A cheap solution would be use of a-frame signs; and; 2) promote event rentals on the top floor of the parking garage. The committee put together the basics, who to call, what it costs and when rentals would be available. Mr. Lutz suggested not missing out of upcoming big opportunities such as the World Ranch Rodeo and the Nut Cracker. He stated a-frame signs could be done cheaply and quickly. Ms. Bonner stated the funds would come out of the parking garage cost unit. Mr. McKamie stated this item was posted if a motion to approve the signs was needed. Mr. Biggs motioned to authorize City staff to spend up to \$1,200 for four signs for marketing the parking garage, seconded by Mr. Poff. Motion carried by a 7:0 vote.

Voting AYE were Mr. Biggs, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Smith, Mr. Poff, Mr. Matney, Dr. Sauer, and Mr. Haning voting No were none; the motion carried by a 7:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Lutz stated he would like to see the proof.

ITEM 6: Dr. Sauer stated a formal agreement was signed last week between the San Diego Padres and the owners. Mr. Biggs inquired when the team would be named. Dr. Sauer stated sometime in November. He further stated the team was excited about being here. Mr. Danforth stated the team spent a day and ½ and there were no changes other than moving two lockers.

ITEM 7: Bobby Dyer, Embassy Suites, stated the San Diego Padres were in their facility and were blown away by the hotel, the field and the town. He stated the hotel was fully staffed and

the hotel represents the city. There is guest interaction with hotel staff, and staff with great pride welcomes people to our city.

ITEM 8: Mr. McKamie advised at 12:11 p.m. that the Board would convene in Closed Session per Texas Government Code section 551.071, consult with the attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter.

(a) Consultation with counsel regarding status of negotiations of proposed amendments to the Convention Center Hotel Lease and Development Agreement, and related matters.

Mr. McKamie announced that the Closed Session was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

ITEM 9: Mr. Lutz stated that at this time the Board would invite comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation. James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough, stated the MPEV events only helped the team and did not make money to pay for the City's debt. He stated his concern about the retail space, and questioned why we would want valet parking. He further inquired about the Embassy not paying hot tax, and stated he struggled with the parking garage and retail space. Dan Quandt, CVC, 4719 Oregon Trail, stated they have a great partnership with the Embassy Suites. They have had over 30 conventions that would not have been in Amarillo if the convention hotel was not built. The CVC is working with the team on non-baseball events. There were no further comments.

ITEM 10: Mr. Lutz inquired about items for the next agenda. Mr. Biggs stated there would be an update on the marking of the a-fames and parking. Mr. McKamie stated there would be a couple of executive session items.


Ms. Murguia inquired as to an overall financial update. Mr. Lutz stated Ms. Bonner presents a formal report and he would check when the next one would be available.

ITEM 11: Mr. Lutz stated the next meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Murguia stated San Jacinto Christian Academy has make improvements to the Potter County Baseball Stadium and it definitely looks different;

ITEM 12: Mr. Lutz announced the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


John Lutz, President