

# Welcome Candidates!

**PLEASE SIGN IN**



# Drawing for Place on Ballot

- Candidates will draw in the order applications were received
- A designee may draw in place of a candidate, or staff will draw if no one is present

# Mayor

- Freda Powell
- Tonya C. Winston
- Jeffrey Mcgunegle
- Sam Burnett
- Don Collins
- Cole Stanley

# Councilmember Place 1

- Margie Gonzales
- Ray White
- Kelsey Richardson
- Josh Craft
- Sherie Wood
- Dean Crump
- Chip Hunt

# Councilmember Place 2

- Don Tipps
- Gabriel McHenry-Herrera
- Misty Vigil

# Councilmember Place 3

- Tom Scherlen
- Katt Massey
- John Adair

# Councilmember Place 4

- **Hobert Gunny Brown**
- **Les Simpson**
- **John Ingerson**
- **Claudette Smith**

# 2023 City Council Candidate Briefing

Jared Miller, City Manager

Presented on February 22, 2023



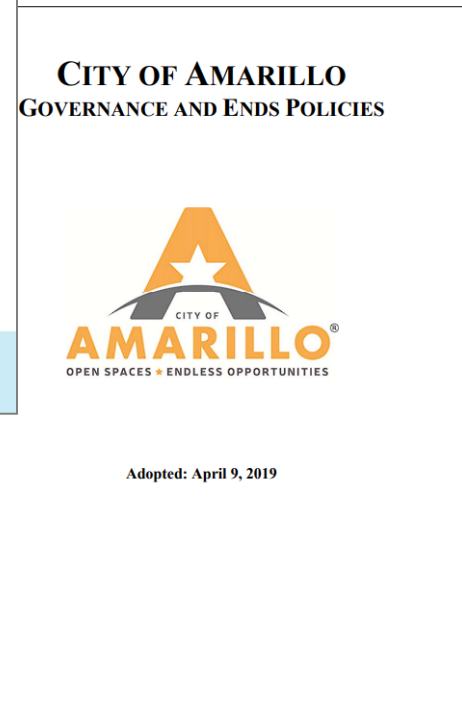


# Agenda

- Overview of resources available
- Highlight major initiatives underway
- Council committees, boards and commissions
- Elected Official time commitment
- Candidate qualifications and laws an Officer Elect should know

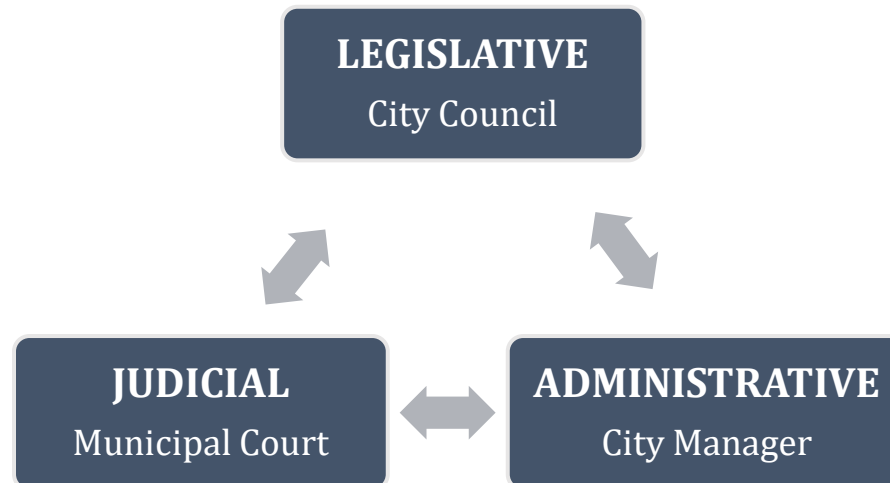
# Resources Available

- Amarillo City Charter
- BluePrint for Amarillo – Vision for the Future
- Governance and Ends Policies
- Adopted Budget
- Community Investment Program



# Amarillo City Charter

- November 18, 1913
- Amarillo was the first City in Texas to establish a Council - Manager form of government
- Defines roles, duties, authority and responsibilities of each branch of City government
- Defines relationship between Council and City Manager
- Established three branches of government



# BluePrint for Amarillo

## **Council Pillars**

- Public Safety
- Economic Development and Redevelopment
- Civic Pride
- Highly Educated Population
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Customer Service
- Excellence in Communication
- Transportation

## **City Manager Initiatives**

- Commitment to Safety
- Implementation of Best Practices
- Promote Innovation and Customer Service
- Public Service and Engagement



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# Governance and Ends Policies

- Adopted by Council April 2019
- Set standards and expectations for Council as a whole and individual members
- Enforced by Council as a whole
- Read and be familiar with them
- Governance Policies
  - *Defining the purpose of the City Council, City Manager, and all City Employees*
- Ends Policies
  - *Establishing what is to be done, for whom, at what cost, and Executive Limitations to define unacceptable means*

# Governance and Ends Policies

## **City Mission:**

“Create the best environment possible for every Amarillo resident to find and achieve their potential for greatness.”

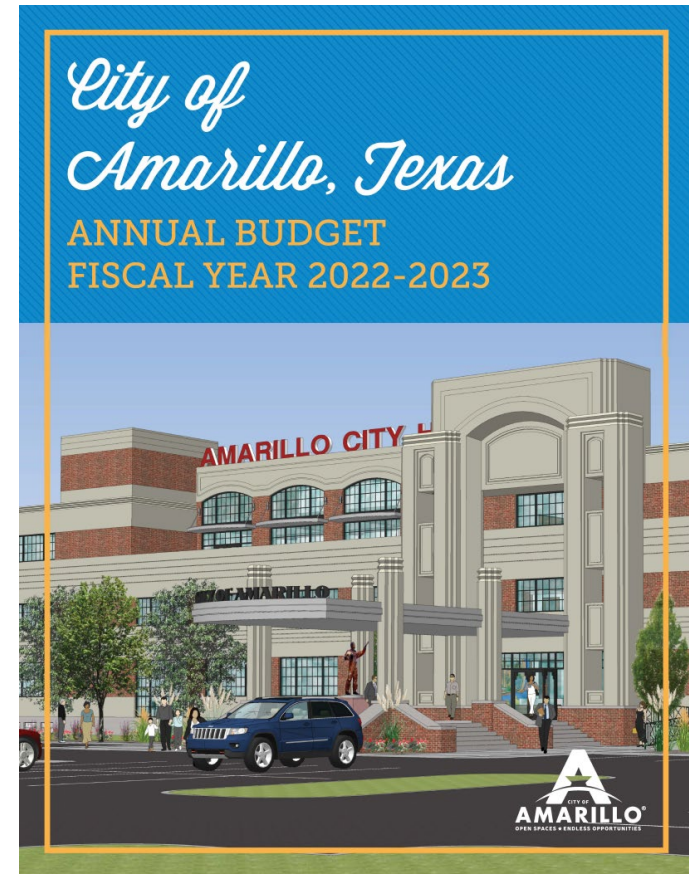
## **City Council Mission:**

“Use democracy to govern the City efficiently and effectively to accomplish the City’s mission.”



# 2022/2023 Adopted Budget

- Primary service delivery document
- Joins funding with service plans for all City departments
- Total 2022/2023 budget of \$490.8 million
- Council review of Proposed Budget : July / August
- Council adopts Operating Budget: August / September



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# Community Investment Plan



- Five-year capital program fiscally aligned with the adopted operating budget
- First year adopted with subsequent years serving as a plan for anticipated needs
- Entire plan reviewed annually and modified for changes to needs

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# Major Initiatives Underway

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- Solid Waste Roll-Off Program
- Organization of City Marshal's Office

## **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

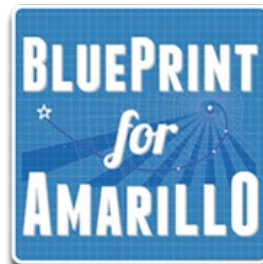
- Enterprise Resource Planning Software

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Western St., Wallace Blvd., Hagy Blvd., and Port Ln. Reconstruction
- Arden Road New Street Construction

## **CIVIC PRIDE**

- Transformation Park
- Park Lighting Project
- Polk St. Streetscape



# Major Initiatives Underway

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ REDEVELOPMENT**

- City Plan
- Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system
- Northeast Interceptor
- Landfill – Cell 10

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Amarillo Regional Crime Center
- Fire Station 14



# Council Committees

Amarillo MPO Policy  
Committee

Animal Management  
and Welfare  
Advisory Board

Audit Committee

Beautification and  
Public Arts Advisory  
Board

Convention and  
Visitors Bureau

Local Government  
Corporation

Parks Advisory  
Board

Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Safety  
Advisory Committee

# Boards and Commissions

- Council appointments to Boards and Commissions
- Annually in November/December



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## Boards & Commissions

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### Current Boards & Commissions

- [21st Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board](#)
- [Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities](#)
- [Airport Advisory Board](#)
- [Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors](#)
- [Amarillo Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Board of](#)

– City Government

Mayor & Council Members

**Boards & Commissions**

Meeting Agendas and Minutes

+ City Council

Public Comment Appearance Registration

<https://amarillo.gov/city-hall/city-government/boards-commissions>.

# Time Commitment

- City Council meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
- City Council members regularly serve on sub-committees and/or advisory boards and commissions
- City Council members are frequently called upon to attend civic events and speak to civic groups
- City Council members occasionally travel outside of the community to attend training and conferences, or to represent the City of Amarillo at the State Capitol in Austin or Washington D.C.



# Qualifications

- Ch. 4, §4, Amarillo City Charter
- Resident citizen of the City of Amarillo for 12 months immediately preceding the election
- Registered voter of Potter or Randall County at the time of election and swearing in
- Cannot be indebted to the City
- Cannot hold any other public office of emolument,
- Cannot have interest in contracts or sales of supplies to the City
- Cannot accept any frank, free ticket, passes or service, or anything of value, directly or indirectly from any person, firm or corporation, upon terms more favorable than granted to the public

# Laws that an Officer-Elect should know

- Statement of Officer and Oath of Office
  - Texas Constitution, Article 16, §1
- Texas Open Government \*\*
  - Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551, Government Code
  - Public Information Act, Ch. 552, Government Code
- Conflict of Interest Laws
  - §171.001-009, Local Government Code
  - §212.017, Local Government Code
- Nepotism
  - Ch. 573, Government Code
- Bribery, Abuse of Power, Gifts to Public Servant, Honoraria

**\*\* Mandatory training**



QUESTIONS?