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CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 3rd day of August 2011, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Commission Chamber, City Hall, 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

Gary Pitner	President
Richard Brown	Vice President
Ron Boyd	Board Member
Brian Eades	City Commissioner and Board Member
Glen Parkey	Board Member
Jim Simms	City Commissioner and Board Member
Les Simpson	Board Member
Jarrett Atkinson	City Manager and Ex-Officio Member
Melissa Daily	Executive Director of DAI and Ex-Officio Member
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager and Treasurer of the Board
Vicki Covey	Assistant City Manager
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Donna DeRight	City Secretary and Secretary of the Board

Also in attendance were David Wallace and Joe Esch, Wallace Bajjali Development Partners.

ITEM 1: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitner. He thanked everyone for attending and for their interest in the community. He stated there are exciting things on the horizon for our city.

ITEM 2: Mr. Pitner presented for approval the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 27, 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Mr. Pitner stated that this item allows the board to convene to Closed Session but they will not need one.

ITEM 4: Mr. Pitner advised that the board would receive a presentation on an Amarillo convention hotel, parking structure and multi-purpose event venue with recommendations on the path for proceeding with the downtown redevelopment projects, including possible funding strategy.

Mr. Simpson, Board Member and Chairman of Downtown Amarillo, Inc., stated that a Downtown Strategic Action Plan was prepared in March 2008 and it is time to see some action take place from that plan. He commented that with the assistance of Wallace Bajjali Development Partners and Public/Private Partnerships we can begin to move forward with the vision that was set out in the Strategic Action Plan.

Mr. Wallace appeared and thanked everyone for their time and commitment to the downtown revitalization projects. He stated that a great deal of public input has been received and that it has been beneficial in determining what would best serve the revitalization efforts of the downtown area. Mr. Wallace presented Phase One of the Downtown Redevelopment Projects and explained that it will include the multi-purpose event venue, convention hotel and a parking garage. He advised that the funding strategy to pay for these projects will be with a combination of public sources, private investments and user fees. Mr. Wallace explained that the recommended funding strategy does not rely on increased property taxes or municipal funding instruments such as Certificates of Obligation or General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Pitner thanked Mr. Wallace and his team for their work.

ITEM 5: Mr. Pitner advised that a public presentation of the downtown revitalization projects will be held on Monday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center and invited everyone to attend.

He asked for public comment regarding the presentation. Carolyn Thornton appeared and stated that she is in favor of what has been proposed for the downtown area but she has concerns with the increase in traffic that will be caused by the multi-purpose event venue. She commented that she would like the ballpark to remain in its present location. She also stated that she thinks it makes more sense to use the Herring Hotel for the convention hotel instead of building a new one. Robert Goodrich appeared and stated that he is excited about what has been presented but is concerned about the timeline for proceeding with the projects.

ITEM 6: Mr. Pitner stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission Chamber. He explained that next week the board will consider making a recommendation to the City Commission regarding the downtown revitalization projects.

ITEM 7: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Gary Pitner, President

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary