STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the day of 11th day of January 2012, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, 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
Melissa Dailey	Ex-Officio Member
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Donna DeRight	City Secretary and Secretary of the Board

ITEM 1: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitner.

ITEM 2: Mr. Pitner presented for approval the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Mr. Parkey, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 3: Mr. Pitner presented for discussion an update on the status of the Downtown Redevelopment Projects and pending or contemplated legal agreements and contracts necessary to implement the projects. He stated that the Document Development and Review Committee has diligently been working on the Lease and Development Agreement for the hotel and parking garage and they are making progress. He advised that the Board would be meeting in Closed Session with the lawyers about the Agreement. He commented that other preparations are underway regarding the downtown area and he asked Ms. Daily to update the Board.

Ms. Daily stated that DAI continues to move forward in planning for the downtown projects. She advised that DAI and TIRZ contracted with Jacobs to conduct some additional studies in the downtown area. There is a study being done on transportation that will help determine the right balance especially when several events are taking place. Another area that is being reviewed is the signage because there is the need for it to be consistent and informative. Ms. Daily also stated that a Public Improvement District is being considered for the downtown core area that could assist with security measures and other issues that could be beneficial for the property owners. She stated that these studies are being done to be sure we have a safe, comfortable and easy for place for people to get around when they come downtown.

It was stated that as a result of a Center City project there will be new banners placed on the light poles to help promote the downtown projects. A question was asked about the basement that was discovered by city workers at Sixth Avenue and Fillmore Street. The board was advised that no one was aware of the basement and after reaching an agreement with the property owners the basement was filled in. It was noted that renovations at Polk Street Methodist Church, Amarillo College and the Potter County Courthouse are underway and completion is scheduled for this spring and summer. There were no further comments.

ITEM 4: Mr. Pitner opened the Public Forum for comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation. There were no comments.

ITEM 5: Mr. Pitner advised that the Board would convene in Closed Session to discuss the potential purchase, sell, or lease of downtown property, together with (i) economic incentives that may be available for a prospective or existing business and (ii) attorney-client communication and advice regarding same and, per Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .072 and .087, as relates to proposed projects for downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Pitner announced the Closed Session was adjourned and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

ITEM 6: Mr. Pitner stated the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall, Third Floor, Room 306.

ITEM 7: Mr. Pitner announced the meeting was adjourned.

Gary Pitner, President

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary