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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 6th day of November 2014, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 6:30 p.m. in the Bud Joyner Auditorium at Amarillo College, 1314 South Polk Street, with the following members present:

Richard Brown	Vice President
Glen Parkey	Board Member
Ron Boyd	Board Member
Les Simpson	Board Member
John Lutz	Board Member
Brian Eades	City Councilmember and Board Member
Jarrett Atkinson	City Manager and Ex-Officio Member
Melissa Dailey	Executive Director of DAI and Ex-Officio Member
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Frances Hibbs	City Secretary

Absent was Jim Simms, City Councilmember and Board Member. Also in attendance were and Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager.

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

ITEM 2: Mr. Brown presented an overview of the downtown projects.

ITEM 3: Mr. Brown stated that at this time the Board would invite questions from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation.

Eugene Strauss was concerned about commercial traffic in downtown. Mayor Harpole replied that they are working with TxDot to improve the Loop in effort to reduce downtown traffic. Timothy Ingalls inquired about streetscaping and bicycle lanes or bicycle parking downtown. Dr. Eades replied the Council has been talking with DAI regarding making downtown more pedestrian/bicycle friendly. Vick Snyder expressed concern over paying the building cost of the events center. Mayor Harpole stated the stadium was being built in such a manner that it can be used for functions other than baseball and that this will aid in the MPEV being able to pay for itself.

Laura Street asked if there was a single person to contact with problems concerning business and parking issues during construction. Mr. Brown replied that because there were multiple players involved it would be best to contact City staff as they will be aware of who all the players were doing. Commission H.R. Kelly expressed concerns for public safety downtown. Dr. Eades replied they are looking at ways for additional police or security and the possibility of a public improvement district downtown to pay for private security. Mayor Harpole stated that with more housing downtown that pattern would change.

Miles Forrester inquired if the convention hotel hot tax and sales tax rebates were regulated by state statute. Mr. Brown answered they were. Judge Bryan Poff asked who was going to run the MPEV. Mr. Brown replied the Operator would be Wallace Bajjali. Judge Poff also inquired how the RFP was publicized. Jerry Ping inquired about the TIRZ boundaries and if it would change his use or the zoning of his property. Mayor Harpole answered that the TIRZ and zoning were two different entities.

Michael Norris stated he appreciated the work being done. He further inquired about how the architects were chosen and what type of sub or general contractors would be used. Mr. Brown answered that LGC was not doing the construction and that NewcrestImage may have some of their own people but Lavin & Associates would probably use local contractors. Allen Finegold asked if Wallace Bajjali would be managing the construction of the MPEV. Mr. Brown replied that the document was not on the table before the Council at this time. Mr. Finegold asked if the MPEV would be a public venue facility. Mr. Brown answered yes. Mr. Finegold also asked what the Texas Code was authorizing the LGC. Mr. Norris replied the Texas Transportation Code.

Dipak Patel asked why he could not get a rebate for his hotels property tax. Mayor Harpole stated the only way to fill other hotels is to add a downtown convention hotel and that the property tax rebate was an incentive given in order to get a convention hotel built. Mr. Patel also commented on the condition and beautification of Interstate 40. Mayor Harpole invited Mr. Patel to go with him to TxDot. He further explained they are deciding whether the City should take over maintenance because the highways look terrible due to TxDot's limited funding. Mr. Patel also stated that Interstate 40 needed a nice Welcome sign coming into Amarillo.

Mary Emeny suggested the new hotel be built to complement the Globe News Center. Danny South asked how much tax dollars have been paid to Wallace Bajjali. Mr. Brown answered approximately \$1 million. Al Patel inquired as to how many conventions were lost last year. Dan Quant stated they have quit bidding on events which required a downtown hotel or convention hotel. Mr. Patel also inquired about other areas of Amarillo like Amarillo Boulevard. Mayor Harpole stated they are studying the possibility of a TIRZ along Amarillo Boulevard. There were no further comments.

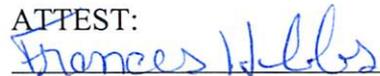
ITEM 4: Mr. Brown stated that the next Board meeting would be November 12, 2014.

ITEM 5: Mr. Brown announced the meeting was adjourned.



Richard Brown, Vice-President

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary