

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of December 2014, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Council Chamber, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

Richard Brown	President
Glen Parkey	Vice President
Ron Boyd	Board Member
John Lutz	Board Member
Brian Eades	City Councilmember and Board Member
Lilia Escajeda	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
Michelle Bonner	Assistant City Manager
Frances Hibbs	City Secretary

Absent were Les Simpson and Mercy Murguia. Also in attendance were David Wallace and Raymond Braswell.

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

ITEM 2: The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2014 were presented. Motion was made by Ronald Boyd to approve the minutes, seconded by Glen Parkey and unanimously carried, 5:0.

ITEM 3: Mr. Brown presented a project status update on the Downtown Convention Hotel, Parking Garage and Multi-Purpose Event Venue Projects. He stated the documents had been executed with minor changes such as how far in advance rooms could be booked, and that room rates were at a competitive rate. He further stated Potter County approved the parking garage unanimously at their last meeting.

Dan Quandt stated the CVC has requested information on the number of single, double, and suite rooms and the type of food service that will be available, so they may begin marketing the hotel. He further stated he had a meeting with the hotel sales manager on Friday in Dallas to obtain these answers.

Bob Cowell, Assistant City Manager, presented a project status update on the TxDot's Transportation Enhancement Program Streetscape Project. Mr. Cowell stated they continue to work with TxDot on the streetscaping project, and that funding has been secured. Bids for the sewer and curb extensions will be sent out in March. TxDOT is currently working on a bid for an ADA project downtown.

Melissa Dailey, Downtown Amarillo, Inc., presented a project status update on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (Tiger) Grant/Polk Street Project.

She presented photographs of other city's main streets and conceptual images of Polk Street. She stated 70% of Polk Street was still inactive in use. To begin looking at federal funding such as the Tiger Grant it would require the project be for safety, livability, and environment sustainability. Key factors include that the project is ready to proceed, connectivity, market impact and local match of a minimum of 20%. She further stated they were considering connecting the Rails-to-Trails on 7th Avenue, adding bicycle amenities, and hopefully ending at the Santa Fe Building or the Intermodal Center. She is working with Jacobs on an April deadline and looking for 40-50 letters of support.

David Wallace stated the documents have been executed and TIRZ will add the final approval. He introduced Raymond Braswell who will take charge of the development and construction. Raymond Braswell stated he had over 20 years of construction experience, has built numerous hotels and baseball stadiums. He will oversee the project along with the construction manager.

ITEM 4: Mr. Brown 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. There were no comments.

ITEM 5: Mr. Brown advised at 12:17 a.m. that the Board would convene in Closed Session to discuss the potential purchase, sale, 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, per Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .072 and .087, as they relate to proposed projects for downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Brown announced the Closed Session was adjourned at 1:14 p.m. and no action would be taken in regard to the Closed Session.

Mr. Brown reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:14 p.m. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Braswell were in attendance.

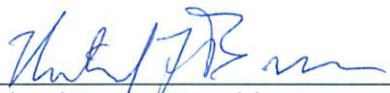
Mr. Brown advised at 1:28 p.m. that the Board would again convene in Closed Session to discuss the potential purchase, sale, or lease of downtown property, together with (i) economic incentives that may be available for a prospective or existing business and (ii) attorney-client communication and advice regarding same, per Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .072 and .087, as they relate to proposed projects for downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Brown announced the Closed Session was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. and no action would be taken in regard to the Closed Session.

Mr. Brown reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

ITEM 6: Mr. Brown stated that the next Board meeting would be scheduled as needed.

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


Richard Brown, President

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary