

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 11th day of November 2015, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Sunny Hodge-Campbell, Vice President	Y	5	5
Bryan Poff, President	Y	3	3
William Biggs, Board Member	Y	3	3
Les Simpson, Board Member	Y	78	59
Brian Eades, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	78	72
John Lutz, Board Member	Y	22	20
Randy Burkett, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	5	4
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS			
Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager	Y	78	77
Melissa Dailey, Executive Director of DAI	Y	78	76
Mercy Murguia, Potter County Commissioner	Y	22	12

Absent were none.

Staff in Attendance:

William McKamie, Interim City Attorney; Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager; Jerry Danforth, Facilities Manager; Bob Cowell, Assistant City Manager and Frances Hibbs, City Secretary.

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

ITEM 2: Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 2015 were presented. Motion was made by Ms. Hodge-Campbell and seconded by Mr. Burkett. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Voting AYE were Mr. Poff, Ms. Hodge-Campbell, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Simpson, Councilmember Eades, Councilmember Burkett and Mr. Lutz, voting No were none; the motion carried by a 7:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 3: Mr. Cowell presented updates on the projects. He stated that the Buchanan Street storm sewer project was complete. He further stated that the streetscape project plans were submitted to TxDot for approval and the City is working through their comments. The TxDot

streetscape project is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring. The Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company headquarters building is currently under construction. The Convention Center Hotel site is being prepped and building plans are approved. Curbs have been installed at the Liberty Theater and wheel-stops will be installed by the end of the week. The parking restriction signs around the court house have been covered during the construction phase so that jurors can use these parking spaces. The City will be looking into removing the parking signs temporarily at this location. Ms. Dailey stated there is a parking guide on the Downtown Amarillo, Inc. website and parking brochures have been mailed to the various art groups.

Dr. Eades arrived during this item.

This item taken out of order - after item 6

ITEM 4: Mr. Atkinson stated this item was a carryover from the prior meeting. Mr. Poff stated if there was no opposition, the Board would remain at seven (7) members.

ITEM 5: Mr. Biggs suggested to take no action at this time on the ex-officio non-voting members on the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors. Mr. Poff stated that LGC would not amend its bylaws at this time.

ITEM 6: Ms. Campbell-Hodge suggested the bylaws be amended regarding appointment of the project advisory committee.

Mr. Atkinson stated the advisory committees are used for negotiations, and the current bylaws allow the President to make those appointments. This amendment allows the Board to make appointments, but does not allow more than three board members. The committee then makes recommendations to the Board. Ms. Murguia asked that language be added to include ex-officios be allowed to serve on these committees. Mr. McKamie stated having committees in an advisory capacity less than a quorum of voting members can be done without a resolution from the board. Motion was made by Dr. Eades, and seconded by Ms. Campbell-Hodge that the following resolution be passed as presented:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMARILLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION: AMENDING BYLAWS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mr. Poff, Ms. Hodge-Campbell, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Simpson, Councilmember Eades, Councilmember Burkett and Mr. Lutz, voting No were none; the motion carried by a 7:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 7: John Jenkins with Lavin Architects presented slides and updates on the current parking garage project drawings with lease space and the proposed budget. Mr. Jenkins stated there would be 754 parking spaces including handicap parking spaces. Mr. Atkinson inquired if there were any changes to the budget approved in June. Mr. Jenkins replied there were no material changes. Mr. Burkett inquired as to how many people would receive the bid proposals. Mr. Danforth stated the bid process would go through the Purchasing Department. Mr. Atkinson

stated it would be a wide distribution process. Mr. Danforth stated it would be a hard number bid. Mr. Danforth stated the bid proposal would be released the first week in December.

Robert Goodrich stated he was concerned about approving the project today without giving the public time to review the project. Mr. Eades stated the hotel would open in April 2017, construction time of the parking garage was approximately 12 months, the parking garage needs to be finished by March 2017. Mr. Atkinson stated the bid process would need to be completed by the end of January 2016 or the first of February 2016. After the bid was awarded they would start turning dirt within 45-days. Mike Ford, 7005 Alpine Lane, inquired if the City employees would also park in the parking garage as well as the people visiting City Hall. Mr. Atkinson stated many employees would be relocated to the Simms Building at 8th Avenue and Pierce Street, and there was significant parking there. Much of the east parking lot at City Hall would remain, and a row of handicap parking will be available in front of City Hall. Traffic at City Hall is mostly during the day and the City could validate parking stubs. Mr. Burkett inquired if parking would be available in the Xcel garage. Mr. Atkinson stated that it was not in the initial plan. Ms. Murguia stated there would also be free flat surface parking at the County. Robert Goodrich suggested a meeting time for the general public to attend to examine and review the garage parking plans, terms and conditions, and parking that will be made available and to solicit public comments. James Schenek inquired if people paying their water bills would have to park across the street, and if they would have to pay for parking. Mr. Eades stated there would be a row of short-term parking spaces available. Mr. Atkinson stated with technology short-term parking could be validated.

Mr. Simpson stated they have been discussing the budget and drawings for some time and this is the fourth or fifth time the schematics have been shown. He stated the need to move to the next step and send the proposal out for bid. Ms. Murguia agreed there was a need for public education. Mr. Simpson asked this item be put on a future agenda to discuss a future meeting to inform the public. Ms. Dailey stated they have had approximately 50 presentations over the last year, it has been on Facebook, and their website, etc. Mr. McKamie stated this item would be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Motion was made by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Ms. Campbell-Hodge, to approve the current parking garage drawing and budget.

Voting AYE were Mr. Poff, Ms. Hodge-Campbell, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Simpson, Councilmember Eades, Councilmember Burkett and Mr. Lutz, voting No were none; the motion carried by a 7:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 8: Mr. Poff 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.

Allen Finegold, stated if the City is going ahead with MPEV and a baseball stadium, they should consider putting it on the north side of the City complex. Mr. McKamie went over the Texas Open Meetings Act rules which allows a public forum, and noted that the members of board can only respond in certain manners, by a statement of fact, existing policy of the board, refer to staff or asked that the item be placed on future agenda. John Ingerson asked the Board to consider the ramifications on what they are about to do entering the private sector with a parking garage and retail space. He inquired as to where the boundaries would be for government in competing for

tenants. James Schenek stated the potential ballpark would be taking away existing parking. There were no additional comments.

ITEM 9: Mr. McKamie advised there would not be a Closed Session.

ITEM 10: Mr. Atkinson stated future agenda items discussed by the Board were: public information efforts including a possible meeting (time and place) to update the citizens on the downtown projects and the proposed MPEV.

ITEM 11: Mr. Poff stated that the next meeting would be tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2015.

ITEM 12: Mr. Poff announced the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.



Bryan Poff, President

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary