

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, May 4, 2010, AT 1:30 P.M. ON THE THIRD FLOOR, ROOM 303, CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 509 S. E. 7th AVENUE, AMARILLO, TEXAS, AND FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

Please note: The City Commission may take up items out of the order shown on any Agenda. The City Commission reserves the right to discuss all or part of any item in an executive session at any time during a meeting or work session, as necessary and allowed by state law. Votes or final decisions are made only in open Regular or Special meetings, not in either a work session or executive session.

WORK SESSION

- A. City Commission will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.
- (1) Review agenda items for the regular meeting, miscellaneous attachments; and appointments for the following boards and commissions:
 - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - (2) Consider future agenda items.
- B. City Commission may receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:
- (1) Amarillo Economic Development Corporation incentive project;
 - (2) Possible groundwater rights transactions in Hartley, Potter, Carson, Roberts or Ochiltree Counties;
 - (3) Downtown Development/Redevelopment (studies, progress reports, plans, proposed projects – TIRZ No. 1, Center City, Inc., and/or Downtown Amarillo, Inc.); and
 - (4) Proposed acquisition and disposition of real property for economic, recreational or cultural projects.
 - (5) Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of the position of City Manager.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Mark Love, Central Church of Christ

PROCLAMATIONS: “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”
“National Military Appreciation Month”

1. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Commission minutes for the regular meeting held on April 27, 2010.
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 7217:**
This is the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning on Light Industrial District to Light Industrial District with a specific use permit to allow for the addition of a crematory to an existing mortuary services business located at 808 South Johnson Street.

This item has been considered before the Planning and Zoning Commission and denied by a 5:1:1 vote of the Commission at its April 26, 2010 meeting. The Applicant is appealing this denial action by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

3. **RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT:**

This resolution accepts a \$17,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for selective traffic (seatbelt) enforcement activities during the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. This grant will pay for overtime wages and other associated expenses for Amarillo Police Department officers participating in the enforcement program.

4. **RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING:**

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and orders the removal of a substandard structure located in the city.

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6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

It is recommended that the following items be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents necessary for each transaction:

A. **Acceptance – Transitional Housing Program Grant Funds:**

This item is the acceptance of a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the ongoing Transitional Housing Program in Amarillo. The proposed grant award is for the period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 and will fund the following activities:

Supportive Services	\$ 41,908
Leasing	\$155,351
Administration	<u>\$ 9,305</u>
Total Award	\$206,564

The Transitional Housing Program is an excellent benefit to our community and the proposed grant award represents level funding from the 2009/2010 program year. Acceptance of these grant funds will ensure that these essential services are provided to those in need. The grant award under the Supportive Services category requires a 25% match, which will be provided by The Downtown Women's Center in the amount of \$10,477.00

B. **Approval – Interlocal Agreement for Telecommunications System Use:**

Parties: City of Amarillo
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Terms and conditions as noted

This item is the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Amarillo and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) for use of a City-owned telephone system located at the Laura Bush Institute for Women's Health at 1400 Wallace Boulevard. The City Department of Public Health previously leased space in this facility and installed the telephone system to support both the routine work of the employees and as part of the programmed emergency response plans. The City employees formerly occupying the leased space are now located in the new Department of Public Health building and the telephone system is not needed for routine duties. The proposed agreement allows TTUHSC to use the telephone system for routine use and will require them to maintain the system and make it available to the City during any emergency response efforts. This no cost agreement is an excellent benefit for both parties and maximizes the use of this otherwise surplus equipment.

C. Approval – Wireless Telephone Service Agreement:

Parties: City of Amarillo
Verizon Wireless
Terms and Conditions as Noted
Estimated Cost: \$69,000/year

This item is the approval of a contract to provide wireless telephone equipment and service to City of Amarillo employees who are required to use a cellular telephone as part of their job duties. The proposed contract is pre-negotiated through the State Department of Information Resources (DIR) and provides the City with discounted service, no-cost telephones and no-cost access to the Wireless Priority Service system for emergency use. The contract is for one-year with the option to renewal for up to three additional one-year terms.

D. Approval – Womens, Infants & Children (WIC) Contract Amendment:

Original Contract Amount	\$1,620,140.00
Proposed Amendment	<u>\$ 65,699.00</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,685,839.00

This item is the approval of an amendment to the contract between the City of Amarillo and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the provision of services to participants in the WIC program. DSHS has submitted this proposed amendment to provide the City with a slight increase (\$0.31 per participant) in the reimbursement rate allowed to defray the City's cost of providing the necessary services.

E. Approval – Lift Station 32 Force Main Replacement Project Change Order #1:

Contractor: Amarillo Utility Contractors
Original Contract Amount \$219,094.50
Change Order #1 \$ 42,829.00
Revised Contract Amount \$261,923.50

This item is the approval of a change order to add an additional 437 linear feet of 18" force main and one fiberglass manhole to the recently approved Lift Station 32 Force Main replacement project. This additional force main was identified as necessary to the overall project and the additional manhole will contribute to more efficient and safe operation of the system in the future. With approval of this change order, the project is still 13% below the original budget and all construction activities will be completed prior to the May 31, 2010 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) mandated completion date. Sufficient funds for this change order are in the approved Utilities Division FY 2009/2010 Capital Improvement Program.

F. Water Transmission Pipeline Railroad Crossing Licenses:

License Obtainment Cost: \$10,000.00

The attached two Pipeline License agreements are associated with the upcoming development of the City's Potter County Wellfield and a new 48" diameter water transmission pipeline that will be constructed from this new wellfield south to the existing 24th Avenue Pump Station in northeast Amarillo. These licenses allow the proposed pipeline to cross under the BNSF Railway Company rail line at two different locations.

G. Dedication and Acceptance – Aviation Clear Zone Easement:

5450 ft. MSL above the plat of South Side Acres Unit No. 22 from Toot'n Totum Food Stores, LLC.

7. Presentation and Approval – “Let It Ring” Program:

This item is the review and approval of the proposed “Let It Ring” Program designed to improve traffic safety through educational activities encouraging drivers to limit or eliminate the use of cellular telephones for texting while driving. This voluntary educational program is a cooperative effort of the City of Amarillo, AT&T and the Amarillo Independent School District. The City of Amarillo will provide funds from the traffic safety improvements generated by the photographic traffic enforcement system and AT&T has pledged funds to the program as well. Amarillo Independent School District staff are providing technical expertise and marketing assistance in the development and implementation of the program.

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments from interested citizens on matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services.