

AGENDAS

FOR THE AMARILLO CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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) Presentation and discussion of proposed Environmental Advisory Committee website;
 - (2) Review agenda items for the regular meeting, miscellaneous attachments; and appointments for the following boards and commissions:
 - Airport Board
 - Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers
 - Construction Advisory and Appeals Board
 - Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - Emergency Care Advisory Board
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - (3) Briefing on Emergency Telephone System Access;
 - (4) Consider future agenda items;
 - (5) Presentation of Insurance Services Office, Inc. public protection rating
- B. City Commission may receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:
- (1) Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of:
 - a) Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services; and/or
 - b) Public Health Authority
 - (2) Proposed Amarillo Fire Department Advanced Life Support (ALS) Study;
 - (3) Location and negotiations for future fire station sites;
 - (4) Possible groundwater rights transactions in Hartley, Potter, Roberts or Ochiltree Counties;
 - (5) Downtown Development/Redevelopment (studies, progress reports, plans, proposed projects – TIRZ No. 1, Center City, Inc., and/or Downtown Amarillo, Inc.);
 - (6) Proposed Grand Street/S.E. Third Avenue Bridge project

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

INVOCATION: Jerry Thomas, North Beacon Church of the Nazarene

1. **MINUTES:**
Approval of the City Commission minutes for the regular meeting held on January 5, 2010.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING – UPDATE APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN:**

This item is to conduct a public hearing and consider the approval of a required update revision to the existing City of Amarillo Drought Contingency Plan. Per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), a municipality must have an approved drought contingency plan and said plan must be updated and approved by the governing body of a city every five (5) years. Upon approval of this updated drought contingency plan, it will be posted on the City of Amarillo's website and filed with the TCEQ, Texas Water Development Board, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, the Panhandle, North Plains and High Plains Groundwater Conservation Districts and the City of Canyon.

3. **APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Appointment are needed for the following boards:

Airport Board (3 Year Terms)

09/16/03	Robert Bryant	10/01/09
01/16/07	Robert Gamble	10/01/09
01/16/07	Dr. Tom Nichols	10/01/09

Amarillo Hospital District Board Of Managers (2 Year Terms)

08/27/08	Nancy Kritser	10/01/09
01/31/06	Alphonso Vaughn	10/01/09

Construction Advisory And Appeals Board (3 Year Terms)

12/16/03	Robert Chambers	12/31/09
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4. **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. Purchase – Paper Goods:

Award to low responsive bidder:

Wagner Supply Company -- \$107,370.50

This item is the annual purchase of paper goods for use by various City departments and in public buildings. Included in this contract are cups, hand towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex and other paper items. Funding for this purchase is in the approved FY 2009/2010 Central Stores Department operating budget.

B. Purchase – Police Department Shuttle Van:

Award on Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Rush Bus Center -- \$47,476.00

This item is the purchase of a 13 passenger van for use the Amarillo Police Department. The requested vehicle will be used to transport small groups of officers to and from various training and response events and will reduce the need to use multiple vehicles for these purposes. This vehicle will be purchased entirely with Amarillo Police Department Seized Funds account and as such, is fully funded with forfeited money collected from convicted offenders.

C. Purchase – Police Department Automated Citation Writing Software & Equipment:

Award to best evaluated proposer: Brazos Technology -- \$419,008.00

This item is the purchase of an automated ticket writing system for use by the Amarillo Police Department. The requested system includes both the hardware and software necessary to provide officers with the ability to issue citations electronically and produce a printed copy in the field. The system will fully integrate with both the Intergraph Computer Aided Dispatch and Records software and the new Municipal Court software to ensure accurate and efficient citation issuance, recordkeeping and processing. This purchase will be funded with \$265,092 in U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds, \$123,000 in Police Department Capital Improvement Program funds and \$30,916 in Amarillo Police Department Seized Funds.

D. Acceptance – Lone Star Library Grant:

This is acceptance of a 2010 Lone Star Library Program Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the Amarillo Public Library. This grant, in the amount of \$42,258, will allow the Library Department to purchase and install eight (8) new public access computers and make improvements and enhancements to the Amarillo Public Library website.

E. Approval – Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Incentive Projects:

1) ALSTOM Power, Inc. – ALSTOM is a large French multinational conglomerate which holds extensive interests in the power generation and transport markets. ALSTOM Ecotecnia is the company's wind energy subsidiary based in Spain and currently operates five production facilities in multiple international locations. The company is proposing to open its first and only North American production facility in Amarillo. This new Amarillo facility will create 275 full time jobs in the fields of engineering, production and assembly and technical support. The company also estimates it will attract an additional 475 direct supplier jobs to support a new Amarillo facility for the total creation of 750 local jobs.

In order to bring this project to Amarillo, the AEDC proposes to assist the company with the following incentive package:

- The Amarillo EDC will provide the company a lease/purchase agreement for an existing 50,000 square foot building (Project Spec) and the tract of land it sits upon consisting of approximately 19-acres.
- The Amarillo EDC will provide the company a Job Creation Incentive Grant of \$7.5 million in anticipation of the projected 750 direct and supplier/vendor jobs to be created in the Amarillo area which will be used primarily for the expansion of the existing building for their manufacturing facility.
- The Amarillo EDC, in coordination with Amarillo College, will develop an employee recruitment, screening and training program for the company funded by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's application for property tax abatement to the local taxing jurisdictions in Amarillo and Potter County, Texas.
- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's request to designate the project as an Enterprise Zone project.
- The Amarillo EDC will support the company's request to become a preferred industry partner with the National Institute for Renewable Energy and National Wind Resource Center.

- 2) Texas Tech University – Office of Technology Commercialization -- The University has requested a planning grant in the amount of \$100,000 to assist in the development of the National Institute for Sustainable Energy and National Wind Resource Center on existing Texas Tech University property in Carson County adjoining the U.S. Department of Energy Pantex Plant facility.

Texas Tech, in collaboration with Pantex and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and other national organizations, is working to implement the goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13423 designed to meet the country's renewable energy needs in the future. This AEDC funding will be matched by other partners and accelerate the development of a wind farm and potential related research projects. This AEDC funding support will ultimately enhance the ability to recruit wind energy component manufacturers in the Texas Panhandle Region.

These AEDC projects have been recommended for approval by the AEDC Board of Directors.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MISCELLANEOUS ATTACHMENTS

1. Boards and Commissions – vacancies as shown on attached.