

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 23rd day of July 2019, the Amarillo City Council met at 12:00 p.m. for a work session which was held in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

GINGER NELSON
ELAINE HAYS
FREDA POWELL
EDDY SAUER
HOWARD SMITH

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

MICHELLE BONNER
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS
STEPHANIE COGGINS
FRANCES HIBBS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Nelson established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Taylor, #6 Woodstone Street, inquired about the prices and the history of the Warford Community Center. She also inquired as to any long-term demographic studies done before the funds were provided for the upgrade to the Warford Community Center. Jerri Glover, 5707 Berget Drive, inquired about the community engagement that was done. She inquired as to what communication has been provided to the parents. She also asked if any other entities were notified of the needs. Melodie Graves, 1601 Northwest 17th Avenue, stated she was an advocate for the North Heights Community. She stated the Maverick Club Program cost \$35 a month and they were able to keep the prices low. She encouraged Council to talk with different partners and not increase the fees. She also stated there was a rule that children under the age of 13 would not be permitted without a parent. Lilia Mitchell, 3124 Redwood Street, provided an invitation to Council for free *Braids and Fades* on August 11 beginning at 10:00 a.m. She also spoke on the Warford Center, the price of \$35 per month, and that transportation needed to be provided from all 79107 schools. She encouraged reaching out to the Amarillo Area Foundation and United Way for their participation. She also encouraged an approved curriculum for the children. Mildred Darton, 2005 Northwest 14th Avenue, spoke on behalf of the community as President of the North Heights Community Center and the family of Charles E. Warford. She stated his moto was if you can't make a dollar you need friends. She stated children depend on a safe place to go and the need to make the Warford Center affordable. She suggested pulling our resources together. There were no further comments.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Ginger Nelson, Mayor