



**Amarillo City Council  
Special Meeting**

September 19, 2023

3:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chamber  
601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor  
Amarillo, Texas 79101

**MINUTES**

**1. Invocation** Jason Mays, Amarillo Fire Department

Chief Jason Mays, Amarillo Fire Department, gave the invocation.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. The Texas Pledge**

Mayor Stanley led the Texas Pledge.

**4. Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/departments/city-manager/city-secretary/public-address-registration-form>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 303 of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan. Citizens should signup at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

No individuals signed up to speak during public comment. Mayor Stanley invited citizens who did not sign up to speak to address City Council, and the following individuals spoke:

1. Lewis Birch, of Amarillo
2. Kenneth Ratliff, of Amarillo

**5. Special Meeting Discussion Items**

**5.A.** Discuss City Plan Upcoming Meetings

**5.B.** Discuss City Council Agendas and Transparency

**6. Special Meeting Consent Items**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve consent agenda as presented for except Item 6.H by Don Tipps, second by Josh Craft;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**6.A. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8072**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Greenways Public Improvement District (PID). The Greenways PID is generally located at the southwest corner of Hillside Road and Coulter Street. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Greenways Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.B. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8073**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Heritage Hills Public Improvement District (PID). The Heritage Hills PID is generally located at the southwest corner of Soncy and Arden Roads. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Heritage Hills Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.C. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8074**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Pinnacle Public Improvement District (PID). The Pinnacle PID is generally located at the northeast corner of Bell Street and West Sundown Lane. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Pinnacle Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.D. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8075**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Point West Public Improvement District (PID). The Point West PID is generally located at the northwest corner of Amarillo Boulevard West and Research Street. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Point West Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.E. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8076**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Quail Creek Public Improvement District (PID). The Quail Creek PID is generally located at the intersection of Clear Meadow Circle and Plum Creek Drive. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Quail Creek Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.F. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8077**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Town Square Public Improvement District (PID). The Town Square PID is generally located in the northeast corner of Helium and Hillside Roads. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Town Square Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.G. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8078**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Tutbury Public Improvement District (PID). The Tutbury PID is generally located at the intersection of Tutbury Court and Van Winkle Drive. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Tutbury Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

**6.H. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8079**

This is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five (5) year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Vineyards Public Improvement District (PID). The Vineyards PID is generally located at the northwest corner of West Hastings Avenue and Broadway Drive. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Vineyards Public Improvement District Advisory Board.

This item was pulled and not approved with the consent agenda.

**7. Special Meeting Non-Consent Items**

**7.A. PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET:**

This Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$5,027,106 which is a 8.06% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,412,409. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item. Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing. Speaking for the item was James Schenck, of Amarillo; speaking against the item were none; speaking on the item were none. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

**7.B. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE:  
THE CITY OF AMARILLO IS CONSIDERING A TAX RATE OF \$0.39867, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE CURRENT RATE.**

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 6.03 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00.** (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item. Mayor Stanley opened a public hearing No one presented to speak. Mayor Stanley closed the public hearing.

**7.C. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8068 ADOPTING THE CITY OF AMARILLO BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR**

This is the second reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adoption of Ordinance Number 8068 adopting the budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 for the City of Amarillo by Tom

Scherlen, second by Josh Craft;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.  
**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don  
Tipps  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.D. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8069 APPROVING THE CITY OF AMARILLO TAX ROLL, SETTING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR:**

This is the second reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2023 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.32116 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.07751 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.39867 per \$100.00 property valuation.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 6.03 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00.** (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.39195, which is effectively a 4.25 percent increase in the tax rate by Josh Craft, second by Don Tipps;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.E. RATIFICATION – CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET:**

Pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Sec. 102.007(c), the City Council is required to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate when the adopted budget requires more property tax revenue than did the previous year's budget.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to ratify the Budget and Tax Rate, as adopted for Fiscal Year 2023-24, recognizing such budget will require more revenue from property taxes than did the budget adopted last year by Les Simpson, second by Tom Scherlen;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.F. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8080**

This item is the second and final reading of an ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 budget and five-year service plan, along with establishing and levying an annual property assessment for the Colonies Public Improvement District (PID). The Colonies PID is generally located at the northeast corner of Hillside and Soncy

roads. This ordinance is recommended for approval by a unanimous vote of the Colonies PID Advisory Board. (Contact: Justin Oppel, Development Customer Services Coordinator)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Justin Oppel, Development Customer Service Coordinator, presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt Ordinance 8080 as presented in agenda by Josh Craft, second by Tom Scherlen;

Motion passed with a 4:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Don Tipps

Mayor Stanley recessed the Special Meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Mayor Stanley resumed the Special Meeting at 4:49 p.m.

**7.G. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8081**

This item is the first reading of an ordinance approving final project and finance plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3 City of Amarillo, Texas; approving city participation in such zone; amending Ordinance No. 8033 as to the board composition and determination of tax increment base for said zone; providing ratification, severability, and repealer; providing for publication and effective date. (Contact: Drew Brassfield, Assistant Director of Planning)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Drew Brassfield, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt the ordinance as presented by Don Tipps, second by Josh Craft;

Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.H. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-1**

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. (Contact: Kevin Carter, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Kevin Carter, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to amend the budget attached to resolution no 09-19-23 as follows: divide and reflect separately the total payroll cost under personnel between payroll of \$1,030,040 and adding a new line item of performance pay of \$140,460 for a total of \$1,170,500 by Tom Scherlen, second by Don Tipps; Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

A motion was made by Councilmember Simpson to the budget attached to Resolution No. 09-19-23-1 as follows: to replace the \$200,000 and fully restore the Enterprize Challenge. The motion died for lack of a second.

**ACTION:** Motion to Ratify Resolution No. 09-19-23-1 by Josh Craft, second by Tom Scherlen;

Motion passed with a 4:1 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Don Tipps

**NOES:** Les Simpson  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Councilmember Simpson asked that the following be added to the record. He voted against approving the AEDC budget because he does not support it being approved without the full Enterprize Zone budget being restored.

**7.I. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-2**

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for Center City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt resolution 09-19-23-2 as presented in the agenda by Don Tipps, second by Les Simpson;  
Motion passed with a 4:1 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** Tom Scherlen

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.J. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-3**

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for East Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt resolution no. 09-19-23-3 as presented by Les Simpson, second by Tom Scherlen;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.K. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-4**

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for South Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to accept resolution no. 09-19-23-4 by Tom Scherlen, second by Josh Craft;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.L. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-5**

This item considers a resolution approving the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for Amarillo-Potter Events Venue District. (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve resolution no. 09-19-23-5 by Tom Scherlen, second by Josh Craft;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.M. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-19-23-6**

This resolution approves the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget and associated program of services for the Amarillo Hospital District (AHD). (Contact: Laura Storrs, Interim Deputy City Manager and CFO)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Ms. Storrs presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt resolution no. 09-19-23-6 as presented by Les Simpson, second by Tom Scherlen;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.N. CONSIDER APPROVAL - AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CENTER CITY OF AMARILLO, INC.**

This item approves a one-year agreement for services with Center City of Amarillo, Inc. for continued services associated with the preservation, improvement, and revitalization of the Central Business District of Amarillo. (Contact: Andrew Freeman, Interim City Manager)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Freeman and Beth Duke, Executive Director of Center City of Amarillo, presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt item 7.n as presented in the agenda by Josh Craft, second by Les Simpson;  
Motion with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**7.O. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SALE - REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT AIRPORT BLVD AND PULLMAN ROAD**

Buyer: International Paper - \$6,350,000.00 plus closing costs and related expenses

This item authorizes AEDC to execute a contract and all necessary documents for the sale of approximately 254 acres of land located at Pullman Road and Airport Boulevard to International Paper. The sale price is approximately \$6,350,000.00 plus closing costs and related expenses. (Contact: Kevin Carter, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation)

Mayor Stanley introduced the item. Mr. Carter presented the item.

**ACTION:** Motion to accept item o on the agenda as stated by Tom Scherlen, second by Josh Craft;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**AYES:** Josh Craft, Tom Scherlen, Cole Stanley, Les Simpson, Don Tipps

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**8. Adjourn**

Mayor Stanley adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:05 PM.

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary

  
Cole Stanley, Mayor