

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 4th day of April 2017, the Amarillo City Council met at 4:00 p.m. for a work session and then at 5:00 p.m. for the regular session in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE
ELISHA DEMERSON
LISA BLAKE
RANDY BURKETT
MARK NAIR

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

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

JARED H. MILLER
BOB COWELL
MICK MCKAMIE
BLAIR SNOW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
MANAGEMENT ANALYST
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Greg Corona, Hillside Christian Church. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for: "CASA Child Abuse Prevention Month," "Work Zone Awareness," and "National Service Recognition Day."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

James Schenck, 6216 Gainsborough Street, questioned the number of members of the newly created TIRZ #2. Mr. Schenck also inquired about the public forum guidelines allowing the public to speak on agenda items. Mayor Harpole replied time is allotted during public comment and during public hearings. Mr. Schenck further inquired of the ability for citizens to provide feedback or comment on agenda items before a vote is taken. There were no further comments.

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson to approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Nair.

A. **Minutes:**

Approval of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2017.

B. **Aviation Clear Zone Easement:**

Aviation Clear Zone Easement being 3,755 feet above mean sea level above the plat of 66 Village Unit No. 4, an addition to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 73, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas from David Elizalde.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance rezoning of a 2.957 acre tract of land in Section 10, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-

half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Residential District 1 (R-1) to Multiple Family District 2 (MF-2). (Vicinity: West Amarillo Boulevard and Lowes Lane.) This item was presented by AJ Fawver, Planning Director. Councilmember Burkett inquired if it was an aged restricted residence. Paul Stell, 6502 Slide Road, Lubbock, stated it was aged restricted for 62 years old and older. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, seconded by Councilmember Burkett, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7659

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE OF USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF WEST AMARILLO BOULEVARD AND LOWES LANE, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented the first reading of an ordinance changing Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 16-3-1002, Schedule B Maximum Speed Limit for Soncy/Hollywood (Loop 335) from the current 70 MPH to 60. Kimley-Horn, an engineering consulting firm for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), recently completed speed studies along this corridor indicating that overall traffic speeds have dropped sufficiently to reduce the posted speed limit along Soncy/Hollywood. Raymond Lee, Public Works Director, presented this item. Councilmember Burkett inquired if there was a traffic count completed in the area. Councilmember Nair requested an explanation of the 85% percentile rule. Kyle Schniederjan, City Engineer, stated the 85% percentile was an engineering standard for justifying any speed limit. Reducing the speed limit is not justified unless the 85% percentile is met. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7662

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 16-3-1002, CHANGING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON SEGMENTS OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND SONCY ROAD (LOOP 335); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the City of Amarillo's General Fund 2016/2017 Budget by \$620,000 for demolition of the Inn of Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Demerson, seconded by Councilmember Blake, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7661

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an amendment for consideration to the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement With Cinergy Entertainment Amarillo, Inc. Bob Cowell, Deputy City Manager, presented this item. Councilmember Nair stated they were asking for a delay. Motion was made by Councilmember Burkett, and

seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that the following amendment to the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement with Cinergy Entertainment Amarillo, Inc. be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson, Burkett and Nair; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented an agreement for professional services to develop a comprehensive Project Management plan and manual for the Capital Projects and Development (CP&D) Engineering Department for implementation of Best Practices. This item was presented by Floyd Hartman, Director of Capital Projects. Councilmember Nair stated this was a modern way of project management. Mr. Hartman further stated the mission statement needs to involve the community and coincide with the City's mission statement. Councilmember Demerson inquired if the services would be supported up to four years or the need to be upgraded periodically. Councilmember Burkett inquired why this cost was not put into the bond amount. Mr. Hartman replied that certain types of services cannot be paid with the bond proceeds and the need to maintain the integrity of the bond funds. Mr. Cowell stated the projects funded are still moving forward and not being delayed with this activity. Mr. Miller stated they would be assessing the skills and developing programs to guide each step of the process. Councilmember Demerson stated the need to make sure the processes are institutionalized. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, and seconded by Councilmember Demerson, that this professional service agreement be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

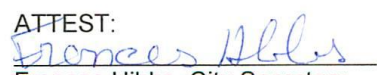
ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented an agreement for professional services to conduct a pavement condition survey, traffic sign inventory and develops a comprehensive pavement management plan in Potter and Randall Counties. Raymond Lee, Public Works Director presented this item. Mr. Cowell stated this would allow Streets to accomplish the preservation programs based on data and spend money on street repairs that would benefit the most. Councilmember Demerson inquired if this would allow the City to achieve this kind of expertise in-house. Mr. Lee stated a lot of cities do pavement assessments in-house, but it is too expensive for personnel and equipment. Mr. Miller stated this would provide a critical understanding of our streets. Councilmember Demerson inquired if it would only be arterial streets. Mr. Lee stated it would be every street excluding alleys. Mr. Miller stated it will allow prioritization of road construction. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, and seconded by Councilmember Blake, that this professional service agreement be approved.

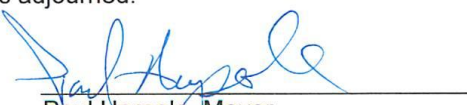
Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake, Demerson and Nair; voting NO was Councilmember Burkett; the motion carried by a 4:1 vote of the Council.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented an agreement for the evaluation of the Solid Waste Collection services to help the Division maximize customer service and to improve the efficiency of the collection operations. Raymond Lee, Public Works Director presented this item. Councilmember Demerson stated last year they talked about integrating alley-less neighborhoods, and looking at new concepts. Mr. Lee replied that the previous study looked at push cart collection, and they are still studying the efficiency and what would be best for the citizens of Amarillo. Mr. Miller stated there is a high injury rate for those who pick up the trash. Councilmember Demerson inquired about new federal guidelines. Mr. Cowell answered the project to capture the methane gas standards will probably change and get more stringent. Motion was made by Councilmember Nair, and seconded by Councilmember Blake, that this agreement be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Blake and Nair; voting NO were no Councilmembers Burkett and Demerson; the motion carried by a 3:2 vote of the Council.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

 Frances Hibbs, City Secretary


 Paul Harpole, Mayor