

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Susie Quinn, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Councilmember Ben St. Clair
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Rob Thomas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Jenkins, Murphy Historical Society thanked council for their participation in the dedication of the Murphy Store marker on September 26th. Donna also wanted to remind people October is family history month, she encourages people to write down and document important items like photos and the names of people in the photo/date of the photo, and the personal history of each person's family.

Ray Shahan, resident, wanted to voice his concern and complaint regarding the City Citizen Survey. He is requesting a letter of apology and an invitation to retake the survey to the citizens who were "kicked out" of the survey due to their profession or the profession of someone in their household. Council confirmed it is standard practice for surveys to exclude persons who work in certain fields.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or act upon the September 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and/or act upon the September 21, 2015 special meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION (5.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

6. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Consider, discuss and/or act on an update to the Southeast Study Project.

Director of Economic Development and Community Development, Kristen Roberts gave a brief background on this project and presented a detailed list of meeting dates, notes and comments from the previous meeting. A representative from Freese and Nichols gave an overview on what has transpired for us to reach this point. He went into detail on what exactly an urban planner is, and why it's important. He showed a history/projection of the population starting in 2000 and projected to 2040. He also highlighted the thoroughfare plan and explained that South Maxwell Creek is one of the major streets, the trail plan, and the zoning and future land use maps. He also explained the stakeholder top 10 list they have been incorporating and have used the input gathered from them to form the proposed plan.

City Manager, James Fisher asked for council's direction and clarification for the minimum lot size they will accept for this area. Council discussed lot sizes and council confirmed in general they want to see SF 20 predominately with SF 15 on the interior if needed. Fisher also discussed Oak Glen being punched through on this plan. Council discussed the public safety concern if not connecting this road and want ideas and concepts to answer the public safety concerns. Some members of council would also like to see options for connecting this road. The connection of S. Maxwell Creek Road was looked at in regards to delivering public safety such as fire and EMS to the residents and potential businesses along this road. Council discussed having and not having a connection and the possibility of creating obstacles to deter it from being a cut through. Council requested to leave this as a question mark for the current time.

Roberts also pointed out and there was conversation on council regarding retail along FM 544, currently it is zoned SF20 residential and it is the consideration of the proposed planned development to make it retail/commercial along FM 544 and McCreary. Council agreed they believed this would be the best use for this area, but a dense landscape buffer needed to be considered along the commercial/residential border. Council was informed the newest plan would be going before Planning and Zoning, October 26th and coming to council for approval after that.

Public Comments:

Julie Kamm, resident, expressed her view regarding the potential change for zoning and is upset with the proposal. She is imploring council to not change the zoning, she also asked about how this study has been advertised to those not in the study area. She respectfully requested the letter from she and Kevin Elwood be recorded in the minutes. *(Note: Most cities, including the City of Murphy, no longer publish such requests in the minutes).*

Larry Lee, resident, is requesting the council and staff to look at the infrastructure and safety aspects. He specifically mentioned the sewer system is in need of updating and repair. The roads are in major need of repair as well. He explained that Kinney Drive is "sinking" on the sides and it has caused many issues. He stated he did not want higher density due to higher crime rates when this occurs.

Martha Gallian, resident, implored Council not to connect S. Maxwell Creek Road. She also mentioned that the Oak Glen original plat showed a cul-de-sac but there is not one. She

explained she sees traffic turning around in the driveways on her street because it is not a through street, and if they open it to S Maxwell it would become an even busier street. She wants Council to maintain the SF 20 lots along FM 544 to keep the integrity of the area.

Harmony Moses, resident, is concerned with Oak Glen being punched through. She does not want this to be a through street.

Council suggested this item to be on the second meeting in November to allow time for a Town Hall meeting (scheduled for November 3, 2015) for better conversation between Council and the residents.

There was no action taken on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.):

NO ACTION

B. Discussion of water issues.

City Manager Fisher explained that this item was placed on the agenda to allow Council to interact with citizens if they came to the meeting to discuss their water bills during public comment. City Manager James Fisher asked citizens to please contact the Customer Service department with any questions or concerns regarding their water bills and/or meter.

The City is a consumer of the water from the North Texas Municipal Water District just as the citizens buy their water from the City of Murphy. Council also explained the water fee is not just for water usage, it is for a multitude of things that go into supplying water, such as the meters, the pipes, the water towers, the pumps, etc. In the future, cities will be faced with changes in water and possibly the supplier. All of north Texas is having these types of water billing concerns.

This item was for discussion only.

C. Consider and/or act upon a Murphy Food Truck Court and additional PSA Murphy and Central Park parking.

City Manager, James Fisher explained this idea was brought to him by Mayor Barna, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley and a few other individuals to see if it would be a possibility for Murphy. The park consultant assisted with the project. Fisher also explained Murphy Municipal Development District (MMDD) has agreed to pay a third of the costs, and the City would pay a third and the Murphy Community Develop Corporation (MCDC) is being asked to pay a third. MCDC and MMDD would be repaid over one or two years. There will be some trees removed and a clearing will be needed. Some trees will be replaced Council asked for clarification on lighting for the area, Fisher confirmed there will be lighting but not excessive lighting. Council also asked for how Central Park is being utilized currently and wanted to make certain the Park board will have time to discuss.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.C.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve the plan and funding Murphy Food Truck Court and Additional PSA Murphy and Central Park parking. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- D. Consider and/or act upon the approval of an Ordinance amending Section 9.100 of the Fee Schedule; irrigation rates.

City Manager Fisher explained the necessity for this Ordinance.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.D.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to approve Ordinance Number 15-10-1004 amending Section 9.100 of the Fee Schedule and adjusting the irrigation rates as presented to be effective October 1, 2015. . Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- E. Consider and/or act upon the direction for the Craft Beer event.

Director of Public Services, Bernie Parker gave a brief background on this item, especially what the City of Murphy and Brewvolution will provide. With regards to profit, there will be different points of return for the city. Council asked for more information pertaining to the City of Murphy's responsibilities. Parker clarified it would be our responsibility for music, and other items. There was much discussion regarding what the \$20,000 will be used for and the potential for profit. Sponsorship was also discussed with regards to subsidizing the event with other sponsors. Advertising was discussed as well. The deadline to enter into a contract is October 15, 2015 and council asked for the possibility of an extension due to the number of unanswered questions.

There was no action taken on this item.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.E.):

NO ACTION

- F. Updated discussion on the Murphy Police Department Body Worn Camera Policy.

City Manager, James Fisher explained this item was requested to be moved to this council meeting. Fisher also explained body cameras have been worn by the school safety officers to sort of "test" them. The main concern is privacy but also making sure the cameras are able to do their job. Council asked for clarification on the storage costs and company we will use. IT Manager Medford explained currently the storage is being done in house and they are in the process of upgrading the storage. Council clarified this is a prospective from the police officers view. Chief of Police, Trey Cotten further explained the need and reason for the body cameras.

This item was for discussion only.

7. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

A. Timbers Nature Preserve

Fisher reminded everyone about the walkthrough on Saturday, October 10, 2015 and welcomed all to come and walkthrough with residents and staff to voice any concerns they might have.

B. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project

Fisher explained 85 % of this project is complete, and the bridge will be finished soon. The road should be open by January.

C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

This project is approximately 30% complete.

D. North Murphy Road

Fisher explained this is moving forward, the retaining wall in Rolling Ridge is being worked on diligently. There is a concern with McWhirter, and how it connects.

E. Community Survey Update

Fisher announced we have 428 responses at this time.

Fisher also reminded everyone about the Clean & Green event and the Fire open house on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. § 551.072. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

9. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:25 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. § 551.072. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

- B. Take Action on any Executive Session Item.

COUNCIL ACTION (9.A.):

NO ACTION

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM



APPROVED BY:

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Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susie Quinn, City Secretary