



**MURPHY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2017 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
206 NORTH MURPHY ROAD
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Scott Bradley
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Berthiaume
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Chris George
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Don Reilly

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Councilmember Owais Siddiqui

3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act on approval of Ordinance No. 17-08-1056 amending Title 1, General Ordinances of the City of Murphy Code of Ordinances to adopt a Right-of-Way Management Ordinance in accordance with Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code as Article 16.05, Division 2 of Chapter 16, "Public Ways and Public Places", and Ordinance No. 17-08-1057 adopting the City of Murphy Texas Design Manual for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles as Division 3, "Design Manual" of Chapter 16, "Public Ways and Public Places" of the City's Code of Ordinances; providing a penalty for violations, and providing an effective date.

This item pertains to Senate Bill 1004, passed in the 85th Legislative Session relating to the deployment of network nodes in the public right of way; authorizing a fee.

Following a brief discussion with staff about the Right of Way protection in residential areas and parks, Council asked questions regarding the one Design District. Staff explained the method used and explained that the Ordinance can be amended in the future if unique designs and esthetic requirements are discovered. The zoning ordinances will be reviewed to see if higher standards can be placed to prevent items being placed on decorative poles. The new law does not adequately define decorative poles. Council recommended looking at a Design District all along FM 544 from the east city limit line all the way to the west city limit line. Murphy Road was also discussed. It was recommended to move forward with the proposed Ordinance and to wait to bring back changes as the new law is tested.

COUNCIL ACTION:

CARRIED.

Mayor Pro Tem Berthiaume moved to adopt the proposed Right Of Way Management Ordinance, Ordinance No. 17-08-1056 and the Design Manual Ordinance, Ordinance No. 17-08-1057. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. (Councilmember Siddiqui was absent.)

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was entertained by the Mayor and the Council meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

APPROVED BY:



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Scott Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susie Quinn, City Secretary