

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barna gave the invocation and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

City Secretary, Kristi Gilbert, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ben St. Clair
Councilmember Scott Bradley
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Bernard Grant

Councilmembers absent:
Councilmember Rob Thomas

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A. City Manager James Fisher presented the financial report and investment report as of May 31, 2014. Mr. Fisher stated there were still concerns with the Utility Fund in that it appeared the City would be short in revenue.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A. Consider and/or act upon the June 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

B. Consider and/or act upon the approval of a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

C. Consider and/or act upon proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Murphy and the City of Plano for City of Murphy employee training for an additional twelve months.

Councilmember Grant asked to remove Item 6.B. for discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.and 6.C.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to approve Item 6.A. and 6.C. on the consent agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0. (*Item 6.C. assigned Resolution 14-R-796 & CLA 201406001*)

Councilmember Grant stated that the City was being billed five cents per capita currently, despite the fact that there are portions of the City that are not serviced by Atmos. Councilmember Grant stated he didn't have a problem spending the money, he just wanted to bring it to the Council's attention.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.B.)

APPROVED

Councilmember Grant moved to approve a resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0. (*Resolution 14-R-795*)

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act upon authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Pacheco Koch to complete the bidding construction phase of the Timbers Nature Preserve project.

Mr. Fisher stated that the City initially hired HOK for the project with Wade Peterson serving as the project manager. Since that time, Mr. Peterson has moved to Pacheco Koch and the City was still working with HOK and Mr. Peterson. Mr. Fisher stated that, since Mr. Peterson left, the project has slowed.

Councilmember Bradley inquired as to if the City was continuing to move forward with Pacheco Koch to provide continuity with Mr. Peterson. Mr. Fisher responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui inquired as to any delays that the project would have as a result of the transition. Mr. Fisher stated that the original timeline had the project coming to Council in July, now it will be August or September at the latest.

Mr. Peterson stated the only delay would be gathering electronic documents from HOK which would be approximately two weeks. Mr. Peterson stated he left HOK two years ago and the delay was not as a result of the transition. Mr. Peterson stated the major project delay was as a result of ONCOR's decision to not allow a bridge as they had previously indicated.

COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Pacheco Koch to complete the bidding construction phase of the Timbers Nature Preserve project. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0. (*CLA 201406002*)

- B. Consider and/or act upon amendments to the City Council iPad Purchase and Use Agreement and the Employee iPad Purchase and Use Agreement.

Mr. Fisher stated the Council discussed this item approximately one year ago and had made the decision that it was appropriate to allow former Councilmembers and former employees to purchase the iPad at current market value. Mr. Fisher stated that decision was never incorporated into the policy.

COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.B.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved amend the City Council and Employee iPad Purchase and Use Agreement to allow for the purchase of iPads as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

C. Discussion regarding the adoption of a video streaming policy for City meetings.

Mr. Fisher stated that this item was being brought forth to help plan for the FY 15 budget. Mr. Fisher stated that Staff was seeking direction as to what boards the Council was anticipating video streaming.

Councilmember Bradley stated, since this was a new task, he thought it was appropriate to focus on Council for the first year. Councilmember Bradley stated that camera placement could address the issue of the tall dais.

Councilmember Nichols-Spraggins inquired as to what the cost of the video streaming would be and what the benefit to the residents would be.

Mayor Barna stated that, in his opinion, the benefit is to be able to watch specific agenda items rather than having to listen to the entire meeting. Mayor Barna stated it also allowed people to place a name with the speaking voice.

Councilmember Grant stated that he would like to see other decision making boards video streamed in the future. Councilmember Grant stated the benefit was transparency to the residents.

Councilmember Bradley stated that he agreed with Councilmember Grant in that decision making boards should be streamed in the future. Councilmember Bradley stated he would go back on his previous statement and believed the Planning and Zoning Commission should be video streamed as well. Councilmember Bradley stated he would like to see regular meetings streamed only.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui stated he would like to see all of the boards streamed in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui suggested a phased approach with Council and Planning and Zoning the first year and other boards beginning in year two.

COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.C.):

NON ACTION ITEM

No action was taken.

D. Discussion regarding the City of Murphy abbreviated records retention schedule.

City Secretary Kristi Gilbert explained the abbreviated records retention schedule was identical to the Texas State Library's requirements, the only difference was retaining audio recordings

for longer than 90 days. Ms. Gilbert stated the abbreviated schedule included common names of documents used throughout the City so employees could utilize it easier.

Council held discussions with regard to how long audio and video recordings should be kept. Council discussed needing to see cost estimates of long-term records storage prior to making a decision.

COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 7.D.):
No action was taken.

NON ACTION ITEM

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Fisher provided the Council with an update on the following items:

North Murphy Road Construction Update – the greatest challenge will be the Betsy Road, North Murphy Road intersection

Animal Shelter Construction Update

Runoff Election – June 21st

Sounds at Sundown – Emerald City Band, June 20th

Radio Disney Road Crew, June 27th

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:56 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. § 551.087. Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:04 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

- 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. § 551.087. Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

C. Take Action on any Executive Session Item.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to authorize the Murphy Municipal Development District to fund up to \$30,000 for construction of a left turn lane and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Dr. Hector Carbonell's veterinary office. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

