

MURPHY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.  
206 NORTH MURPHY ROAD  
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094



Eric Barna  
Mayor

Scott Bradley  
Mayor Pro Tem

Owais Siddiqui  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Ben St. Clair  
Councilmember

Betty Spraggins  
Councilmember

Sarah Fincanon  
Councilmember

Rob Thomas  
Councilmember

James Fisher  
City Manager

Susie Quinn  
City Secretary

NOTICE is hereby given of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Murphy, Collin County, State of Texas, to be held on June 16, 2015 at Murphy City Hall for the purpose of considering the following items. The City Council of the City of Murphy, Texas, reserves the right to meet in closed session on any of the items listed below should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation of the Sergeant Kyle Kucauskas Scholarship.

**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 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes.  
B. Consider and/or act upon the June 4, 2015 budget discussion minutes.

**7. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Timbers Nature Preserve  
B. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project  
C. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

D. North Murphy Road

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, the City Council will now recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

- A. §551.071: Consultation with City's Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding zoning, land use, and open space/parks; and/or
- B. §551.072: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

**9. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

- A. §551.071: Consultation with City's Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding zoning, land use, and open space/parks; and/or
- B. §551.072: To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

**10. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

**11. OPEN BUDGET WORKSESSION - CONVENE TO THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

- A. Discussion regarding the FY 2016 General Fund and Utility Fund Revenues and Expenditures and other associated budget discussions.

**12. ADJOURN BUDGET WORKSESSION**

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Murphy City Council Meeting Agenda and that this notice was posted on the designated bulletin board at Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, Murphy, Texas 75094; a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and said notice was posted on June 12, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Susie Quinn, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Notice of Possible Quorum: There may be a quorum of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, the Board of Adjustment, the Building and Fire Code Appeals Board, the Ethics Review Commission, the Murphy Community Development Corporation, the Murphy Municipal Development District Board, the Park and Recreation Board and/or the Planning and Zoning Commission members who may be present at the meeting, but they will not deliberate on any city or board business.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Barna gave 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**

**Ray Shahan**, resident, addressed the Council with regards to the missing minutes from October 20, 2013. Shahan explained he tried to get the District Attorney involved but a police report needed to be filed. Police Chief GM Cox declined a meeting, and explained to Shahan that he would need to work directly with the City Attorney regarding this issue.

**5. 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 May 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and/or act upon the May 26, 2015 budget discussion minutes.
- C. Consider and/or act on an ordinance adopting approved ordinance changes to PD 12-06-914. (Approved as **Ordinance Number 15-06-993**)

**COUNCIL ACTION (6.A. through 6.C.):**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Pro Tem Scott 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 and/or act on the application of property owner Deborah R. Tafelski and applicant Ricky Jenkins requesting approval of a construction plat for Jenkins Self Storage at 305 W. FM 544.

Director of Economic/Community Development, Kristen Roberts gave an update regarding the construction and plat. Engineering and Public Works comments are currently being addressed. Council asked when the anticipated opening date would be. Representative from Jenkins explained if they can get it permitted in the next few months they could break ground in fall, and it takes approximately nine months to a year to build. No further questions or discussion from Council.

**COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to adopt the approval of a construction plat for Jenkins Self Storage at 305 W. FM 544. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.**

- B. Hold a public hearing and consider and/or act upon an ordinance approving recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 28 - Development Standards, Chapter 70 – Subdivisions and Chapter 86 – Zoning. (Approved as **Ordinance Number 15-06-994**)

Director of Economic/Community Development gave an update on the recodification project. It will be brought to City Council in July. Roberts explained it's basically a clean-up of the ordinances, deleting duplicates, etc.

Mayor Barna opened the public hearing at 6:09 pm. No one requested to speak. Mayor Barna closed the public hearing at 6:09 pm.

Councilmember Thomas asked about the fourteen (14) day consecutive limit for Bed and Breakfasts type of accommodations. Mack with the City Attorney's office explained the time frame is something that is the current standard time limit in our ordinances for this type of establishment. When a room is rented for longer than a thirty (30) day period the taxes change, as a hotel tax is not charged. Council discussed the time limit and Mayor Eric Barna explained it's a "clean up" rather than changing anything. When the City of Murphy moved from a general law city to a home rule city some ordinances overlapped.

**COUNCIL ACTION (7.B.):**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to adopt an ordinance approving recommendations regarding amendments to Chapter 28 - Development Standards, Chapter 70 – Subdivisions**

**and Chapter 86 – Zoning. Councilmember Sarah Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.**

C. Discuss the 2015-16 Operating Budgets for the Police Department and Animal Control Division.

City Manager, Fisher explained the Police Chief will be leaving Thursday and therefore will give the highlights for the Police Department and Animal Control Division budget this evening. Police Chief Cox explained the highlights of the Police budget including: there will be no additional full time employees for this budget, adding two (2) part time crossing guards in the fall due to the new cross walk along N Murphy Road. Smart 911 is new software that will allow a resident's personal information to be stored. Any information they request can be stored such as allergies, disabilities, contact information and more. Council asked if there were other cities in the area that are subscribing to Smart 911, several are participating. Kim Parker, of the Police Department explained the information stored on Smart 911 would be available to other cities that are subscribed. Council recommended getting feedback every six (6) months to a year to see how valuable this technology is to our residents. Council asked for clarification of data storage. Parker confirmed the data is not housed at the city but we can access it when needed. Docking stations are in the budget at around \$6,700. They are being replaced with universal docking stations. Two (2) new Tahoe's are in the budget, at the estimated cost of \$115,000 with equipment. There is a \$500 budgeted item listed to drug collection which has been an excellent program in the past. Ewatch for neighborhoods that want to participate; this program is for residents who have cameras taping activities in their yards. They can choose to subscribe and Murphy PD will place a sign in their neighborhood. This will allow the police to use their recorded footage if necessary. It has been very beneficial in aiding officers with package thefts from front porches. Council asked about why there are no additional personnel requested for this budget especially in regards to the case load for detectives. Cox explained their workload is sustained and the peaks have not been an issue for their regular loads.

D. Discuss the Letters of Interest received for the City of Murphy Community Survey project.

City Manager, Fisher explained we have received four bids and we are interested in two of the companies. Director of Economic/ Community Development, Kristen Roberts has contacted the companies to set up meetings next week for interviews. Roberts addressed council regarding the two we have narrowed it down to as ETC Institute and Decision Analysts. Roberts opened up the interviews for Council to participate. Councilmembers Siddiqui, Spraggins and Fincanon volunteered. Council requested to make sure we receive the raw data so we can analyze that ourselves as well. Council wanted to make sure we do this every two (2) years so we can conduct a gap analysis annually.

Roberts also gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan (comp plan); we are requesting the RFP's for the comp plan and the deadline by Tuesday of next week.

**7. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

A. Upcoming Town Hall Meeting – June 3, 2015

The previously scheduled Town Hall Meeting with TxDOT and HOA's has been changed to individual meetings between the different HOA's and TxDOT representatives at the request of TxDOT. Council wanted to clarify that we are trying to facilitate the meetings between TxDOT and the HOAS that have been impacted by the construction on North Murphy Road.

B. Timbers Nature Preserve

Playground equipment has been delivered; site work for the bathroom has begun. We have had approximately 80 rain days on this project and we are continuing to move forward.

C. Betsy Lane Road Widening Project

This project should begin in mid-June.

D. South Maxwell Creek Parallel Trunk Sewer Line

Nothing can begin until all the areas dry out.

E. North Murphy Road

See 7.A. as it was all inclusive.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council convened into close Executive Session at 6:59 pm pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

A. §551.071: Consultation with City's Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding zoning, land use, and open space/parks; and/or

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**9. RECONVENTE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:32 pm with the Mayor's announcement that no action was taken in Executive Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. §551.071: Consultation with City’s Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding zoning, land use, and open space/parks; and/or
  
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- C. Take Action on any Executive Session Items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susie Quinn, City Secretary

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM  
JUNE 4, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eric Barna called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Roll Call and a quorum was certified with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui

Councilmember Sarah Fincanon

Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins

Councilmember Rob Thomas

Absent from the meeting:

Councilmember Ben St. Clair

**3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

A. Discussion on the FY2016 Annual Budget.

City Manager James Fisher gave an overview of the current budget standings. Council discussed the requests with the various departments for new employees. These included:

IT – GIS Analyst

City Secretary – Records Management Clerk

Facilities – Maintenance Technician

Parks – Two (2) Groundskeeper I

Fire – Emergency Medical Coordinator – Lieutenant

Following the discussions of justifications and consequences of not funding the positions, Council discussed the Community Events which included:

Arbor Day

Christmas in the Park

Rainbow Trout Roundup

Spring Event (TBD)

Keep Murphy Beautiful Events

Moonlight Movies

Murphy Maize Days

Sounds at Sundown Summer Concert Series

Miscellaneous Events which also included a parade, a beer festival type (brew fest) event and Animal Howl-O-Ween.

Philosophy regarding sponsorship money was also discussed as well as the use of Sales Tax dollars to continue funding the majority of the events. Council would like to see some events become self-sustaining.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Barna adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susie Quinn, City Secretary