

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MURPHY
206 North Murphy Road
Murphy, Texas

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Richmond gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

The following Councilmembers were present:

Mayor Bret Baldwin
Mayor Pro Tem John Daugherty
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Halbert
Councilmember Dennis Richmond
Councilmember Scott Bradley
Councilmember Bernard Grant
Councilmember Dave Brandon

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brad Lapsley addressed Council thanking them for what they have done and continue to do for the City.

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

5. PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2011 fiscal year.

Mr. Mike Conway, Conway Company P.C., addressed Council commending the City on financial reporting and procedures. He explained that the only item to point out was the issuance of 1099 forms versus adding employees to payroll. He explained that though the City has committed no wrongdoing in its practices, the IRS is scrutinizing governments on this particular issue. Linda Truitt, Finance Director, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2011 fiscal year.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

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.

6.1. Approval of Minutes for the Regular meetings of February 7, 2012, February 21, 2012, March 6, 2012; and the Strategic Planning Session of February 23-24, 2012.

6.2. Consider and/or act upon approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

6.3. Consider and/or act upon the approval of an ordinance amending the FY 2010-2011 budget for the Economic Development Fund.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 6.1-6.3 as presented.

Second by: Bernard Grant

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

7. OTHER CONSIDERATION ITEMS

7.1. Consider and/or act upon board appointments to fill vacancies.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to appoint Mathew Thekkil as an alternate to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Adjustment ending December 31, 2013; and Owais Siddiqui to fill an unexpired term on the Ethics Review Commission ending December 31, 2013.

Second by: Colleen Halbert

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

7.2. Consider and/or act upon reallocation of the 2008 street bond funds.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to approve the recommended allocation for the 2012-2013 street projects as presented.

Second by: Dennis Richmond

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

7.3. Consider and/or act upon allocation of the 2008 park bond funds.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to approve the recommended allocation for the 2008 park and trail bonds funds as presented in the attached schedule. (See below)

Second by: Scott Bradley

Allocation of 2008 Bonds

Murphy Central Park - \$583,776

Murphy Central Park Trail Project -\$194,200

Timbers Park -\$500,000

Timbers Trail -\$600,000

Other Trails - \$937,035

Total Funds - \$2,815,011

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

8. CONTRACT APPROVAL

8.1. Consider and/or act upon approving an amendment for additional services to the professional services contract with Duncan Sims Stoffels, Inc., for the Murphy Central Park project

Councilmember Brandon inquired about the fence removal, driveway, and access road; commenting that the City Engineer stated that an access road would be required. He asked if the figures to construct the driveway and/or access road were included. City Manager Fisher stated that it was not included and explained that the City could determine later what was required in consultation with the City Engineer.

Councilmember Halbert clarified that the discussion with the City Engineer was an example used by the City Engineer in Executive Session during a discussion about ways he has saved the City money; not a discussion regarding the park.

Councilmember Halbert inquired about engineering fees for burying power lines. Mr. Sims stated that those fees were not included because he is not able to provide those services. Ms. Halbert stated she wanted to make sure this was not something missed that would need to be included later. She stated she still has questions on items provided at the last meeting.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to approve an additional services contract for professional services in the amount of \$43,600 with Dunkin Sims Stoffels, Inc., for the Murphy Central Park project.

Second by: Dennis Richmond

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

8.2. Consider and/or act upon approval of a change order for Wall Construction to sod Liberty Ridge Park.

Councilmember Richmond recommended hydromulch unless the goal is to have the grass ready quickly.

VOTING

Motion by: Colleen Halbert to continue with hydromulch as the method for turf installation.

Second by: Scott Bradley

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

9. RESOLUTION APPROVAL

9.1. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution for an interlocal agreement with the City of Wylie for drainage improvements needed for the McCreary Road widening project.

VOTING

Motion by: John Daugherty to approve the resolution and interlocal agreement with the City of Wylie as presented.
 Second by: Bernard Grant

Councilmember	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Baldwin, Bret	x			
Bradley, Scott	x			
Brandon, Dave	x			
Daugherty, John	x			
Grant, Bernard	x			
Halbert, Colleen	x			
Richmond, Dennis	x			

10. WORK SESSION

10.1. Discussion and action regarding the Strategic Planning Session held February 23-24, 2012.

Prior to the Work Session, Council heard the City Manager Reports and convened into Executive Session. During the Work Session, Council reviewed and commented on the focus areas and sub-categories.

There was some discussion as to whether to leave *Infrastructure* and *Mobility* as separate focus areas or combine them. Councilmember Grant requested to remove DART from the sub-categories. There was discussion regarding taking over state roads and there was a consensus of Council that was not in favor of considering this option. Council requested more information on intersection monitoring from the City of Richardson. Regarding *Infrastructure*, Council requested the completion of the sidewalk inventory.

Under *Employee Development*, Council discussed the importance of having a succession plan in place. Mr. Fisher stated that the departments are working on road maps that will define future operational needs and levels of service to be submitted with the draft budget by June 1.

Regarding *Finance*, there was a brief discussion on transparency and what more can be done. Councilmember Brandon mentioned posting the check registry. Council discussed defining what fiscal responsibility means to Murphy and determined that a Work Session should be scheduled to have a philosophical discussion on the tax rate as it relates to a balanced, competitive, and unique community.

Councilmember Halbert requested to add development/maintenance standards under *Community Character*; specifically to address the integrity of commercial areas.

Overall, Council determined that the focus areas should be discussed in detail in Work Sessions to be scheduled over the next six months.

11. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- Mar 27 – Collin County Day
- Mar 27 – Meeting with Joe Gonzalez
- Apr 6 – City offices closed in observance of Good Friday
- Apr 14 – Texas Trash-off
- Apr 19 – Bulky Trash Day
- WISD meeting request – need Council representatives

In addition to the listed items, City Manager Fisher reported that the Alcohol Use Policy for the Murphy Community Center and Murphy Activity Center will be on the April 3rd City Council Agenda. Councilmember Bradley noted that he will not be able to attend that meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will hold a closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

Council convened into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

13. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

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

Council convened back to Regular Session at 6:57 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

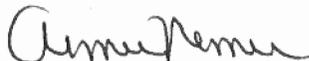
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Bret M. Baldwin, Mayor



ATTEST:


Aimee Nemer, City Secretary