

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2012 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Kim McCranie certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None signed in to speak.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS

Mayor Baldwin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Murphy Monitor for their consistent support of the City of Murphy's efforts to maintain an active, productive and widespread program of the Keep Murphy Beautiful campaign.

Mr. Bill Wadley with the Plano Sports Authority presented the Council with a copy of the rendering of the building design incorporating ideas from the Park Board. Mr. Wadley stated that construction was scheduled to begin on January 7, 2013.

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 approval of the November 13, 2012 meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and take action, if any, on a resolution to the State of Texas to utilize the dedicated ½ cent sporting goods sales tax to fund the Local Park Grants by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- C. Consider and take action, if any, on the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) for participation in the Emergency Medical Task Force (ETMF).

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPROVED

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and take action, if any, on the approval of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Collection and Processing Services.

The Council held discussions regarding recycling rebates, bulky waste, bonds, complaint procedures and household hazardous waste disposal.

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPROVED

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to approve the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Collection and Processing Services with corrected typos, the amendment of Section 20 to require participation without a specific dollar amount and the inclusion of household hazardous waste as an alternate bid. Councilmember Richmond seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Consider and take action, if any, on approval of the bid package for towing services within the City of Murphy, in accordance with Chapter 78.133, of the Murphy City Code and authorize the Chief of Police to solicit bids for the delivery of wrecker and impound services for the City of Murphy.

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPROVED

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to authorize the Chief of Police of the Murphy Police Department to go out for bids, utilizing the approved bid documents, for Wrecker and Impound Services. Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. Consider and take action, if any, on a recommendation to install stop signs and street lights on Betsy, Oriole and Heritage to provide for vehicle access and smooth movement of vehicles through these areas of congestion.

The Council expressed concerns regarding the proposed number of additional stop signs on Heritage and the impact that the North Murphy Road construction will have on surrounding roadways. Discussion was held regarding adding a traffic light at the intersection of Betsy and Oriole, as well as the installation of street lights along Betsy.

COUNCIL ACTION:

REVISIT

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert moved to direct staff to bring back options and costs associated with the intersection of Betsy and Oriole including the use of officers, officer overtime, stop signs, stop lights and any other methods deemed appropriate by staff; revisit the installation of stop signs on Heritage no later than six months from now, earlier if necessary; and, provide a cost estimate for residential street lights along heritage to match the residential

neighborhoods. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- D. Consider and take action, if any, regarding neighborhood traffic control issues and providing staff guidance to develop a City of Murphy Traffic Calming Policy.

Discussion was held with regard to obtaining a consolidated view of areas with the most complaints and which streets needed the most attention. The Council discussed surrounding Town policies.

Public Comments:

Linda Martin – 142 Moonlight Drive, Ms. Martin stated that on Moonlight there had been the counters, the police presence and the signs indicating the drivers speed. She stated the traffic is constant, the speeding is constant. Ms. Martin stated that the data is there and it is time for action.

Greg Matocha – 151 Moonlight Drive, Mr. Matocha stated that the cut through escalated the problem. He stated that he requested the data many times and has not received an adequate response.

Pam Johnson, 147 Moonlight Drive, Ms. Johnson stated that cut through traffic on Moonlight is a problem, especially during peak hours.

COUNCIL ACTION:

REVISIT

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert move to direct staff to rework the traffic calming policy to address speed reduction and volume reduction and to include the Community Development Department in the development of the policy and bring back to Council no later than January 31, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. Against: None. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- E. Consider and take action, if any, on the approval of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances reducing the speed limit of Tom Clevenger Drive due to new road alignment south of Murphy Central Park and the PSA-Murphy facility.

COUNCIL ACTION:

APPROVED

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Halbert move to approve the proposed ordinance, changing the posted speed limit for Tom Clevenger Drive to 20 miles per hour. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Baldwin, Daugherty, Richmond, Bradley and Grant. Against: Halbert and Brandon. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

- F. Consider and take action, if any, on the proposed Animal Shelter project, including the design process and status report.

Public Comments:

Dr. Lorraine Chalkley, 1101 N. Murphy Road – Dr. Chalkley, Chair of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, stated that she felt the work session was quite productive. Dr. Chalkley gave examples of cost savings now that the location has been moved across the street.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO ACTION

The Council discussed the costs and bid process for the proposed animal shelter. Discussion was held with regard to holding a joint work session with the Animal Control Advisory Committee upon receipt of the revised study prepared by Quorum. No action was taken.

- G. Consider and take action, if any, on a resolution establishing the Rules and Procedures for the City of Murphy Ethics Commission.

Public Comments:

Ryan Sullentrup, 416 Woodcrest Circle – Mr. Sullentrup stated that he was up for appointment to the Ethics Commission. Mr. Sullentrup stated that he wanted to know the reasoning behind removing the employees from the policy.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO ACTION

Discussion was held with regard to sending the proposed changes to the Ethics Review Commission.

- H. Consider and take action, if any, on an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances entitled Code of Ethics.

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO ACTION

Discussion was held with regard to prohibiting Ethics Review Committee members from serving on additional boards to avoid a conflict of interest.

- I. Discuss Board and Commission appointments and review interview process.

COUNCIL ACTION:

DISCUSSION ITEM – NO ACTION

Mayor Pro Tem Daugherty advised the Council that the Interview Panel would be meeting on December 4, 2012 to come up with the final candidates to present to Council at the December 11, 2012 meeting.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, James Fisher provided the Council with a report on the following:

- Plano Sports Association will have their ground breaking the week of December 17th
- Oncor will be cutting off power to the City Complex for six to eight hours, the scheduling is to be determined
- North Murphy Road Construction Update
- McCreary Road Construction Update
- Christmas in the Park – December 6
- Upcoming Council Meetings – December 11, January 2, January 15
- City Holidays – December 24, 25 and 31

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fisher advised that an Executive Session was not necessary.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

COUNCIL ACTION:

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



John Daugherty, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary