

MURPHY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.
206 NORTH MURPHY ROAD
MURPHY, TEXAS 75094



Eric Barna
Mayor

Owais Siddiqui
Mayor Pro Tem

Ben St. Clair
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Scott Bradley
Councilmember

Betty Spraggins
Councilmember

Bernard Grant
Councilmember

Rob Thomas
Councilmember

James Fisher
City Manager

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 October 1, 2013 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. PRESENTATION ITEMS :

- A. Murphy Arbor Day Celebration Proclamation
- B. Receive unaudited investment and financial report as of August 31, 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 meeting minutes:
 - 1. September 16, 2013 special meeting minutes; and,
 - 2. September 17, 2013 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Consider and/or act upon approval of Resolution designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policies for the investment of municipal funds.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Hold a public hearing and reconsider and/or act on a request by Aron Frydberg on behalf of Allen Tari to reconsider the denied appeal by the City Council of the denied variance by the Planning and Zoning Commission to sign requirements as stated in the Code of Ordinances Section 28-22, Monument Signs-Business Districts, for a sign at the business known as Tari Car Lot, located at 729 W. FM 544.
- B. Consider and take action, if any, on the request by the Glen Ridge Estates Homeowners Association to waive permit and/or impact fees for a proposed beautification project located at the intersection of Glen Ridge Drive and Heritage Drive.
- C. Consider and take action, if any, on a proposed resolution approving an amendment to the City of Murphy Policies and Procedures.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

North Murphy Road Construction Update
Murphy Central Park Construction Update
Update on West Nile Virus
Maize Days Update
Fire Open House – October 5th 10a-2p
Texas Municipal League – October 8th – 11th
Calling All Castoffs (recycling event) – October 12th 9a-noon
Arbor Day, Brentwood Park Tree Planting, October 12th 10a-noon
Council Planning Session

9. 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:

- 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.
Collin County Surplus Property
- B. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of:
 - 1. City Secretary; and,
 - 2. Municipal Court Judge.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council will reconvene into Open Session 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.
Collin County Surplus Property
- B. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of:
 - 1. City Secretary; and,
 - 2. Municipal Court Judge.
- C. Consideration, if any, on executive session items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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 September 27, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Kristi Gilbert, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary

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Notice of Possible Quorum: There may be a quorum of the 4B Community Development Corporation, the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, the Board of Adjustment, the Building and Fire Code Appeals Board, the Ethics Review Commission the Murphy Municipal Development District Board, the Park and Recreation Board and/or the Planning and Zoning Commission may be present at the meeting, but they will not deliberate on any city business.

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. 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
 Councilmember Rob Thomas

Councilmembers absent: None.

3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Discuss, consider and/or act upon modifications to the FY 2014 General Fund and Utility Fund budgets.

City Manager James Fisher presented the Council with an additional \$507,900 in cuts. Mr. Fisher stated that the proposed cuts were now cutting into the bone.

Councilmember Bradley suggested that the City maintain a reserve of 20% and asked for Council input as to what number would be sufficient to cut.

Councilmember Grant inquired as to what the reserve fund was with the initial budget. Ms. Truitt responded the original budget provided for 16% of reserve fund balance. Ms. Truitt stated that with the \$167,500 in reductions, the reserve fund balance was proposed to be at 17%.

Councilmember Grant stated he was good with a 17% reserve and any additional cuts should be followed with a tax rate decrease.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui agreed with Councilmember Grant's comments. Councilmember Bradley stated 17% was not a bad number and stated that Ms. Truitt was exceedingly conservative on revenues and exceedingly aggressive on expenditures.

Mayor Barna stated that there would be a larger capital expense next year with a possibility of a rollback rate. Mayor Barna stated that, by leaving the additional cushion this year, there would be more flexibility if the City is in a rollback situation next year.

Councilmember Thomas stated there should be discussions regarding separating revenues and expenses and would like to see conversations that extend beyond one year.

MURPHY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 16, 2013

Mayor Barna stated that he would rather have some extra money in reserves to pay for the upcoming purchase of a fire engine of approximately \$1,000,000, rather than issuing debt to pay for vehicles.

Mr. Fisher presented the Council with a breakdown of annual budget and expenses in comparison with population data over a period of several years.

Councilmember Bradley indicated that the Council needs to determine what fund balance they were comfortable with. Councilmember Bradley provided a list of items that he would like to see remain in the budget including Laserfiche items; painting of facilities and window cleaning; uniforms for the VIPs and Explorers; iPads for Councilmembers; filing cabinets; the Ford Crown Victoria replacement; sidewalk repair throughout the city; and a laptop for CID.

Discussion was held with regard to cutting \$250,000 from the budget provided at the previous meeting, resulting in a fund balance of approximately 20%.

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui stated he would like to keep the contract mowing, the annual beds and the Daddy/Daughter Dance.

Councilmember Bradley inquired as to why the park signage was not included in the 4B budget. Councilmember Bradley stated that the Council needed to determine what the current strategy should be with regard to code enforcement and what was needed to fund the strategy.

Councilmember Thomas stated he was not a fan of going through each line item, he felt staff had the experience to identify the items to cut. Councilmember Thomas stated he was opposed to anything that cuts into the police. He stated that he did not like deficit spending.

Mr. Fisher commented that the City has used reserve funds to pay for items that result in the appearance of deficit spending.

Mayor Barna suggested starting the budget process earlier for the next budget cycle, as well as providing clear direction to staff.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 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 (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Bernard Grant
Councilmember Rob Thomas

Councilmembers absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Linda Martin, 142 Moonlight Drive – Ms. Martin thanked the Council for the closure of Grant Road. Ms. Martin stated that they had noticed a significant decrease in traffic.

Steve Dault, 305 E FM 544 – Mr. Dault thanked the Council for helping him start his business in Murphy and invited the Council and residents to his grand opening.

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS –

Parks and Public Works Director Kim Lenoir presented the Council with information with regard to the City's activities related to Keep Texas Beautiful.

Katie Schoenekase, a student with the Murphy Middle School Environmental Club, presented the Council with activities that the club was currently involved in.

Ms. Lenoir presented the following awards:

Officer Joe Wetzel with the Ed Davis Litter Law Enforcement Award;
Tina Pilgrim, the teacher representing the Murphy Middle School Environmental Club, with the Sadie Ray Graff Education Award;
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ben St. Clair with the Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate Award;
Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui with the Keep Texas Beautiful Award of Excellence; and,
Mayor Eric Barna with the Governor's Community Achievement Award 2nd Place.

Kristen Roberts introduced Jerry Sylo to present the proposed Magnolia Park Subdivision. Ms. Roberts stated the developer has worked closely with staff in revising their submittal.

Jerry Sylo, JVI Partner, 16301 Quorum Drive, Addison, presented the Council with a concept plan for the proposed Magnolia Park subdivision. Mr. Sylo stated the previous submittal included 68 lots

with a 5,000 square foot minimum lot size. Mr. Sylo stated the new submittal was comprised of 37 lots with 10,000 square foot lot minimums that increase to 12,000 square foot lots adjacent to current homeowners.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Consider and/or act upon September 3, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION (6.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider and/or act upon approval of an Ordinance adopting the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget and appropriating funds to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness, and appropriating funds to support the City of Murphy for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014.

Finance Director Linda Truitt presented the Council with a history of the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 budget. Ms. Truitt stated the reserve fund balance is proposed to be \$2.3 million, approximately 19.75% of the budget. Ms. Truitt stated the budget includes a water and sewer rate increase scheduled to be effective December 1st.

Amy Brandon, 136 Oak Bluff – Mrs. Brandon stated that she was concerned that money has not been budgeted for the police Explorer group. Mrs. Brandon stated that her daughter is an Explorer and the group participates and volunteers in many city events. Mrs. Brandon stated the Explorers were good representatives of the community.

Dave Brandon, 136 Oak Bluff – Mr. Brandon stated that the Explorers had been very successful in state and national competitions. Mr. Brandon asked that the Council maintain the \$1,000 that they had allocated in the previous budget year.

Mayor Barna commented that the Council had held 10 to 12 meetings on the budget alone and had asked staff to make significant cuts. Mayor Barna thanked staff for their work on the budget.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.A.):

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to approve an Ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014 and making the appropriations as reflected in said budget. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. (*Ordinance No. 13-09-957*)

- B. Consider and/or act upon ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to approve ratifying the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. Consider and/or act upon approval of an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Murphy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

Ms. Truitt stated that the requested tax rate was \$0.57 which is the same as the current fiscal year. Ms. Truitt stated the debt service rate went down, while the O&M increased resulting in additional dollars in general fund revenue.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.C.):**APPROVED**

Councilmember Bradley moved to approve a property tax rate increase by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.570000 which is effectively a 2.35 percent increase in the tax rate, and to approve an ordinance fixing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, and for each fiscal year thereafter until otherwise provided. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. (*Ordinance No. 13-09-958*)

- D. Consider and/or act upon awarding landscape bid for Central Park and PSA-Murphy in accordance to the agreement and plans and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Ms. Lenoir stated that the bids were opened recently and included landscaping of Central Park and PSA-Murphy.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.D.):**APPROVED**

Councilmember Bradley moved to award the landscaping bid as recommended to AquaGreen Global and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. (*CLA No. 1309001*)

- E. Consider and take appropriate action, if any, on an ordinance amending Section 9.100 of the Fee Schedule, water and sewer rates.

Ms. Truitt stated the fees were included in the budget with an effective date of December 1st. Ms. Truitt stated the fee increase is a matter of discussion at the upcoming planning session.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.E.):**APPROVED**

Councilmember Bradley moved to approve an ordinance amending Section 9.100 for the Fee Schedule by increasing water and sewer rates with an effective date of December 1, 2013. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. (*Ordinance No. 13-09-959*)

- F. Discussion regarding scheduling a Council planning session.

Council held discussion with regard to scheduling a future planning session.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.F.):

No action taken.

NON ACTION ITEM

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 9 on Agenda)

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. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of :
1. City of Murphy Board of Adjustment Board Members, Murphy Municipal Development District Members and the Murphy Community Development Members; and,
 2. City Secretary

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION (Item 10 on Agenda)

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. §551.074 Deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of :
1. City of Murphy Board of Adjustment Board Members, Murphy Municipal Development District Members and the Murphy Community Development Members; and,
 2. City Secretary

No action was taken as a result of executive session items.

CONTINUE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM 7.G.:

- G. Consider and/or act upon City of Murphy board and commissions:
1. Accept resignations of board members; and,
 2. Accept recommendations from the Council Interview Panel regarding appointing board members to the Board of Adjustments, Murphy Municipal Development District, and the Murphy 4B Community Development District.

COUNCIL ACTION (7.G.1.):

Councilmember Bradley moved to accept the resignations of Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui and Councilmember Nichols Spraggins from the Murphy Municipal Development District and Councilmember Thomas from the Board of Adjustments. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem St. Clair seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

RESIGNATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION (7.G.2.):

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to extend the term Alain Dermakar on the Murphy Municipal Development District to December 31, 2014. Councilmember Grant seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui moved to appoint John Daugherty and Dave Brandon to the Municipal Development District for a term expiring December 31, 2013 and Robbie Hazelbaker to the 4B Community Development District for a term expiring December 31, 2014. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

8. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

Chief Cox provided the Council with an update on the following items:

North Murphy Road Construction Update

Murphy Central Park Construction Update

Update on West Nile Virus

CLC Meeting, September 19, 2013

Joint Council and Planning and Zoning Meeting – September 23, 2013

Maize Days – September 28, 2013

Fire Open House – October 5, 2013

Texas Municipal League – October 8-11, 2013

Council Planning Session

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

City Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

Issue

Consider and/or act upon approval of Resolution designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policies for the investment of municipal funds.

Staff Resource/Department

James Fisher – City Manager
Linda Truitt – Finance Director

Background/History

The current investment policy was adopted by Resolution on October 16, 2012. The investment policy should be reviewed and approved annually by City Council.

This policy determines the way financial investments are handled for the City and authorizes the City Manager, Director of Finance and Assistant Director of Finance as the designated investment officers. The City banking depository is required to adhere to those investment policies and repurchase agreement terms authorized in the policy.

Investment officers are required to attend training on public funds investing at least every two years. The City Manager, Director of Finance, and Assistant Director of Finance have attended the required training.

Financial Considerations

N/A

Action Requested

Approve Resolution designating investment officers of the City and approving the investment policies for the investment of municipal funds.

Attachments

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Exhibit A – Investment Policy
- 3) Public Funds Investment Act

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING INVESTMENT OFFICERS OF THE CITY; APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICIES FOR THE INVESTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the necessity of utilizing the public funds entrusted to it by the citizens of Murphy in the most advantageous manner so as to maximize the benefit of those funds for the citizens of Murphy, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the necessity of protecting the principal of those funds and ensure the ready accessibility of such funds; and

WHEREAS, section 2256.005(b) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, requires the City to adopt a written investment policy regarding the investment of City funds which emphasizes safety of principal and liquidity; addresses investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2256.005(f) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, City Council may designate by ordinance or resolution, one or more City officers or City employees as investment officer who shall be responsible for the investment of the City's funds consistent with the City's investment policy and the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt regulations governing the investment of the funds entrusted to it by the citizens of Murphy, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct findings of the City of Murphy, Texas, and are fully incorporated into the body of this resolution.

Section 2. That the City of Murphy does appoint the Finance Director as the primary Investment Officer and the City Manager and Assistant Finance Director as secondary Investment Officers. The designated Investment Officers will attend such training and at such times as is necessary to maintain the State standard of competency for an Investment Officer.

Section 3. That the City of Murphy does hereby adopt Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act, in its entirety, as the rule and guide for the investment of such public funds as are entrusted to it and are deemed suitable for investment purposes. The Investment Policy attached hereto as *Exhibit A* ("Investment Policy of the City of Murphy, Texas"), and made a part hereof for all purposes is hereby adopted as the Investment Policy of the City of Murphy, Texas, as required by Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 4. If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this resolution or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Murphy, Texas, on this the 1st day of October, 2013.

Eric Barna, Mayor
City of Murphy

ATTEST:

Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary
City of Murphy

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Wm. Andrew Messer, City Attorney
City of Murphy

EXHIBIT A

**INVESTMENT POLICY
OF THE
CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS**

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this document is to set forth specific investment policy and strategy guidelines for the City of Murphy in order to achieve the goals of safety, liquidity, yield, and public trust for all investment activity. This policy serves to satisfy the statutory requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

The receipt of a market rate of return will be secondary to the requirements for safety and liquidity. It is the intent of the City to be in complete compliance with local law and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (the “Act”). The earnings from investment will be used in a manner that best serves the interests of the City.

II. OBJECTIVES OF INVESTMENT POLICIES

The primary objectives of the City’s investment program in order of priority shall be preservation and safety of principal, liquidity, diversification and yield. Investments are to be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity. All investments shall be designed and managed in a manner responsive to the public trust and consistent with State and Local law.

(a) SAFETY OF PRINCIPAL:

The foremost and primary objective of the City’s investment program is the preservation and safety of capital of the overall portfolio. Each investment transaction will seek first to ensure that capital losses are avoided, whether the loss occurs from the default of a security or from erosion of market value. The objectives will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk. To control credit risk, investments should be limited to the safest types of securities. Financial institutions, broker/dealers and advisers who serve as intermediaries, shall be pre-qualified by the City. The credit ratings of investment pools and individual securities will be monitored to assure compliance with this policy and state law.

To control interest rate risk, the City will structure the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and will monitor marketable securities daily. Should an issuer experience a single step downgrade of its credit rating by a nationally recognized credit rating agency within 90 days of the position’s maturity, the Investment Officer may approve the holding of the security to maturity.

(b) LIQUIDITY:

The City’s investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City to meet operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated. Liquidity will be achieved by matching investment maturities with forecasted cash flow funding requirements, by investing in securities with active secondary markets and by diversification of maturities and call dates. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands

cannot be anticipated, the portfolio, or portions thereof may be placed in money market mutual funds or local government investment pools, which offer same day liquidity for short-term funds.

(c) DIVERSIFICATION:

Diversification of the portfolio will include diversification by maturity and market sector and will include the use of a number of broker/dealers for diversification and market coverage. Competitive bidding will be used on sale and purchase.

(c) YIELD:

The City's investment portfolio will be designed with the objective of regularly meeting or exceeding the average rate of return on three month U.S. Treasury Bills. The investment program will seek to augment returns above this threshold consistent with risk constraints identified herein, cash flow characteristics of the portfolio and prudent investment principles. Investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Marketable securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions:

- (1) A security with declining credit may be sold early to minimize loss of principal.
- (2) A security swap that would improve the quality, yield or target duration in the portfolio.
- (3) Liquidity needs of the portfolio require that the security be sold.
- (4) If market conditions present an opportunity for the City to benefit from the sale.

Funds held for future capital projects will be invested in such a way as to try to produce enough income to offset inflationary construction cost increases. However, such funds will never be unduly exposed to market price risks that would jeopardize the assets available to accomplish their stated objective, or be invested in a manner inconsistent with applicable federal and state regulations. Yields on debt proceeds that are not exempt from federal arbitrage regulations are limited to the arbitrage yield of the debt obligation. Investment officials will seek to preserve principal and maximize the yield of these funds in the same manner as all other city funds. However, it is understood that if the yield achieved by the city is higher than the arbitrage yield, positive arbitrage income will be averaged over a five year period and netted against any negative arbitrage Income and the net amount shall be rebated to the federal government as required by current federal regulations.

(d) PUBLIC TRUST:

All participants in the investment process will seek to act responsibly as

custodians of the public trust. Investment officials will avoid any transactions that might impair public confidence in the City's ability to govern effectively. The governing body recognizes that in a diversified portfolio, occasional measured losses due to market volatility are inevitable, and must be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's investment return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented. The Investment Officer shall adhere to the City of Murphy Code of Conduct and City Charter.

III. PRUDENT INVESTOR RULE

- (a) The standard of prudence to be applied by the investment officer shall be the "prudent investor" rule as provided in section 2256.006 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. This section states, "[i]nvestments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."
- (b) Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence, shall not be held personally liable for a specific security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The City will perform a compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to investment policies annually. Pursuant to section 2256.006(b) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, in determining whether an investment officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the determination shall be made taking into consideration: (1) the investment of all funds, or funds under the City's control, over which the officer had responsibility rather than a consideration as to the prudence of a single investment; and (2) whether the investment decision was consistent with the written investment policy of the City of Murphy.
- (b) In accordance with section 2256.008 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, the Investment Officers shall attend ten (10) hours of investment training within twelve (12) months of assuming duties and ten (10) hours within every succeeding two (2) years. The investment training session shall be provided by an independent source approved by the Investment Review Committee. Training must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, diversification of investment portfolio, and compliance with the Act.

IV. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The City of Murphy shall invest in such investments as are lawful as enumerated in Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act, sections 2256.009 through 2256.016. The City reserves the right to further restrict the types of investments which can be made. No investment shall be made until it shall have a full and detailed explanation to the Council and approval given therefore by a majority vote of the Council then present. Assets

of the City of Murphy may be invested in the following instruments if deemed an authorized investment pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, and includes the following:

- (a) obligations of the United States of America, its agencies and instrumentalities, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding mortgage-backed securities;
- (b) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities;
- (c) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;
- (d) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditional guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or the respective agencies and instrumentalities;
- (e) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent;
- (f) certificates of deposits issued by a state or national bank domiciled in the state or a savings and loan association domiciled in this state and is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor or the National Credit Union Insurance Fund or its successor secured by obligations that are described in A through E above, to include certificates of deposit purchased through the CDARS program with a Texas bank;
- (g) a fully collateralized signed master repurchase agreement provided the repurchase agreement approved by City Council: has a defined termination date; is secured by obligations described in A above; security's market value must be a minimum of 102% of the principal value of the repurchase agreement; requires the securities being purchased by the City to be pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the entity; and is placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in this state; the safekeeping portion of the agreement shall define the City's rights to collateral in case of default, bankruptcy or closing and shall establish a perfected security interest in compliance with Federal and State regulations;
- (h) an authorized securities lending program;
- (i) an authorized banker's acceptance; financial institution serving as City depository will be required to sign a depository agreement with the City and the City's safekeeping agent;
- (j) commercial paper which has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of its

issuance; is rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent rating by at least: two (2) nationally recognized credit rating agencies; or one (1) nationally recognized credit rating agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state;

- (k) an authorized no-load money market mutual fund which is registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission; provides the investing entity with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78a et seq.) or the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.); has a dollar-weighted average stated maturity of 90 days or fewer; and includes in its investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of \$1 for each share;
- (l) guaranteed investment contract is an authorized investment for bond proceeds if the guaranteed investment contract: has a defined termination date; is secured by obligations described in A above, and is pledged to the City and deposited with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the City; and
- (m) an eligible investment pool if the City Council of the City of Murphy by ordinance, or resolution authorizes investment in the particular pool.

V. TERM OF INVESTMENTS

The maximum maturity of any individual security the City may invest in shall be five (5) years.

VI. MONITORING OF THE MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

The Investment Officer(s), with the help of City Council, as needed, shall determine the market value of each investment and of all collateral pledged to secure deposits of City funds at least quarterly and at a time as close as practicable to the closing of the reporting period for the investments. Such values shall be included on the investment report. The following methods shall be used:

- (a) Certificates of deposit shall be valued at their face value plus any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (b) Shares in money market mutual funds and investment pools shall be valued at par plus any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (c) Other investment securities with a remaining maturity of one year or less may be valued in any of the following ways:

- (1) the lower of two bids obtained from securities broker/dealers for such security;
 - (2) the average of the bid and asked prices for such investment security as published in *The Wall Street Journal* or *The New York Times*;
 - (3) the bid price published by any nationally recognized security pricing service; or
 - (4) the market value quoted by the seller of the security or the owner of such collateral.
- (d) Other investment securities with a remaining maturity of greater than one year shall be valued at the lower of two bids obtained from securities broker/dealers for such security, unless two bids are not available, in which case the securities may be valued in any manner provided in this section.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

For funds invested in a pooled fund group, the maximum dollar-weighted average maturity allowance is two (2) years. This average is subject to change as necessary to maintain the maximum rate of return. Any such change must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council then present prior to being made effective.

All transactions, excepting those for mutual funds or investment pool funds, shall be settled on a delivery versus payment basis.

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CHAPTER 2256. PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT

SUBCHAPTER A. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Sec. 2256.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Public Funds Investment Act.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Bond proceeds" means the proceeds from the sale of bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by an entity, and reserves and funds maintained by an entity for debt service purposes.

(2) "Book value" means the original acquisition cost of an investment plus or minus the accrued amortization or accretion.

(3) "Funds" means public funds in the custody of a state agency or local government that:

(A) are not required by law to be deposited in the state treasury; and

(B) the investing entity has authority to invest.

(4) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(5) "Investing entity" and "entity" mean an entity subject to this chapter and described by Section 2256.003.

(6) "Investment pool" means an entity created under this code to invest public funds jointly on behalf of the

entities that participate in the pool and whose investment objectives in order of priority are:

- (A) preservation and safety of principal;
- (B) liquidity; and
- (C) yield.

(7) "Local government" means a municipality, a county, a school district, a district or authority created under Section 52(b)(1) or (2), Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, a fresh water supply district, a hospital district, and any political subdivision, authority, public corporation, body politic, or instrumentality of the State of Texas, and any nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of any of those entities.

(8) "Market value" means the current face or par value of an investment multiplied by the net selling price of the security as quoted by a recognized market pricing source quoted on the valuation date.

(9) "Pooled fund group" means an internally created fund of an investing entity in which one or more institutional accounts of the investing entity are invested.

(10) "Qualified representative" means a person who holds a position with a business organization, who is authorized to act on behalf of the business organization, and who is one of the following:

(A) for a business organization doing business that is regulated by or registered with a securities commission, a person who is registered under the rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers;

(B) for a state or federal bank, a savings bank, or a state or federal credit union, a member of the loan committee for the bank or branch of the bank or a person authorized by corporate resolution to act on behalf of and bind the banking institution;

(C) for an investment pool, the person authorized by the elected official or board with authority to

administer the activities of the investment pool to sign the written instrument on behalf of the investment pool; or

(D) for an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or, if not subject to registration under that Act, registered with the State Securities Board, a person who is an officer or principal of the investment management firm.

(11) "School district" means a public school district.

(12) "Separately invested asset" means an account or fund of a state agency or local government that is not invested in a pooled fund group.

(13) "State agency" means an office, department, commission, board, or other agency that is part of any branch of state government, an institution of higher education, and any nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of any of those entities.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 2256.003. AUTHORITY TO INVEST FUNDS; ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THIS CHAPTER. (a) Each governing body of the following entities may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in investments authorized under this subchapter in compliance with investment policies approved by the governing body and according to the standard of care prescribed by Section 2256.006:

- (1) a local government;
- (2) a state agency;
- (3) a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of a local government or a state agency; or
- (4) an investment pool acting on behalf of two or more local governments, state agencies, or a combination of those entities.

(b) In the exercise of its powers under Subsection (a), the governing body of an investing entity may contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control. A contract made under authority of this subsection may not be for a term longer than two years. A renewal or extension of the contract must be made by the governing body of the investing entity by order, ordinance, or resolution.

(c) This chapter does not prohibit an investing entity or investment officer from using the entity's employees or the services of a contractor of the entity to aid the investment officer in the execution of the officer's duties under this chapter.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 2256.004. APPLICABILITY. (a) This subchapter does not apply to:

- (1) a public retirement system as defined by Section 802.001;
- (2) state funds invested as authorized by Section 404.024;
- (3) an institution of higher education having total endowments of at least \$95 million in book value on May 1, 1995;
- (4) funds invested by the Veterans' Land Board as authorized by Chapter 161, 162, or 164, Natural Resources Code;
- (5) registry funds deposited with the county or district clerk under Chapter 117, Local Government Code; or
- (6) a deferred compensation plan that qualifies under either Section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 1 et seq.), as amended.

(b) This subchapter does not apply to an investment donated to an investing entity for a particular purpose or under terms of use specified by the donor.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 505, Sec. 24, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 8.21, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 2256.005. INVESTMENT POLICIES; INVESTMENT STRATEGIES; INVESTMENT OFFICER. (a) The governing body of an investing entity shall adopt by rule, order, ordinance, or resolution, as appropriate, a written investment policy regarding the investment of its funds and funds under its control.

(b) The investment policies must:

- (1) be written;
- (2) primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity;
- (3) address investment diversification, yield, and maturity and the quality and capability of investment management; and
- (4) include:
 - (A) a list of the types of authorized investments in which the investing entity's funds may be invested;
 - (B) the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment owned by the entity;
 - (C) for pooled fund groups, the maximum dollar-weighted average maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio;
 - (D) methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds;

(E) a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis; and

(F) procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the provisions of Section 2256.021.

(c) The investment policies may provide that bids for certificates of deposit be solicited:

- (1) orally;
- (2) in writing;
- (3) electronically; or
- (4) in any combination of those methods.

(d) As an integral part of an investment policy, the governing body shall adopt a separate written investment strategy for each of the funds or group of funds under its control. Each investment strategy must describe the investment objectives for the particular fund using the following priorities in order of importance:

- (1) understanding of the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the entity;
- (2) preservation and safety of principal;
- (3) liquidity;
- (4) marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity;
- (5) diversification of the investment portfolio; and
- (6) yield.

(e) The governing body of an investing entity shall review its investment policy and investment strategies not less than annually. The governing body shall adopt a written instrument by rule, order, ordinance, or resolution stating that it has reviewed the investment policy and investment strategies and that the written instrument so adopted shall record any changes made to either the investment policy or investment strategies.

(f) Each investing entity shall designate, by rule, order, ordinance, or resolution, as appropriate, one or more officers

or employees of the state agency, local government, or investment pool as investment officer to be responsible for the investment of its funds consistent with the investment policy adopted by the entity. If the governing body of an investing entity has contracted with another investing entity to invest its funds, the investment officer of the other investing entity is considered to be the investment officer of the first investing entity for purposes of this chapter. Authority granted to a person to invest an entity's funds is effective until rescinded by the investing entity, until the expiration of the officer's term or the termination of the person's employment by the investing entity, or if an investment management firm, until the expiration of the contract with the investing entity. In the administration of the duties of an investment officer, the person designated as investment officer shall exercise the judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a prudent person would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, but the governing body of the investing entity retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciaries of the assets of the entity. Unless authorized by law, a person may not deposit, withdraw, transfer, or manage in any other manner the funds of the investing entity.

(g) Subsection (f) does not apply to a state agency, local government, or investment pool for which an officer of the entity is assigned by law the function of investing its funds.

Text of subsec. (h) as amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 685,
Sec. 1

(h) An officer or employee of a commission created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code, is ineligible to be an investment officer for the commission under Subsection (f) if the officer or employee is an investment officer designated under Subsection (f) for another local government.

Text of subsec. (h) as amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch.
1421, Sec. 3

(h) An officer or employee of a commission created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code, is ineligible to be designated as an investment officer under Subsection (f) for any investing entity other than for that commission.

(i) An investment officer of an entity who has a personal business relationship with a business organization offering to engage in an investment transaction with the entity shall file a statement disclosing that personal business interest. An investment officer who is related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity, as determined under Chapter 573, to an individual seeking to sell an investment to the investment officer's entity shall file a statement disclosing that relationship. A statement required under this subsection must be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission and the governing body of the entity. For purposes of this subsection, an investment officer has a personal business relationship with a business organization if:

(1) the investment officer owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business organization or owns \$5,000 or more of the fair market value of the business organization;

(2) funds received by the investment officer from the business organization exceed 10 percent of the investment officer's gross income for the previous year; or

(3) the investment officer has acquired from the business organization during the previous year investments with a book value of \$2,500 or more for the personal account of the investment officer.

(j) The governing body of an investing entity may specify in its investment policy that any investment authorized by this chapter is not suitable.

(k) A written copy of the investment policy shall be presented to any person offering to engage in an investment transaction with an investing entity or to an investment management firm under contract with an investing entity to invest or manage the entity's investment portfolio. For purposes of this subsection, a business organization includes investment pools and an investment management firm under contract with an investing entity to invest or manage the entity's investment portfolio. Nothing in this subsection relieves the investing entity of the responsibility for monitoring the investments made by the investing entity to determine that they are in compliance with the investment policy. The qualified representative of the business organization offering to engage in an investment transaction with an investing entity shall execute a written instrument in a form acceptable to the investing entity and the business organization substantially to the effect that the business organization has:

(1) received and reviewed the investment policy of the entity; and

(2) acknowledged that the business organization has implemented reasonable procedures and controls in an effort to preclude investment transactions conducted between the entity and the organization that are not authorized by the entity's investment policy, except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the entity's entire portfolio or requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards.

(l) The investment officer of an entity may not acquire or otherwise obtain any authorized investment described in the investment policy of the investing entity from a person who has not delivered to the entity the instrument required by Subsection (k).

(m) An investing entity other than a state agency, in conjunction with its annual financial audit, shall perform a

compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to the entity's established investment policies.

(n) Except as provided by Subsection (o), at least once every two years a state agency shall arrange for a compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to the agency's established investment policies. The compliance audit shall be performed by the agency's internal auditor or by a private auditor employed in the manner provided by Section 321.020. Not later than January 1 of each even-numbered year a state agency shall report the results of the most recent audit performed under this subsection to the state auditor. Subject to a risk assessment and to the legislative audit committee's approval of including a review by the state auditor in the audit plan under Section 321.013, the state auditor may review information provided under this section. If review by the state auditor is approved by the legislative audit committee, the state auditor may, based on its review, require a state agency to also report to the state auditor other information the state auditor determines necessary to assess compliance with laws and policies applicable to state agency investments. A report under this subsection shall be prepared in a manner the state auditor prescribes.

(o) The audit requirements of Subsection (n) do not apply to assets of a state agency that are invested by the comptroller under Section 404.024.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 685, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 4, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 785, Sec. 41, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 1, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.006. STANDARD OF CARE. (a) Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived. Investment of funds shall be governed by the following investment objectives, in order of priority:

- (1) preservation and safety of principal;
- (2) liquidity; and
- (3) yield.

(b) In determining whether an investment officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the determination shall be made taking into consideration:

- (1) the investment of all funds, or funds under the entity's control, over which the officer had responsibility rather than a consideration as to the prudence of a single investment; and
- (2) whether the investment decision was consistent with the written investment policy of the entity.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.007. INVESTMENT TRAINING; STATE AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS. (a) Each member of the governing board of a state agency and its investment officer shall attend at least one training session relating to the person's responsibilities under this chapter within six months after taking office or assuming duties.

(b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall provide the training under this section.

(c) Training under this section must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, diversification of investment portfolio, and compliance with this chapter.

(d) An investment officer shall attend a training session not less than once each state fiscal biennium and may receive training from any independent source approved by the governing body of the state agency. The investment officer shall prepare a report on this subchapter and deliver the report to the governing body of the state agency not later than the 180th day after the last day of each regular session of the legislature.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 73, Sec. 1, eff. May 9, 1997; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 5, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 2, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.008. INVESTMENT TRAINING; LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), the treasurer, the chief financial officer if the treasurer is not the chief financial officer, and the investment officer of a local government shall:

(1) attend at least one training session from an independent source approved by the governing body of the local government or a designated investment committee advising the investment officer as provided for in the investment policy of the local government and containing at least 10 hours of instruction relating to the treasurer's or officer's responsibilities under this subchapter within 12 months after taking office or assuming duties; and

(2) except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), attend an investment training session not less than once in a two-year period that begins on the first day of that local government's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive fiscal years after that date, and receive not less than 10 hours of instruction relating to investment responsibilities under this subchapter from an independent source approved by the

governing body of the local government or a designated investment committee advising the investment officer as provided for in the investment policy of the local government.

(b) An investing entity created under authority of Section 52(b), Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that has contracted with an investment management firm under Section 2256.003(b) and has fewer than five full-time employees or an investing entity that has contracted with another investing entity to invest the entity's funds may satisfy the training requirement provided by Subsection (a)(2) by having an officer of the governing body attend four hours of appropriate instruction in a two-year period that begins on the first day of that local government's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive fiscal years after that date. The treasurer or chief financial officer of an investing entity created under authority of Section 52(b), Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and that has fewer than five full-time employees is not required to attend training required by this section unless the person is also the investment officer of the entity.

(c) Training under this section must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, diversification of investment portfolio, and compliance with this chapter.

(d) Not later than December 31 each year, each individual, association, business, organization, governmental entity, or other person that provides training under this section shall report to the comptroller a list of the governmental entities for which the person provided required training under this section during that calendar year. An individual's reporting requirements under this subsection are satisfied by a report of the individual's employer or the sponsoring or organizing entity of a training program or seminar.

(e) This section does not apply to a district governed by Chapter 36 or 49, Water Code.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 5, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 6, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 69, Sec. 4, eff. May 14, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 3, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.009. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the following are authorized investments under this subchapter:

(1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities;

(2) direct obligations of this state or its agencies and instrumentalities;

(3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;

(4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, this state or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States;

(5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; and

(6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel.

(b) The following are not authorized investments under this section:

(1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal;

(2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and bears no interest;

(3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity date of greater than 10 years; and

(4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 7, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 558, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 4, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.010. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AND SHARE CERTIFICATES. (a) A certificate of deposit or share certificate is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the certificate is issued by a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in this state and is:

(1) guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or its successor;

(2) secured by obligations that are described by Section 2256.009(a), including mortgage backed securities directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality that have a market value of not less than the principal amount of the certificates, but excluding those mortgage backed securities of the nature described by Section 2256.009(b); or

(3) secured in any other manner and amount provided by law for deposits of the investing entity.

(b) In addition to the authority to invest funds in certificates of deposit under Subsection (a), an investment in certificates of deposit made in accordance with the following conditions is an authorized investment under this subchapter:

(1) the funds are invested by an investing entity through:

(A) a broker that has its main office or a branch office in this state and is selected from a list adopted by the investing entity as required by Section 2256.025; or

(B) a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in this state and that is selected by the investing entity;

(2) the broker or the depository institution selected by the investing entity under Subdivision (1) arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the investing entity;

(3) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and

(4) the investing entity appoints the depository institution selected by the investing entity under Subdivision (1), an entity described by Section 2257.041(d), or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and operating pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the investing entity with respect to the certificates of deposit issued for the account of the investing entity.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 32, Sec. 1, eff. April 28, 1995; Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1,

1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 6, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. [128](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 5, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.011. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS. (a) A fully collateralized repurchase agreement is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the repurchase agreement:

- (1) has a defined termination date;
- (2) is secured by a combination of cash and obligations described by Section 2256.009(a)(1); and
- (3) requires the securities being purchased by the entity or cash held by the entity to be pledged to the entity, held in the entity's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the entity or with a third party selected and approved by the entity; and
- (4) is placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in this state.

(b) In this section, "repurchase agreement" means a simultaneous agreement to buy, hold for a specified time, and sell back at a future date obligations described by Section 2256.009(a)(1), at a market value at the time the funds are disbursed of not less than the principal amount of the funds disbursed. The term includes a direct security repurchase agreement and a reverse security repurchase agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the term of any reverse security repurchase agreement may not exceed 90 days after the date the reverse security repurchase agreement is delivered.

(d) Money received by an entity under the terms of a reverse security repurchase agreement shall be used to acquire

additional authorized investments, but the term of the authorized investments acquired must mature not later than the expiration date stated in the reverse security repurchase agreement.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 6, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.0115. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: SECURITIES LENDING PROGRAM. (a) A securities lending program is an authorized investment under this subchapter if it meets the conditions provided by this section.

(b) To qualify as an authorized investment under this subchapter:

(1) the value of securities loaned under the program must be not less than 100 percent collateralized, including accrued income;

(2) a loan made under the program must allow for termination at any time;

(3) a loan made under the program must be secured by:
(A) pledged securities described by Section 2256.009;

(B) pledged irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank that is:

(i) organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any other state; and

(ii) continuously rated by at least one nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent; or

(C) cash invested in accordance with Section:

(i) 2256.009;

(ii) 2256.013;

(iii) 2256.014; or

(iv) 2256.016;

(4) the terms of a loan made under the program must require that the securities being held as collateral be:

(A) pledged to the investing entity;

(B) held in the investing entity's name; and

(C) deposited at the time the investment is made with the entity or with a third party selected by or approved by the investing entity;

(5) a loan made under the program must be placed through:

(A) a primary government securities dealer, as defined by 5 C.F.R. Section 6801.102(f), as that regulation existed on September 1, 2003; or

(B) a financial institution doing business in this state; and

(6) an agreement to lend securities that is executed under this section must have a term of one year or less.

Added by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1227, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 2256.012. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: BANKER'S ACCEPTANCES. A bankers' acceptance is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the bankers' acceptance:

(1) has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of its issuance;

(2) will be, in accordance with its terms, liquidated in full at maturity;

(3) is eligible for collateral for borrowing from a Federal Reserve Bank; and

(4) is accepted by a bank organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state, if the short-term obligations of the bank, or of a bank holding company of which the bank is the largest subsidiary, are rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.013. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: COMMERCIAL PAPER. Commercial paper is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the commercial paper:

(1) has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of its issuance; and

(2) is rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent rating by at least:

(A) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies; or

(B) one nationally recognized credit rating agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.014. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: MUTUAL FUNDS. (a) A no-load money market mutual fund is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the mutual fund:

(1) is registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(2) provides the investing entity with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78a et seq.) or the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.);

(3) has a dollar-weighted average stated maturity of 90 days or fewer; and

(4) includes in its investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of \$1 for each share.

(b) In addition to a no-load money market mutual fund permitted as an authorized investment in Subsection (a), a no-

load mutual fund is an authorized investment under this subchapter if the mutual fund:

- (1) is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (2) has an average weighted maturity of less than two years;
- (3) is invested exclusively in obligations approved by this subchapter;
- (4) is continuously rated as to investment quality by at least one nationally recognized investment rating firm of not less than AAA or its equivalent; and
- (5) conforms to the requirements set forth in Sections 2256.016(b) and (c) relating to the eligibility of investment pools to receive and invest funds of investing entities.

(c) An entity is not authorized by this section to:

- (1) invest in the aggregate more than 15 percent of its monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service, in mutual funds described in Subsection (b);
- (2) invest any portion of bond proceeds, reserves and funds held for debt service, in mutual funds described in Subsection (b); or
- (3) invest its funds or funds under its control, including bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service, in any one mutual fund described in Subsection (a) or (b) in an amount that exceeds 10 percent of the total assets of the mutual fund.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 7, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 8, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 2256.015. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACTS. (a) A guaranteed investment contract is

an authorized investment for bond proceeds under this subchapter if the guaranteed investment contract:

- (1) has a defined termination date;
- (2) is secured by obligations described by Section 2256.009(a)(1), excluding those obligations described by Section 2256.009(b), in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under the contract; and
- (3) is pledged to the entity and deposited with the entity or with a third party selected and approved by the entity.

(b) Bond proceeds, other than bond proceeds representing reserves and funds maintained for debt service purposes, may not be invested under this subchapter in a guaranteed investment contract with a term of longer than five years from the date of issuance of the bonds.

(c) To be eligible as an authorized investment:

- (1) the governing body of the entity must specifically authorize guaranteed investment contracts as an eligible investment in the order, ordinance, or resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds;
- (2) the entity must receive bids from at least three separate providers with no material financial interest in the bonds from which proceeds were received;
- (3) the entity must purchase the highest yielding guaranteed investment contract for which a qualifying bid is received;
- (4) the price of the guaranteed investment contract must take into account the reasonably expected drawdown schedule for the bond proceeds to be invested; and
- (5) the provider must certify the administrative costs reasonably expected to be paid to third parties in connection with the guaranteed investment contract.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 8, eff. Sept. 1,

1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 1454, Sec. 9, 10, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 2256.016. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: INVESTMENT POOLS.

(a) An entity may invest its funds and funds under its control through an eligible investment pool if the governing body of the entity by rule, order, ordinance, or resolution, as appropriate, authorizes investment in the particular pool. An investment pool shall invest the funds it receives from entities in authorized investments permitted by this subchapter. An investment pool may invest its funds in money market mutual funds to the extent permitted by and consistent with this subchapter and the investment policies and objectives adopted by the investment pool.

(b) To be eligible to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, an investment pool must furnish to the investment officer or other authorized representative of the entity an offering circular or other similar disclosure instrument that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) the types of investments in which money is allowed to be invested;
- (2) the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed, based on the stated maturity date, of the pool;
- (3) the maximum stated maturity date any investment security within the portfolio has;
- (4) the objectives of the pool;
- (5) the size of the pool;
- (6) the names of the members of the advisory board of the pool and the dates their terms expire;
- (7) the custodian bank that will safekeep the pool's assets;
- (8) whether the intent of the pool is to maintain a net asset value of one dollar and the risk of market price fluctuation;

(9) whether the only source of payment is the assets of the pool at market value or whether there is a secondary source of payment, such as insurance or guarantees, and a description of the secondary source of payment;

(10) the name and address of the independent auditor of the pool;

(11) the requirements to be satisfied for an entity to deposit funds in and withdraw funds from the pool and any deadlines or other operating policies required for the entity to invest funds in and withdraw funds from the pool; and

(12) the performance history of the pool, including yield, average dollar-weighted maturities, and expense ratios.

(c) To maintain eligibility to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, an investment pool must furnish to the investment officer or other authorized representative of the entity:

(1) investment transaction confirmations; and

(2) a monthly report that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

(A) the types and percentage breakdown of securities in which the pool is invested;

(B) the current average dollar-weighted maturity, based on the stated maturity date, of the pool;

(C) the current percentage of the pool's portfolio in investments that have stated maturities of more than one year;

(D) the book value versus the market value of the pool's portfolio, using amortized cost valuation;

(E) the size of the pool;

(F) the number of participants in the pool;

(G) the custodian bank that is safekeeping the assets of the pool;

(H) a listing of daily transaction activity of the entity participating in the pool;

(I) the yield and expense ratio of the pool, including a statement regarding how yield is calculated;

(J) the portfolio managers of the pool; and
(K) any changes or addenda to the offering circular.

(d) An entity by contract may delegate to an investment pool the authority to hold legal title as custodian of investments purchased with its local funds.

(e) In this section, "yield" shall be calculated in accordance with regulations governing the registration of open-end management investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as promulgated from time to time by the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.

(f) To be eligible to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, a public funds investment pool created to function as a money market mutual fund must mark its portfolio to market daily, and, to the extent reasonably possible, stabilize at a \$1 net asset value. If the ratio of the market value of the portfolio divided by the book value of the portfolio is less than 0.995 or greater than 1.005, portfolio holdings shall be sold as necessary to maintain the ratio between 0.995 and 1.005. In addition to the requirements of its investment policy and any other forms of reporting, a public funds investment pool created to function as a money market mutual fund shall report yield to its investors in accordance with regulations of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission applicable to reporting by money market funds.

(g) To be eligible to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, a public funds investment pool must have an advisory board composed:

(1) equally of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool, for a public funds investment pool created under Chapter 791 and managed by a state agency; or

(2) of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool, for other investment pools.

(h) To maintain eligibility to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, an investment pool must be continuously rated no lower than AAA or AAA-m or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

(i) If the investment pool operates an Internet website, the information in a disclosure instrument or report described in Subsections (b), (c)(2), and (f) must be posted on the website.

(j) To maintain eligibility to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, an investment pool must make available to the entity an annual audited financial statement of the investment pool in which the entity has funds invested.

(k) If an investment pool offers fee breakpoints based on fund balances invested, the investment pool in advertising investment rates must include either all levels of return based on the breakpoints provided or state the lowest possible level of return based on the smallest level of funds invested.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 9, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 7, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.017. EXISTING INVESTMENTS. An entity is not required to liquidate investments that were authorized investments at the time of purchase.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 76, Sec. 5.46(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1,

1995. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 10, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 2256.019. RATING OF CERTAIN INVESTMENT POOLS. A public funds investment pool must be continuously rated no lower than AAA or AAA-m or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 11, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 8, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.020. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. In addition to the authorized investments permitted by this subchapter, an institution of higher education may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in the following:

(1) cash management and fixed income funds sponsored by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(f), Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501(f));

(2) negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a bank that has a certificate of deposit rating of at least 1 or the equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating agency or that is associated with a holding company having a commercial paper rating of at least A-1, P-1, or the equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating agency; and

(3) corporate bonds, debentures, or similar debt obligations rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm in one of the two highest long-term rating categories, without regard to gradations within those categories.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.0201. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS; MUNICIPAL UTILITY. (a) A municipality that owns a municipal electric utility that is engaged in the distribution and sale of electric energy or natural gas to the public may enter into a hedging contract and related security and insurance agreements in relation to fuel oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear fuel, and electric energy to protect against loss due to price fluctuations. A hedging transaction must comply with the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission. If there is a conflict between the municipal charter of the municipality and this chapter, this chapter prevails.

(b) A payment by a municipally owned electric or gas utility under a hedging contract or related agreement in relation to fuel supplies or fuel reserves is a fuel expense, and the utility may credit any amounts it receives under the contract or agreement against fuel expenses.

(c) The governing body of a municipally owned electric or gas utility or the body vested with power to manage and operate the municipally owned electric or gas utility may set policy regarding hedging transactions.

(d) In this section, "hedging" means the buying and selling of fuel oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear fuel, and electric energy futures or options or similar contracts on those commodities and related transportation costs as a protection against loss due to price fluctuation.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 405, Sec. 48, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [7](#), Sec. 1, eff. April 13, 2007.

Sec. 2256.0202. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: MUNICIPAL FUNDS FROM MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RIGHTS. (a) In addition to other investments authorized under this subchapter, a municipality may invest funds received by the municipality from a lease or contract for the management and development of land owned by the municipality and leased for oil, gas, or other mineral development in any investment authorized to be made by a trustee under Subtitle B, Title 9, Property Code (Texas Trust Code).

(b) Funds invested by a municipality under this section shall be segregated and accounted for separately from other funds of the municipality.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. [1371](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2009.

Sec. 2256.0203. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: PORTS AND NAVIGATION DISTRICTS. (a) In this section, "district" means a navigation district organized under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(b) In addition to the authorized investments permitted by this subchapter, a port or district may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a bank that has a certificate of deposit rating of at least 1 or the equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating agency or that is associated with a holding company having a commercial paper rating of at least A-1, P-1, or the equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating agency.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [804](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2011.

Sec. 2256.0204. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS: INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) In this section, "corporate bond" means

a senior secured debt obligation issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment rating firm. The term does not include a debt obligation that:

(1) on conversion, would result in the holder becoming a stockholder or shareholder in the entity, or any affiliate or subsidiary of the entity, that issued the debt obligation; or

(2) is an unsecured debt obligation.

(b) This section applies only to an independent school district that qualifies as an issuer as defined by Section 1371.001.

(c) In addition to authorized investments permitted by this subchapter, an independent school district subject to this section may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in corporate bonds that, at the time of purchase, are rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm "AA-" or the equivalent and have a stated final maturity that is not later than the third anniversary of the date the corporate bonds were purchased.

(d) An independent school district subject to this section is not authorized by this section to:

(1) invest in the aggregate more than 15 percent of its monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds, reserves, and other funds held for the payment of debt service, in corporate bonds; or

(2) invest more than 25 percent of the funds invested in corporate bonds in any one domestic business entity, including subsidiaries and affiliates of the entity.

(e) An independent school district subject to this section may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in corporate bonds if the governing body of the district:

(1) amends its investment policy to authorize corporate bonds as an eligible investment;

(2) adopts procedures to provide for:

(A) monitoring rating changes in corporate bonds acquired with public funds; and

(B) liquidating the investment in corporate bonds; and

(3) identifies the funds eligible to be invested in corporate bonds.

(f) The investment officer of an independent school district, acting on behalf of the district, shall sell corporate bonds in which the district has invested its funds not later than the seventh day after the date a nationally recognized investment rating firm:

(1) issues a release that places the corporate bonds or the domestic business entity that issued the corporate bonds on negative credit watch or the equivalent, if the corporate bonds are rated "AA-" or the equivalent at the time the release is issued; or

(2) changes the rating on the corporate bonds to a rating lower than "AA-" or the equivalent.

(g) Corporate bonds are not an eligible investment for a public funds investment pool.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1347](#), Sec. 1, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.0205. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS; DECOMMISSIONING TRUST. (a) In this section:

(1) "Decommissioning trust" means a trust created to provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission assurance that funds will be available for decommissioning purposes as required under 10 C.F.R. Part 50 or other similar regulation.

(2) "Funds" includes any money held in a decommissioning trust regardless of whether the money is considered to be public funds under this subchapter.

(b) In addition to other investments authorized under this subchapter, a municipality that owns a municipal electric utility that is engaged in the distribution and sale of electric

energy or natural gas to the public may invest funds held in a decommissioning trust in any investment authorized by Subtitle B, Title 9, Property Code.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. [121](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Sec. 2256.021. EFFECT OF LOSS OF REQUIRED RATING. An investment that requires a minimum rating under this subchapter does not qualify as an authorized investment during the period the investment does not have the minimum rating. An entity shall take all prudent measures that are consistent with its investment policy to liquidate an investment that does not have the minimum rating.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.022. EXPANSION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY. Expansion of investment authority granted by this chapter shall require a risk assessment by the state auditor or performed at the direction of the state auditor, subject to the legislative audit committee's approval of including the review in the audit plan under Section 321.013.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 785, Sec. 42, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 2256.023. INTERNAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS. (a) Not less than quarterly, the investment officer shall prepare and submit to the governing body of the entity a written report of investment transactions for all funds covered by this chapter for the preceding reporting period.

(b) The report must:

(1) describe in detail the investment position of the entity on the date of the report;

(2) be prepared jointly by all investment officers of the entity;

(3) be signed by each investment officer of the entity;

(4) contain a summary statement of each pooled fund group that states the:

(A) beginning market value for the reporting period;

(B) ending market value for the period; and

(C) fully accrued interest for the reporting period;

(5) state the book value and market value of each separately invested asset at the end of the reporting period by the type of asset and fund type invested;

(6) state the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date;

(7) state the account or fund or pooled group fund in the state agency or local government for which each individual investment was acquired; and

(8) state the compliance of the investment portfolio of the state agency or local government as it relates to:

(A) the investment strategy expressed in the agency's or local government's investment policy; and

(B) relevant provisions of this chapter.

(c) The report shall be presented not less than quarterly to the governing body and the chief executive officer of the entity within a reasonable time after the end of the period.

(d) If an entity invests in other than money market mutual funds, investment pools or accounts offered by its depository bank in the form of certificates of deposit, or money market accounts or similar accounts, the reports prepared by the investment officers under this section shall be formally reviewed at least annually by an independent auditor, and the

result of the review shall be reported to the governing body by that auditor.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 12, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. [1004](#), Sec. 9, eff. June 17, 2011.

Sec. 2256.024. SUBCHAPTER CUMULATIVE. (a) The authority granted by this subchapter is in addition to that granted by other law. Except as provided by Subsection (b), this subchapter does not:

- (1) prohibit an investment specifically authorized by other law; or
- (2) authorize an investment specifically prohibited by other law.

(b) Except with respect to those investing entities described in Subsection (c), a security described in Section 2256.009(b) is not an authorized investment for a state agency, a local government, or another investing entity, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or other law to the contrary.

(c) Mortgage pass-through certificates and individual mortgage loans that may constitute an investment described in Section 2256.009(b) are authorized investments with respect to the housing bond programs operated by:

- (1) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs or a nonprofit corporation created to act on its behalf;
- (2) an entity created under Chapter 392, Local Government Code; or
- (3) an entity created under Chapter 394, Local Government Code.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.025. SELECTION OF AUTHORIZED BROKERS. The governing body of an entity subject to this subchapter or the designated investment committee of the entity shall, at least annually, review, revise, and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the entity.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 13, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 2256.026. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE. All investments made by entities must comply with this subchapter and all federal, state, and local statutes, rules, or regulations.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 13, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

SUBCHAPTER B. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 2256.051. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. Any local government may use electronic means to transfer or invest all funds collected or controlled by the local government.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.052. PRIVATE AUDITOR. Notwithstanding any other law, a state agency shall employ a private auditor if authorized by the legislative audit committee either on the committee's initiative or on request of the governing body of the agency.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 2256.053. PAYMENT FOR SECURITIES PURCHASED BY STATE. The comptroller or the disbursing officer of an agency that has the power to invest assets directly may pay for authorized securities purchased from or through a member in good standing of the National Association of Securities Dealers or from or through a national or state bank on receiving an invoice from the seller of the securities showing that the securities have been purchased by the board or agency and that the amount to be paid for the securities is just, due, and unpaid. A purchase of securities may not be made at a price that exceeds the existing market value of the securities.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1423, Sec. 8.67, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 2256.054. DELIVERY OF SECURITIES PURCHASED BY STATE. A security purchased under this chapter may be delivered to the comptroller, a bank, or the board or agency investing its funds. The delivery shall be made under normal and recognized practices in the securities and banking industries, including the book entry procedure of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1423, Sec. 8.68, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

Sec. 2256.055. DEPOSIT OF SECURITIES PURCHASED BY STATE. At the direction of the comptroller or the agency, a security purchased under this chapter may be deposited in trust with a bank or federal reserve bank or branch designated by the comptroller, whether in or outside the state. The deposit shall be held in the entity's name as evidenced by a trust receipt of the bank with which the securities are deposited.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1423, Sec. 8.69, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

City Council Meeting October 1, 2013

Issue

Hold a public hearing and reconsider and/or act on a request by Aron Frydberg on behalf of Allen Tari to reconsider the denied appeal by the City Council of the denied variance by the Planning and Zoning Commission to sign requirements as stated in the Code of Ordinances Section 28-22, Monument Signs-Business Districts, for a sign at the business known as Tari Car Lot, located at 729 W. FM 544.

Staff Resource/Department

Kristen Roberts – Director of Community and Economic Development

Background

This item was denied by the Planning & Zoning Commission on June 3, 2013 and was appealed to City Council.

On July 16, 2013, the City Council denied the application of Allen Tari requesting a variance to sign requirements as stated in the Code of Ordinances Section 28-22, Monument Signs-Business Districts, for a sign at the business known as Tari Car Lot, located at 729 W. FM 544.

On September 3, 2013, the City Council voted to reconsider this item.

1. Sign construction began without a permit. There is a stone base already completed and is approximately four feet tall.
2. The applicant submitted a variance request for consideration requesting the proposed sign height be allowed at 11'9".
 - a. There were a few draft alternative plans shown to Code Compliance staff as well as numerous meetings and discussions regarding the height since the variance application submittal; however, the lowest sign height requested was ten feet tall.

Consideration

1. The applicant believes that he not did receive adequate consideration of the above mentioned variance request as his full presentation was not included in the city council packet and further, because he did not arrange in advance for it to be electronically presented; it was not able to be presented in an electronic format on July 16, 2013.
2. He is requesting reconsideration in order to have an opportunity to give City Council his presentation.

Staff Recommendation

Council direction

Attachments

Applicant to provide presentation

City Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

Issue

Consider and take action, if any, on the request by the Glen Ridge Estates Homeowners Association to waive permit and/or impact fees for a proposed beautification project located at the intersection of Glen Ridge Drive and Heritage Drive.

Staff Resource / Department

James Fisher, City Manager
 Linda Truitt, Finance Director

Background/History

Branson McCallister, acting on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Glen Ridge Estates HOA, has asked that the City waive the impact fees associated with installing a water meter at Glen Ridge Drive and Heritage Drive to provide irrigation for a beautification project at one of the subdivisions entrances.

The HOA has funds in their budget for a landscaping project that they have been unable to spend at their entrances along North Murphy Road at both Shirehurst and Glen Ridge Drive due to TxDOT's construction activities. The HOA plans to undertake beautification projects at both the North Murphy Road intersections upon completion of the road construction.

Mr. McAllister has been advised of the Stage 3 water restrictions, as well as the requirement to pay fees for future beautification projects.

The following is city related costs:

• Water Meter 1"	\$ 420.00
• Deposit for meter	\$ 100.00
• Impact fees for 1" (water only for irrigation)	\$ 2,208.58
• Cost for Public Works to make the tap and subsequent sidewalk repair	\$ 1,296.13
• Irrigation/landscape permit fee	\$ 250.00
• Contractor registration fee (good for a year)	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Total Estimated City Fees: \$ 4,374.71

Action Requested

Consider waiving all, a portion, or none of the development and/or impact fees for the Glen Ridge Estates landscape/beautification project.

Candy Mcquiston

From: Branson McCallister [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 3:17 PM
To: Candy Mcquiston
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Glen Ridge Estates Landscape / City Impact Fees

Ms. McQuiston,

Copied is the Board President of Glen Ridge Estates, Don Jackson.

Per our conversation last week, the Board of Directors at Glen Ridge Estates and I are requesting the City to waive the impact fees for installing a water meter at Glen Ridge Drive & Heritage Drive. The reasoning behind the request besides the steep price is the fact that this project will enhance / beautify the corner which is part of the City. Also, even though it's clearly not the City's fault that the TXDOT Murphy Road project tears our two entrances at Shirehurst & Glen Ridge Drive on a daily basis, we have spent thousands of dollars replacing and repairing. Quite frankly the community is just looking for some sort of relief / break. Please have consideration on this request and let me know the decision.

Regards,
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City Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

Issue

Consider and/or act upon a proposed resolution approving an amendment to the City of Murphy Policies and Procedures.

Staff Resource / Department

Stacy Buckley, Human Resources Manager

Background

In the latest legislative session, House Bill 3739 was passed. This bill relates to the continued employment of municipal employees who become candidates for public office and became effective immediately; therefore, we need to amend our personnel policies accordingly.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution as presented.

Attachments

Adopting Resolution
Redline of Policy Changes

CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-R-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF MURPHY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 2, 2013.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance to set forth policies and procedures to govern employment within the City of Murphy in a fair and consistent manner and maintain the highest degree of professional conduct for city employees; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Murphy had adopted the most current Personnel Policies and Procedures under Resolution 09-R-638 with an effective date of June 20, 2009. Revisions to the existing Policies and Procedures were made in December 2010 with the latest effective date of April 1, 2013, under Resolution 13-R-769.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the City Council reviewed the drafted, revised policies and procedures; and, the City Council made minor adjustments to the drafted format.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is An October 2, 2013 effective date for the adopted Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Murphy approves the amendment to the “City of Murphy Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual” including amending Section 6.05, Political Activity; attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Murphy, Collin County, Texas, on this the 1st day of October 2013.

Eric Barna, Mayor
City of Murphy

ATTEST:

Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary
City of Murphy

**EXHIBIT “A”
PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT**

I. Section 6.05 shall be amended to read as follows:

6.05.01 City employees will not be appointed or retained on the basis of their political support or activities. City employees are encouraged to vote and to exercise other prerogatives of citizenship consistent with state and federal law and these policies. No City employee is prohibited from becoming a candidate for public office. However, City employees may not:

1. Publicly endorse or campaign in any manner for any person seeking a City public office.
2. Use the employee’s position or office to coerce political support from employees or citizens.
3. Use the employee’s official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of a campaign issue, an election or nomination for public office.
4. Make, solicit or receive any contribution to the campaign funds of any candidate, directly or indirectly through an organization or association, for the City Council or take any part in the management, affairs or political campaign of any such candidate; provided nothing herein shall infringe upon the rights of an employee to seek office himself/herself, express his or her opinions and to cast his or her vote.
5. Use working hours or City property to be in any way concerned with soliciting or receiving any subscription, contribution or political service to circulate petitions or campaign literature on behalf of an election issue or candidate for public office in any jurisdiction.
6. Contribute money, labor, time or other valuable thing to any person for City election purposes, except as permitted by law.
7. Hold an appointive or elective office of public trust where service would constitute a direct conflict of interest with City employment, *e.g.* City of Murphy City Council, Plano and Wylie ISD and Collin County. Upon being elected to such an office, an employee must immediately resign or will be dismissed upon failure to do so.

6.05.02 Violation of this policy is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal and/or disapproval of funding for the position occupied by the employee involved.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT
Effective October 2, 2013

6.05 POLITICAL ACTIVITY

~~**6.05.01** — An employee, in his or her official capacity, may not:~~

- ~~1. Use his or her official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election or nomination for office;~~
- ~~2. Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or advise a local or state officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for a political purpose;~~
- ~~3. Use funds provided by the State of Texas to influence the passage or defeat of any legislative measure in the Texas Legislature or the outcome of any election; or~~
- ~~4. Use his or her working time or City resources to participate in a political campaign of another person for an elective position or for any other political purpose. (This includes making political speeches, soliciting by telephone, distributing political literature, or writing or handling letters related to a political campaign or activity.)~~

~~**6.05.02** — In addition, any City employee may not be a candidate for elective office to the City Council.~~

~~**6.05.03** — All City employees are prohibited from participating in any way in any political activity while wearing a City uniform, regardless of whether the employee is on duty or on his or her own time. In addition, no City-owned property, vehicle, building, and/or office may be used for displaying campaign materials or for conducting any partisan political activity.~~

~~**6.05.04** — An employee's political activity, not in violation of this section, shall not be considered in determining his or her compensation, eligibility for promotion or demotion, work assignment, leave or travel request, or in applying any other employment practices to the employee.~~

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