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Capital Projects Advisory Committee holds meetings *Pair of Town Hall meetings designed to gather input*

MURPHY (April 13, 2017) Another opportunity for citizen engagement on critically-important issues facing Murphy is scheduled for the end of the month with a pair of Town Hall meetings focused on the upcoming bond election.

The seven-member Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CPAC) is hosting two identical Town Hall meetings to share information on the work the members have been conducting in anticipation of a capital projects bond election set for November.

The two Town Hall meetings are set for Saturday, April 22 starting at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, April 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers.

The first half-hour of the meetings will provide opportunities for residents to interact with staff and CPAC members in an informal exhibit format. Tables, personnel and exhibits are to be set up in the City Hall entry lobby highlighting five areas of concentration, which serve as preliminary categories for possible projects. These include: Public Safety; Parks and Recreation; Sustainment and Technological Initiatives; Infrastructure; and Roads. The categories that appear on the ballot in November may include all, some or none of these.

The interactive exhibit period will be followed by a CPAC presentation inside the Council Chambers, and conclude with a question and answer session. During the presentation, a review of how citizens can communicate with the CPAC will be shared.

CPAC Chairman John Wideman, Vice Chairman Greg Matocha, and members Chris George, Chris Holloway, Kevin McGillis, Frederick Olison, and Wilson Pierce have been meeting regularly for several months to develop a process that they hope will yield a list of capital projects that voters can consider as part of a bond program. The proposed projects included in the bond election are the result of the CPAC's thoughtful deliberations in collaboration with assistance from the City staff and consultants.

CPAC recommendations for projects are eventually reviewed by the City Council, which makes the final decision on which projects end up on the ballot, and in what categories.

Bond programs are used by municipalities to finance long-term or large-scale capital improvement projects that cannot be funded by the general fund or with short-term municipal bonds. Voters decide which, if any, bond propositions are approved and funded. City staff then ensures the selected bond projects are completed with the proceeds from the bond sales.

The CPAC hopes to gather comments from residents on the preliminary line-up of projects, and will outline ways for citizens to provide feedback during the Town Hall meetings.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.