

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
& TOWN HALL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barna called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Spraggins led the invocation and Mayor Barna led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

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

Susie Quinn, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna  
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui  
Councilmember Ben St. Clair  
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins  
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon  
Councilmember Rob Thomas

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation recognizing Emma Ann Guillen for her donation of gift cards to the Murphy Police Officers.

**RECESSED FOR THE TOWN HALL MEETING AT 6:09 P.M.**

**RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:39P.M.**

**5. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. Consider, discuss and/or act on an update to the Southeast Study Project.

Discussion regarding the useful information that was gathered in the Southeast Study Project was expressed by several Councilmembers. Some specific items discussed were not to connect S. Maxwell Creek to McCreary Road; leave the large parcel at the bottom of the study (Ganis property) to have its own entrance and exit from McCreary Road. Also mentioned was the usefulness of all the work and the magnitude of citizens' involvement with the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved to suspend the Southeast Study Project. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

**COUNCIL ACTION (5.A.):**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to terminate the Southeast Quadrant Study and utilize the information gathered to be used with the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Fincanon seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Consider, discuss and/or act on an update to the temporary development moratorium.

**COUNCIL ACTION (5.B.):**

**APPROVED**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley moved to approve Ordinance Number 15-11-1005 to lift the temporary moratorium and repeal Ordinance Number 15-07-995 and Ordinance Number 15-09-1003. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Siddiqui seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Michael Jobe**, resident, presented and read seven points from the petition that was circulated through Travis Estates & Skyline Acres, presented to the City Secretary with 194 signatures.

**Diane Weyandt**, resident, read five points of the petition that was circulated in the Timbers. She also submitted 413 signatures on the petition to the City Secretary. Diane requested the personal information be confidential, but it was confirmed by the City Attorney that a submitted petition is open record.

**Maggie Whitt**, resident, asked for the purpose of the planned development. She encouraged council to consider a plan that supports the best development for all. She read a listing of points that she expressed to the audience.

**Martha Gallion**, resident, is requesting retail not be allowed along FM 544, she suggested SF 20 lots from FM 544 throughout the South East Sector. She discussed the problem of light pollution during the night in her neighborhood from existing commercial retail development.

**Keith Huyck**, resident, wanted to bring to council's attention the traffic islands along the intersections and Murphy Road need more lighting and reflective safety measures. He feels there is not enough markings.

**Ray Shahan**, resident, spoke to council regarding North Hill (the highest area in Murphy); he is requesting for no more of Murphy's geography be removed.

**Richie Earl**, resident, spoke to council regarding the zoning of the area they live in, and asked council to allow them to continue to preserve the atmosphere of the area.

**Kevin Elwood**, resident, wanted council to look into notification for the comprehensive plan and wants to be included in the communication earlier and more frequently.

**Scott Martin**, resident, is requesting council to look more into guidance for the planning and zoning for Murphy and to work closely to support the input of the residents in the new plan.

**David Angeles**, resident, asked council to reconsider for future community surveys the sorting of the data and not to automatically remove people from the survey based on their employment, but to look to see if they are skewing the data.

**Kris Mraz**, resident, addressed council in regards to Kinney Park. He is recommending a low maintenance area for Kinney Park. Council clarified Kinney Park is owned by the city, but has never been dedicated as a park. Kris also recommended several signage options for traffic on N. Murphy Road at Ridgeview. He also questioned the future of Kinney Road.

**Don Kiertscher**, resident, explained to council he feels the whole Southeast Study is not over. He explained it is still an issue and people need to keep paying attention because this can all change with the Comprehensive Plan Update.

**Ryan Betz**, landowner, expressed his disappointment that this plan is on hold, and also explained there have been untrue things said regarding his property and the various presented plans for the property. He would like to have everyone keep an open mind about the comprehensive plan and make sure the space is used to the highest and best use, as he wishes to continue being a partner with the City of Murphy.

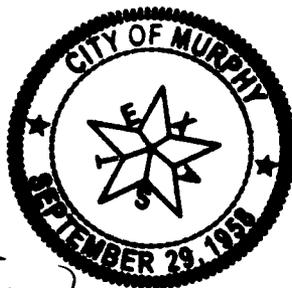
**David Weyandt**, resident, described his battles with development in Murphy regarding “big box stores” and other items being approved and built without the support of the residents. He is concerned that changes the citizens don’t want will get slipped in if they do not watch closely.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

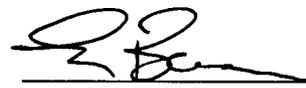
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Susie Quinn, City Secretary



APPROVED BY:

  
Eric Barna, Mayor