

MINUTES
CAPITAL PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF MURPHY
206 North Murphy Road
Murphy, Texas

October 9, 2006
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wine called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Wine gave the invocations and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Heather McGee certified a quorum with the following Committee Members present: Michael Cohen, Nathaniel Graham, Troy McSimov, Richard Arvizu, Brian Ishmael, David Burwinkel, and Keith Wine.

The following Staff members were also present: City Manager Craig W. Sherwood, Parks Superintendent David Bottlinger, Public Works Superintendent Johnny Boles, and Staff Secretary Heather McGee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chuck Dem addressed the Committee regarding roads in the old part of the City. Mr. Dem stated he would like the City to fix roads before it builds buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are considered to be routine by the Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Capital Projects Advisory Committee Meeting of September 14, 2006.

Committee Action

Vice Chairman, Richard Arvizu made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the recommended amendments. Committee Member Michael Cohen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 1. Presentation and/or discussion from Ron Conway, City Engineer.

Mr. Sherwood introduced Ron Conway, City Engineer for the City of Murphy. Mr. Conway has worked for the City for about 30 years. Mr. Conway updated the Committee on the streets, water and sewer systems. For as long as Mr. Conway has been with the City, he stated the City of Murphy uses the City of Plano's standards of construction for streets. With the exception of a few streets, all streets in the City are concrete curb and gutter. Mr. Conway along with City Staff has come up with some street projects that will benefit many residents such as upgrading Tom Clevenger, N. Maxwell Creek Road, and Maxwell Lane. The high priority projects were identified as McMillen Road, which includes the bridge. The City is

still looking for funding for this project and the extension of Betsy Lane from Murphy Road to Cactus Path Trail is needed to make a continuous road.

Mr. Conway gave a brief presentation on Murphy's water system. Currently the city buys its water from North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) which gets their water from Lake Lavon. The city has a pump station, three ground storage tanks and two elevated tanks. The high priority projects were identified as the Rodeo Drive Elevated Tank and the 16 inch water line connection on Betsy Lane. The city is working on the right of way with the two property owners. Another high priority is water line adjustments to N. Murphy Road. This is needed due to the road expansion.

Mr. Conway gave a brief presentation on Murphy's sanitary sewer system. The sewer system in Murphy is about 30 years old. The high priority projects are replacing the pumps at the Windy Hill Farms Lift Station. This is needed to serve new development. There were funds budgeted in the FY 2006-07 budget to replace the pumps this year. The Maxwell Creek trunk sewer line needs to tie into the regional system. Also, there will be some sanitary sewer line adjustments due to road improvements on N. Murphy Road. Mr. Sherwood stated the city uses impact fees from builders to pay for bond payments for the Muddy Creek Wastewater Plant and the Muddy Creek Pipeline.

2. Presentation and/or discussion on Park Master Plan and current park projects.

Mr. Sherwood gave a presentation of the Parks Master Plan and current park projects. There were funds budgeted in the FY 2006-07 budget to update the Parks Master Plan. This is the first Parks Master Plan for Murphy. It was adopted in the fall of 2002. In 2002, the city had one park located in the Timbers. It is a 12-13 acre park. This park was funded and developed thru a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Currently, the city has another grant for the Maxwell Creek Linear Park. Construction should begin this fall and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. The city received 10 acres from Plano Independent School District and 37 acres from Lumbermen's Development for the linear park. The city currently has close to 200 acres of parkland. The top priority for the city has been land acquisition. Once all the land is acquired, the city can focus on park development. Mr. Sherwood stated a good resource for the Committee is the 4B Community Development Corporation and the Parks Board because their funds can be used to develop parks. Mr. Sherwood also mentioned there is money budgeted in the FY 2006-07 budget for citizen surveys. This survey will help the city identify capital projects needs. Mr. Sherwood stated sales tax growth will provide funding for the park system in Murphy.

3. Presentation and/or discussion on Capital Projects Budget/Resources.

A presentation on the Capital Projects Budget and resources was presented by Mr. Sherwood. The projects that are scheduled for this budget year are:

- Skyline Outfall – this will eliminate the need for the wastewater plant at the end of Skyline
- Repaint Ground Storage Water Tank
- Betsy Lane – extension of Betsy Lane on the east side of N. Murphy Rd.
- Heritage Parkway – construction of new road
- Gables Park – will need direction from City Council and Parks Board
- McCreary Road – North
- Upgrading Bunny Run Park
- Install water and sewer line on Dublin Road/F.M. 544

- Railroad Quiet Zones – this project will allow certain railroad crossings to be designated as ‘quiet zone’s’. There are currently four crossings in Murphy; they are located on McCreary Rd., F.M. 544, N. Murphy Rd., and N. Maxwell Creek Rd.

4. Presentation and/or discussion from City Staff on Fire Apparatus.

Chief Stalder spoke to the committee on fire apparatus. Currently the fire department has 5 vehicles; a 2001 Ford Expedition that is equipped as a command vehicle, a 2000 Emergency one pumper fire engine, a 1989 Emergency one pumper fire engine, a 1983 Pierce/GMC pumper engine, and a 2000 EVI/Ford light duty rescue vehicle. Chief Stalder asked the committee to consider putting a Quint vehicle on the next bond election. A Quint is a hybrid apparatus with an elevated platform. Chief Stalder stated the Quint vehicle will help the city with its Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating. The ISO rating helps residents in Murphy lower their home insurance rates. Currently the city has a 4 rating and can achieve a 2 with the Quint.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no excused absences reported.

AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR REQUESTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Richard Arvizu requested to view the 3-D presentation of the park at the next meeting.

Committee Member Troy McSimov requested copies of the maps that were presented by Mr. Conway.

City Manager, Craig W. Sherwood, requested that Staff post an agenda for the Committee, due to a possible quorum, to participate in the State of the Parks Tour on November 11, 2006.

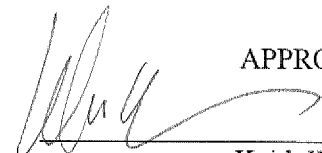
REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM CITY STAFF

- November Capital Projects Advisory Committee Agenda

Mr. Sherwood stated the November Capital Projects Advisory Committee Agenda will focus on public participation. There will be an overview of current capital projects and financials.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Keith Wine, Chair

ATTEST:


Heather Y. McGee, City Staff