

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

March 12, 2007
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Richard Arvizu called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Arvizu led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Heather McGee certified a quorum for the Capital Projects Advisory Committee with the following Committee Members present: Richard Arvizu, Chris Schrauff, Troy McSimov, Brian Ishmael and David Burwinkel. Committee members Keith Wine.

The following Staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Jeff Bickerstaff, Economic Development Director Randy Thomas, Police Chief Billy Myrick, Lieutenant Ben Ferguson and Staff Secretary Heather McGee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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 February 12, 2007.

Committee Action

Committee Member Brian Ishmael made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Committee Member David Burwinkel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

WORK SESSION

There was discussion between the Capital Projects Advisory Committee, 4A Economic Development Corporation President Lonnie Long, 4B Community Development Corporation President David Trudeau, Murphy Police Chief Billy Myrick and Lieutenant Ben Ferguson on capital projects needs.

- Discussion with representatives from 4A Economic Development Corporation and 4B Community Development Corporation to discuss their capital projects needs.

4A Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President Lonnie Long recognized Randy Thomas 4A/4B Executive Director. Mr. Thomas gave the Committee a brief overview on the fund restrictions for 4A/4B. These funds are restricted by law. 4A EDC funds are geared mostly to economic

development but can also put money into infrastructure as long as it is geared towards economic development within the community. 4B CDC funds can be used for parks, community type things as well as economic development. 4A/4B are self funded by receiving one-half cent of every dollar of sales tax that comes in through this community. Mr. Thomas stated the major projects are economic development. A significant amount of 4A/4B funds are invested in Murphy Market Place for the next few years.

Mr. Long asked the committee to focus on build/repair roads in the city to include sewer, drainage and lighting. Mr. Long named the following streets:

- McCreary Road
- South McCreary Road
- Heritage Parkway
- Murphy Road
- South Maxwell Creek

4B Community Development Corporation (CDC) President David Trudeau addressed the Committee on the projects that the 4B CDC board is currently working on and projects that are complete which include:

- South Murphy Road Lighting Project
- FM 544 Median Landscaping Project
- Economic Development
- Funding of equipment for parks which included picnic tables, trash cans and drinking fountains with pet access.

Mr. Trudeau stated 4B CDC is able to spend their funds to development park systems, build infrastructure and retail development.

- Discussion on capital projects requests from the Murphy Police Department.

Police Chief Billy Myrick and Lieutenant Ben Ferguson addressed the committee and requested that the following items be considered in the 2007 Bond Election.

- New Animal Control Facility
The current facility is inadequate for current as well as future needs of the city. Currently there are no restroom facilities in the building, quarantine facilities are very limited, there are no facilities for Police K-9, no space for citizens to view an animal prior to adoption and no way to secure the animal control vehicle while it is being unloaded. Currently the animal control building is the only building in use on a 5.5 acre piece of land owned by the city at 205 North Murphy Road. If the animal control facility was relocated to the campus of the Murphy Complex, it would enhance city services from a single location and keeps animal control more accessible to superiors.
- Public Safety Training Facility
This facility is an indoor firearms training facility along with a general training facility that includes office space for the departmental armor and training officer, training rooms, departmental armor area for weapons repairs, ammunition storage area, restrooms, break area as well as firing ranges. This facility's primary function would be to allow for training of officers. The proficiency of firearms is one of the highest risk factors that the city has to consider. Currently the department has to go from place to place to conduct training and often times has to alter its firearms training to meet the hosting facilities requirements. Firearms training under these conditions make standardized training very difficult to conduct. Prior

court cases make it mandatory that departments attempt to train officers under as close to actual conditions as possible. In addition to departmental firearms training it is proposed that we look at renting the facility out to other departments that face the same training problems as the Murphy Police Department. In this area of the county there is a need for a facility where other agencies can go and be able to set up their own standardized training programs. A third consideration is to offer, on a limited basis, access to the facility by Murphy residents, for a fee. State handgun license courses, taught by public certified instructors could be offered as well as department sponsored firearms awareness programs for the citizens and citizen groups of the City of Murphy. Construction would be on land already owned by the city.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no excused absences reported for the April 9, 2007 Capital Projects Advisory Committee regular meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR REQUESTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

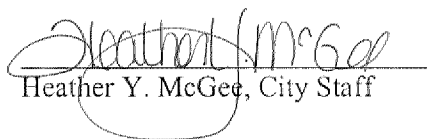
Richard Arvizu – Would like to schedule a tour of all City of Murphy facilities before the regular scheduled Capital Projects Advisory Committee meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.


APPROVED BY:
Keith Wine, Chair

ATTEST:


Heather Y. McGee, City Staff