

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY OF MURPHY**  
**206 North Murphy Road**  
**Murphy, Texas**

**March 15, 2011**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baldwin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Baldwin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Secretary Nemer certified a quorum with the following:

Council Present

Mayor Bret Baldwin  
Mayor Pro Tem John Daugherty  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Halbert  
Councilmember Scott Bradley  
Councilmember Dave Brandon  
Councilmember Dennis Richmond

Absent

Councilmember Mike Daniel

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 - Neil Conway, Conway Company CPAs, P.C. and Linda Truitt, Finance Director**
- **Monthly Financial Report – Linda Truitt**
- **Capital/Construction Projects Update –Kim Lenoir**
- **Police Department Annual Report – Chief Cox**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were submitted.

**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. Approval of the Minutes from the March 1, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting.**
- B. Consider and/or act upon approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.**
- C. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the City of Murphy to become an affiliate member of Keep Texas Beautiful.**

**Council Action**

Councilmember Daugherty moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A-C as presented. Councilmember Richmond seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Councilmember Daniel absent.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 1. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Murphy and Plano Independent School District for the Police/School Liaison Officer Program for the 2011-2012 school year.**

**Council Action**

Councilmember Daugherty moved to approve as presented. Councilmember Halbert seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Councilmember Daniel absent.

- 2. Consider and/or act upon the approval of the purchase of Electronic Control Devices (ECD), aka Tasers, for use by Police Officers of the Murphy Police Department, with related equipment.**

**Council Action**

Councilmember Bradley moved to approve. Councilmember Daugherty seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 4-2 with Councilmembers Halbert and Brandon voting in opposition and Councilmember Daniel absent.

- 3. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement to partner with fourteen residents in the Timbers Community to remove and construct a wood fence along the western property lines of the lots.**

**Council Action**

There was no action on this item. Council directed staff to develop a policy/program to be discussed with the FY2012 budget.

- 4. Consider and/or act upon approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with The HOK Planning Group of Dallas for The Timbers Nature Preserve Park and Trail Project.**

**Council Action**

Councilmember Bradley moved to approve a professional services contract with The HOK Planning Group for The Timbers Nature Preserve and Trail Project limited to the Special Services tasks, 1,2,3,4, and 7. Councilmember Daugherty seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Councilmember Daniel absent.

- 5. Consider and/or act upon approval of a tiered water rate structure.**

**Council Action**

Councilmember Bradley moved to suspend all utility rate increases until June 1, 2011. Councilmember Halbert seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Councilmember Daniel absent.

**6. Discussion regarding the purpose and procedures for the Community Events Committee.**

**Council Action**

There was no action on this item. After Council discussion, Council determined to discuss this further and in combination with a discussion about all City boards and commissions and their roles.

**7. Discussion regarding establishing a Youth Advisory Commission.**

**Council Action**

There was no action on this item. Council was in favor of establishing a Youth Advisory Commission. Staff will research further and bring information back to Council.

**8. Discussion regarding the Board and Commission appointment process.**

**Council Action**

There was no action on this item. Council will discuss this further during the Strategic Objectives Session.

**CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Fisher reported on the following:

- **March 21 –Deadline for Write-In Candidate**
- **March 22 – Deadline for Candidate Withdrawal**
- **March 31 – Strategic Objectives Session**
- **April 14 – Voter Registration Deadline**
- **April 22 – City Offices Closed in Observance of Good Friday**
- **April 28 – Board, Commission & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
- **May 3-4 MYGov Days**
- **May 6 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mock Trial for PACE students – Municipal Court**
- **May 2-10 Early Voting**

Additionally, Mr. Fisher reported on the following:

- Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive
- Census numbers for Murphy are 17,708
- March 17 is a Board of Adjustment meeting regarding a variance on garages
- City has mailed a letter to TXDOT regarding the Safe Routes to School modifications to North Murphy Road
- Public Works memorandum
- Employee Benefits
- Recognizing “Best of” categories from the Murphy Monitor

**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:**

§551.071 Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending litigation or contemplated litigation or settlement offer involving *Michael Cantrell v. City of Murphy, et al.*, Cause No. 6:09-cv-225.

**Council Action**

There was no Executive Session held.

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

§551.071 Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending litigation or contemplated litigation or settlement offer involving *Michael Cantrell v. City of Murphy, et al.*, Cause No. 6:09-cv-225.

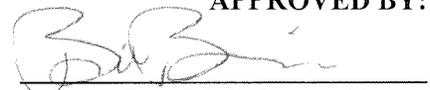
**Council Action**

There was no Executive Session held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
Bret M. Baldwin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Aimee Nemer, City Secretary

