

EDMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 9, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Lamb called the regular meeting of the Edmond City Council to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2006, in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Naifeh arrived after the meeting began.

2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve December 27, 2005, Minutes. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Lamb, Councilmembers Page, and
Miller
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Sanford

3. City Council Presentations:

A. **City Manager's monthly progress report.** Larry Stevens stated the Kelly Parkway, 15th to 33rd Streets, is ahead of schedule of the anticipated completion date of May 19th. He noted the streetscape, phase II part I, is on schedule to be completed by April 19th. The downtown campus access control project is designed to enhance security for the six buildings in the downtown campus. The cost for the hardware is \$109,000 which includes a \$50,000 Homeland Security grant. The activation should begin during the last two weeks of January. Mr. Stevens stated staff is continuing to move into the Public Service Center at the Cross Timbers Municipal complex and the center should be operational in mid-January. He stated acquisition of the property for the downtown detention project will be discussed further later in the agenda. Staff has requested a fee proposal from Smith, Roberts, Baldischwiler for the final design. Mr. Stevens stated discussions are ongoing regarding operation of the dog park as part of the Bickham/Rudkin Park and 33rd Street and Boulevard. He noted the PAWS for Life group have raised funds to pay for fencing and staff is now reviewing how to address the liability concerns.

B. **Presentations of Merit awards from the Edmond Police Department to the following:**

- 1) Officer Bruce Graham
- 2) Sergeant Damon Minter
- 3) Officer Jimmy Gwartney
- 4) Officer Paul Phillips

4. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**

- A. **Appointment to the Urban Forestry Commission.** Mayor Naifeh nominated Carolyn Munholland to fulfill the unexpired term of Gail Ederer expiring in November, 2007.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to approve General Consent Item 4.A. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller

NAYS: None

5. **GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS:** (General Consent Items were voted on collectively except where noted.)

A. **Approval of Administrative Items:**

- 1) **Approval of supplemental appropriations from Undesignated Fund Balance to fund the City-wide customer satisfaction survey - \$19,493**
- 2) **Approval of supplemental appropriations for the Kentucky Daisy statue - \$40,000.** Councilmember Sanford stated when this expenditure was approved that it would be appropriated out of next year's budget. She asked if this appropriation needed to be approved out of this year's budget or could it be delayed until the FY 2006/2007 budget begins on July 1st.

Curt Munson, Chairman of the Parks Foundation, addressed Council and stated he needed the funding in this fiscal year in order to pay for the different components associated with the statue. He stated he has paid for half of the granite and still needed to pay for the foundry work and the artist. He stated as soon as the funds are available he plans to disburse the money to the various agencies. Mr. Munson stated he anticipated be able to begin the disbursements in April. He stated in order to get the statue in place by July 4, 2007, he needed the money now in order to continue his "pay as you go" plan.

Motion by Sanford, seconded by Lamb, to approve General Consent Item 5.A.(2). **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller

NAYS: None

- 3) **Acceptance of donated easement from Bastille Energy Corporation to repair the culvert on Edmond Road.**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve General Consent Items 5.A.(1,3). **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: None

- 4) **Approval of supplemental appropriations for funding related to acquisition of real property necessary for construction of a downtown regional detention facility - \$410,000.** Mayor Naifeh requested that staff provide a breakdown of the actual cost of the property and the cost of the easements. She suggested approving the cost of the property first and then at a later date approving the cost of the easements. Mayor Naifeh stated the original cost was \$372,350 and she recommended paying that amount and then later appropriating the amount needed for the two remaining easements. She noted it would be easier for her to keep the costs of the project separated if the funding was appropriated separately.

Councilmember Lamb stated the Capital Improvements and Financing Task Force approved this funding for the full amount requested. He stated the most important aspect of this project is to complete the acquisition of the property because they are under option and time is limited. He stated he was not opposed to breaking down the property acquisition costs and the easement costs because the final design may alter to a slight degree the easements needed. He noted the easements needed are on the outfall end of the structure but the four properties included in the \$372,350 amount are critical to the actual development of the structure.

Councilmember Page stated he wanted to move forward and approve the entire amount requested. He noted that much discussion has taken place in the past 18 months regarding this matter. He stated there are flooding problems in this area that need to be taken care of prior to receiving a heavy rain.

Mayor Naifeh stated she felt by approving the original amount that it would not prevent the project from

moving forward. She noted that prior to purchasing the property, Council had discussed the need for the project to be all sited prior to taking the first step.

Councilmember Sanford stated with the past history of having to negotiate right-of-way easements, she was in favor of approving the original amount of \$372,350 and then negotiate the cost for the easements.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Page, to approve General Consent Item 5.A.(4) as submitted. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Page, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: Mayor Naifeh and Councilmember Sanford

B. Approval of Purchases:

- 1) **Approval of corrected billing request from the City of Guthrie for capital and operating expenditures for the Guthrie/Edmond Regional Airport in the amount of \$54,786.72.**
- 2) **Approval of request from Guthrie/Edmond Regional Airport board to provide funding assistance for Spirit Wing Hangar expansion in the amount of \$5,000.**
- 3) **Approval of request from Guthrie/Edmond Regional Airport board to provide funding for airport entrance sign in the amount of \$9,285.28.**

Ron Groves, Manager of the Guthrie/Edmond Regional Airport, addressed Council and stated of the three items requested for approval he felt a quality sign was the most important. He stated signs will be placed along I-35 at both entrances to Guthrie. The signs will also contain "Geoport" in hopes that the airport will become a destination point. Mr. Groves stated the Spirit Wing hangar expansion is needed to provide office space for additional employees anticipated for their Rocketplane project.

Mayor Naifeh stated she felt the sign will show the blending of the two communities and she commended the representatives from both cities on the design which she feels will benefit both communities.

- 4) **Approval of agreement with Allen Brown Architects, LLC to provide programming and schematic design for the Fire Department's children's safety village, located at**

the Cross Timbers Municipal Complex in the amount of \$24,000.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve General Consent Items 5.B.(1-4). **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Page, seconded by Miller, to recess the City Council meeting in order to convene the Edmond Public Works Authority meeting. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 2974 amending Edmond Plan III from Lake Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Private Street Dwelling District, located on the north side of 2nd Street, one-quarter mile west of Post Road, Sugar Hill Addition (Barry Rice, applicant) Case No. Z050066. The site consists of 103 acres and will contain 33 lots. All lots are two acres or larger and the streets will be private. The common areas will consist of 17 acres and Lots A and B are commercially zoned. Water and sewer is not available.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Sanford, to approve Ordinance No. 2974 as read by title by City Planner. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to attach Emergency Clause to Ordinance No. 2974. **Motion carried** as follows and Ordinance No. 2974 is in effect immediately:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 2975 amending Edmond Plan III from Lake Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Private Street Dwelling District, located on the north side of 2nd Street, one-quarter mile west of Post Road, Sugar Hill Addition (Barry Rice, applicant) Case No. Z050066.

This is a companion to the above item and was discussed at that time.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve Ordinance No. 2975 as read by title by City Planner. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

10. Consideration of approval of Correction of Plat, The Villages at Stonebridge Addition, located on the west side of Boulevard, south of Stonebridge Boulevard (Derek Turner, applicant). A scrivener's error was made on the east boundary line of the southern most block on the Final Plat.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to approve Item No. 10. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

11. Consideration of Resolution No. 01-06 approving action taken by the Edmond Public Works Authority authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of a promissory note of the Authority to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; ratifying a lease, as amended; approving a sales tax agreement; and containing other provisions relating thereto.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution No. 01-06. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

12. Presentation and Discussion of report from Edmond Centennial Commission and request for approval of Centennial Projects. Marilyn Kreidler, Chairman of the Centennial Commission, addressed Council and outlined the following projects submitted by the Commission:

- 1) Centennial Groves
 - a) I-35/Covell
 - b) I-35/2nd Street
 - c) I-35/15th Street
 - d) I-35/33rd Street
 - e) I-35/north side of Memorial Road exits

- 2) Pedestrian Bridges
 - a) Bridge 1 - connecting Festival Marketplace to property across 2nd Street
 - b) Bridge 2 - connecting trail system on the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) campus to the soon to be developed trail connecting Fink and Hafer Parks, new student housing and the future Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) Forensic Sciences center
- 3) Bickham/Rudkin Park Arboretum - 33rd Street
- 4) Large Arboretum/Sculpture Park
- 5) Route 66 Signage
- 6) Centennial Clock
- 7) Time Capsule
- 8) Centennial Bricks
- 9) Centennial Event Fund

Each item was discussed in detail and costs associated with each project were also submitted.

Mayor Naifeh stated she felt it would be difficult to fund the large arboretum/sculpture park and that she felt most citizens in Edmond would prefer one or two large items of importance. She stated the clock is not important to her as she felt the City has the opportunity to do other things which would be significant to Edmond. She requested comments from Council regarding the items presented for consideration.

Councilmember Miller stated he was having a problem supporting the arboretums.

Ms. Kreidler stated the arboretum at Bickham/Rudkin Park was originally planned in Phase IV of the design but the Commission was requesting that it be relocated to another area of the park and moved forward to Phase II.

Jim Bolin, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed Council and stated the Bickham/Rudkin Park was designed in seven phases and the arboretum is part of the Master Plan. He stated the reason for moving the location is because the original location will now be a dog park.

Councilmember Lamb stated many of the items are interconnected. The exception is the Route 66 signage, but promotion of 66 has been a goal for many years. He stated the arboretum at Bickham/Rudkin Park was originally close to 33rd Street but the new location is closer to the City limits which he felt was not quite as good a location. He stated he envisioned a sculpture park as being close to pedestrian activity and he could not visualize such a large arboretum/sculpture park as being conducive

to pedestrian traffic. He noted he was not opposed to the time capsule, centennial bricks, pedestrian bridges, clock, Route 66 signage and the event fund. Councilmember Lamb stated he was not opposed to the Centennial Groves project at I-35/Covell but felt the projects on the remaining intersections could get out of hand and more discussion was needed as each intersection presents different issues. Councilmember Miller agreed.

Councilmember Sanford stated she would prefer items of historical significance. She stated she could support the Centennial Groves, time capsule, Route 66 signage and the event fund but she felt the remaining items presented do not fit the Centennial event category.

Ms. Kreidler stated the event fund would be used for items such as the dedication ceremonies for the various items approved, a 2006 parade float, a 2007 July 4th LibertyFest Parade float, and start-up money for the brick sales and a 2006 Centennial Gala fundraiser. She stated the Commission requested \$10,000.

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to designate the I-35/Covell intersection as a Centennial Grove and pursue other intersections as funding is available. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to continue the Centennial Groves project to the other four intersections along I-35 beginning with the I-35/2nd Street intersection and to add up to two locations a year. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb
and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Miller, seconded by Lamb, to approve a pedestrian bridge linking the Festival Marketplace across Edmond Road to additional parking areas as a Centennial project. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Lamb and Miller
NAYS: Councilmember Sanford

Motion by Miller, seconded by Lamb, to support a pedestrian bridge on the UCO campus providing access to the OSBI Forensic Sciences center, the City's trail system from Fink Park to Hafer Park and student housing on the south side of 2nd Street with no City funding. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Page, seconded by Miller, to approve an arboretum at the Bickham/Rudkin Park on 33rd Street and Boulevard as a Centennial project and to move the arboretum from Phase IV to Phase II of the overall park plan. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page and Miller
NAYS: Councilmembers Sanford and Lamb

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to approve a large arboretum/sculpture park as a Centennial project. **Motion was denied** as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Page
NAYS: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Sanford, Lamb and Miller

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve Route 66 signage including historical markers, monuments and stenciling on the roadways as a Centennial project. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve purchase of a Centennial Clock to be placed in the median on Broadway and 2nd Street replacing the "Royal Red" statue. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Page, Lamb and Miller
NAYS: Mayor Naifeh and Councilmember Sanford

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Miller, to approve a Centennial time capsule with no size designation. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller
NAYS: None

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve the Centennial bricks fund raising project with no funding from the City. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: None

Motion by Lamb, seconded by Page, to approve a Centennial event fund with no amount determined at this time. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: None

Ms. Kreidler stated approval of the Centennial projects will enable the Commission to move forward with publicity and promotions and encourage other organizations to become involved in the Centennial projects.

13. Discussion and Consideration of a request by the Edmond Economic Development Authority (EEDA) for City funding of Financial Analysis Study by KPMG for a convention center/full service hotel facility for the City of Edmond in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. This request is the result of positive analysis of the Market Demand Study completed in 2005 and funded by Edmond Futures, Inc. and the EEDA. A study analysis to review the advantages and disadvantages of specific sites will be funded separately by EEDA. Both groups feel this type of facility will benefit the Edmond community by providing accommodations not currently available in the City.

Mayor Naifeh stated this item is included in the Council's strategic plan and has been discussed at length as to the potential benefits to the City. She stated since the EEDA is funded each year by the City, she felt the EEDA should fund the entire cost.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to approve Item 13. **Motion carried** as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: Councilmember Sanford

14. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Naifeh commended the Fire Department for their efforts during the fire the past weekend.

15. Motion by Miller, seconded by Page, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Mayor Naifeh, Councilmembers Page, Sanford, Lamb and Miller

NAYS: None

City Clerk

Mayor