Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Jackie McKinney
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Allan Landavazo Yogash Kumar Fran Palochak
Also present:	Maryann Ustick, City Manager George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Garcia, Kumar, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Commendation and a Certificate of Retirement to Patrick L. Begay, Solid Waste Collector/Driver, honoring him for 29 years of service to the City of Gallup.

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Commendation and a Certificate of Retirement to Martha Antone, Electric Department Secretary, honoring her for 13 years of service to the City of Gallup.

The Mayor and Councilors presented awards to the following winners of the 2015 Water and Energy Awareness Day T-Shirt Contest from Miyamura High School: 1st Place – Patrick A. Nelson, Jr., 2nd Place – Danika Cortez, and 3rd Place – Douglas Francher. The Mayor and Councilors also presented awards to the following winners of the T-Shirt Contest from Wingate Elementary School: 1st Place – Nicholas Edsitty, Sonya Francisco – 2nd Place, and 3rd Place – Leticia Marquez.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Fiscal Year 2014 Audit Report – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland introduced Robert Gonzales of Accounting & Consulting Group, LLP. Mr. Gonzales provided an overview of the City's annual audit which also includes an audit

of the Gallup Housing Authority (GHA) as a component unit of the City. The City received a Disclaimer of Opinion on its financial statements a few years ago and has made improvements during subsequent years. Unfortunately, the City received a Qualified Opinion based on items related to capital assets and capital outlay expenditures. Mr. Gonzales commended the City for being able to obtain sufficient audit evidence in other audit areas. Since the City spent more than $500,000 in federal awards, the City is subject to a federal single audit. To obtain the objectives of a single audit, the City's federal award money was combined with the City's component unit to test two federal programs related to the Gallup Housing Authority: the Public and Indian Housing Program and the Capital Fund Program. The independent auditor expressed a Disclaimer of Opinion on the financial statements of the Gallup Housing Authority; however, based on information received by Mr. Gonzales' company, improvements have been made at the Housing Authority. As a result of the single audit, there were 6 federal award findings related to the Gallup Housing Authority. The overall findings for the City and the Gallup Housing Authority includes 8 repeat findings, 1 new finding and 1 resolved finding related to the City. For the Housing Authority, there are 14 repeat findings, 4 new findings and 4 resolved findings related to the financial statements.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Audit Report. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Landavazo, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

2. Resolution No. R2015-15; 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Adjustments and Report of Actuals – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland presented the proposed Resolution which encompasses all budget changes processed January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015. She provided an overview of the budget adjustments as well as the Report of Actuals for the quarter.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2015-15. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, Kumar, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

3. Request for Street Closures for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to be Held on May 25, 2015 and the Annual Veterans' Day Parade to be Held on November 11, 2015 – David Cuellar, Veterans Helping Veterans

Mayor McKinney presented the requests as well as an overview of the annual events.

Councilor Landavazo asked if matters concerning the insurance coverage for the events have been resolved. Ms. Ustick said since the City is a sponsor of both events, the events will be covered by the New Mexico Self Insurers Fund.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the street closures for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 25, 2015 and the Annual Veterans' Day Parade to be held on November 11, 2015. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia, Palochak and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

4. Request for Street Closures, Closure of the Courthouse Square Parking Lots and a Special Dispenser's Permit for the 2nd Annual Route 66 Freedom Ride, Flight and Cruise and the 9th Annual Route 66 Car, Truck and Street Rod Show to be Held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 – Steve Gurley and Francis Bee

Mr. Gurley presented the request and an overview of the combined events.

Discussion followed concerning the proposed beer garden for the event; the maximum number of drinks that should be allowed to people attending at the event; the safety measures that are in place in relation to having the beer garden; a safe and suitable route for the "tunnel of fire" to be lined by hot air balloon baskets and burners; and the buildings, parked cars, overhead lights and power lines that are hazards and obstructions along the preferred route on Coal Avenue.

Mayor McKinney said the if the request for street closures is going to be approved for the event, he recommended that the Council's approval be contingent on the Fire Chief and Police Chief working with the organization to establish the best route possible.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the request for street closures, the closure of the Courthouse Square parking lots and a special dispenser's permit for the 2nd Annual Route 66 Freedom Ride, Flight and Cruise and the 9th Annual Route 66 Car, Truck and Street Rod Show to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015, subject to the Police Chief and Fire Chief working with the organization to establish a safe route for the "tunnel of fire." Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Landavazo, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

5. Reappointments of Kent Wilson, Keegan MacKenzie-Chavez, Fran Pawlowski, Frank Kozeliski, and Loren Miller to the Planning & Zoning Commission – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney asked the Councilors for their approval of his recommendations for reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the re-appointments of Kent Wilson, Keegan MacKenzie-Chavez, Fran Pawlowski, Frank Kozeliski, and Loren Miller to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

6. Budget Adjustment for Technical and Legal Resources for the G-22 Water Rights Acquisition – Vince Tovar, Director, Gallup Water and Sanitation Director

Mr. Tovar said the City's efforts to acquire its G-22 water rights have reached a critical point with hearings on the matter scheduled for October 2015. Funding is required to ensure there are adequate technical and legal resources to support the City's acquisition efforts. He recommended a budget increase of up to $250,000 from the Environmental Surcharge Special Revenue Fund for the requested resources.

Discussion followed concerning the number of those protesting the City's G-22 water rights acquisition.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for technical and legal resources for the G-22 water rights acquisition. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

7. Resolution No. R2015-16; Approving the Submission of an Application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Funding of Project 7 and Project 13 of the Gallup Regional System of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project – Vince Tovar, Gallup Water and Sanitation Director

Mr. Tovar provided an illustration of the areas to be constructed on the Gallup Regional System of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project as a result of the Water Trust Board Application. The areas to be impacted include the University of New Mexico – Gallup Campus and the Church Rock Elementary School. The 60% (State), 40% (City) grant split would credit the State's cost share obligation for the project and it would also reduce the City's repayment obligation for the project.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2015-16. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Palochak, Garcia, Kumar, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

8. Budget Adjustment for Harold Runnels Building Rehabilitation Project – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

Mr. Henderson said Harold Runnels Rehabilitation Project is essentially completed as the City accepted beneficial occupancy of the building on March 2, 2015. To close the project out with Murphy Builders, a budget increase of $10,000 is required to cover the costs for three change orders. The change orders include work to widen the rear door of the building, plumbing repairs for the bathrooms, and the replacement of the doors which were previously vandalized. Mr. Henderson also said staff will present a plan of action to the Mayor and Councilors in May to address the outstanding issue with the roof of the building.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Harold Runnels Building Rehabilitation Project as presented. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

9. Country Club Drive Curb and Gutter Replacement Project Phase I – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

Mr. Henderson reminded the Mayor and Councilors of their selection of Country Club Drive from Red Rock Drive to Philipina Avenue, for a pilot curb and gutter replacement project. He presented a cost estimate of $219,000 for the work to be done under the pilot project.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the Country Club Drive Curb and Gutter Replacement Project Phase I. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

10. Award of Demolition Contracts for the Properties Located at 624 McKee Drive and 403 East Hill Avenue – Clyde "C.B." Strain, Planning Director

Mr. Strain said as a result of the Mayor and Councilors action on March 24, 2015 to condemn both properties, proper notice was given to the property owners to remove or demolish the structures within 10 days. In accordance with State law, City staff mailed the notifications to the property owners and posted the notices at the properties. No objections to the condemnation of the properties were filed by the property owners by the April 6, 2015 deadline. City staff proceeded with the solicitation of bids for the demolition of the structures at both locations and as a result, Bonaguidi Construction was the responsive low bidder in the amount of $23,906.48. Quotes were being obtained to abate the asbestos and lead paint found throughout the structures in accordance with the asbestos surveys conducted at both locations. Mr. Strain recommended award of the bid to Bonaguidi Construction for the demolition of both structures. City staff will address the asbestos abatement separately.

Waylon Radosevich, owner of the property at 624 McKee Drive, said he was unable to respond to the City's notices due to his medical problems and he was incarcerated. He obtained a building permit about 4 months ago to correct a code violation by installing a door to his house. He said the house is worth more than the amount the City is going to pay to tear it down. The home also belongs to his brother and the reason why he could not correct the problems was because he broke his back. He said he has been able to make payments on the utilities and the lien for the cleanup of his property; however, the utility bills increased due to his renters and the change of how the City handles utility disclaimers. He said he has not lived at the property for one year and people were paid to clean the backyard; however, the work did not get done. Although he made arrangements to clean the backyard, he was unable to do so due to personal problems which resulted in the City having the property cleaned and a lien being filed on his property. He asked how he could keep his house from being condemned over a problem with the door to his house. Since he has been gone, he has been the only owner to take care of the property. He also asked for a time extension to address the issues on the property. He was waiting for the weather to warm up prior to beginning work on his house and he intended to pay the utilities in order to get the services turned back on.

Mayor McKinney said the issue before the Council is to take action on a demolition contract and the condemnation of the properties was approved by the Council at a previous meeting. Based on conversations with Mr. Radosevich, Mr. Kozeliski said Mr. Radosevich was unable to respond to the condemnation notice and suggested that he address the Council regarding the issue. Mr. Kozeliski said if the Mayor and Councilors feel Mr. Radosevich has a valid excuse, a hearing would need to be scheduled and the neighbors of the property would need to be notified. Mr. Kozeliski previously informed Mr. Radosevich that the entire house would need to be repaired in addition to the installation of the door. Mr. Kozeliski verified that Mr. Radosevich obtained a building permit; however, there was no work done 60 days after the permit was issued. Mr. Kozeliski also said City staff did not know Mr. Radosevich was incarcerated. Mayor McKinney said the value of the demolition of the structure would result in a lien being placed on the property. Mr. Strain said the cost of the demolition of the structure at 624 McKee Drive would be $15,582.40 and the cost of the demolition at 403 East Hill would be $8,324.08. The cost for the asbestos abatement has not been obtained yet.

Councilor Garcia asked about the other owner of the property at 624 McKee Drive and why he was not present. Mr. Radosevich said his brother John Radosevich is the other property owner and could not be present at the meeting because he was incarcerated. Mr. Radosevich said work could not be done to fix the structure during the 60 days of having the building permit because he broke his back. Mr. Radosevich said there is proof he was paying for the utilities and he had the money to do the work in accordance

with the building permit. He also said he was going to receive assistance from a qualified person to repair the wall of the house. Mr. Radosevich said he knows the house needs to be fixed a little by repairing a couple of holes in the wall and to remove trash from within the house.

Mayor McKinney said the Council has seen the pictures that were taken inside and outside of the house. Mayor McKinney also said the only issue before the Council is to take action on the demolition contract for the properties previously specified.

Mr. Radosevich asked the Mayor and Councilors to be given a chance to get everything repaired at the house and to defend himself from what was reported in the newspaper. He said he did not have a chance to fix the house due to his medical condition and his incarceration. He was also not able to respond to any of the notices from the City.

Mayor McKinney said when the condemnation of the property was initially presented to the Council, Mr. Radosevich's neighbors presented a history of the property in question.

Councilor Kumar asked about the process to reverse the condemnation of the property. Mr. Kozeliski said the Council would need to allow Mr. Radosevich to go through the untimely appeal process.

Mayor McKinney asked Mr. Radosevich if he has the money to pay for the necessary improvements. Mr. Radosevich responded yes.

Councilor Landavazo said the major concerns of both the Council and Mr. Radosevich's neighbors is the drug activity that has taken place at Mr. Radosevich's property. Councilor Landavazo asked Mr. Radosevich what was different in his life and what is going to be different if the Mayor and Councilors gave him the opportunity to rehabilitate his house. Mr. Radosevich said there have been calls made to the police for drug activity at his house; however, when the police showed up to his house 5 times last year, there was no drug activity. Mr. Radosevich said 4 of his tenants moved out because they were scarred to continue to live at the location. The police did not find any narcotics when Mr. Radosevich's house was raided and his picture appeared on the front page of the newspaper. Mr. Radosevich said the police did not find any narcotics the five to seven times they went to his house. Mr. Radosevich said 15 calls may have been for reasons because of Mr. Radosevich, his brother or his tenants for drinking and related disturbances. Mr. Radosevich said he has never had any problems with his neighbors when it was only Mr. Radosevich living at the location. Problems surfaced when he moved his friends into the back apartment and when his brother was at home drinking. Mr. Radosevich said what has changed for him is that he want to save his house for his family and his children. Mr. Radosevich would like to save the house so

his daughters could move in or he could rent the house to nice people. He is trying to get into the Opportunity House which is a work program in Hobbs. In losing everything he said he had to grow up, he found a little structure in his life and has received therapy. Mr. Radosevich said he has the funds to fix the house and needs information from Mr. Strain regarding the issues that need to be addressed.

Councilor Kumar asked Robert Cron, Chief of Police, about the activity at Mr. Radosevich's property. Chief Cron said the police have been at Mr. Radosevich's property several times as undercover officers may have bought drugs from a person staying at Mr. Radosevich's house. Chief Cron said the Police Department has received calls for people fighting at Mr. Radosevich's house, traffic going in and out of the house causing the neighbors to believe drugs are being sold at the house, and people leaving the house at high rates of speed. Chief Cron said the people Mr. Radosevich has allowed to stay at the house are fighting, not getting along with the neighbors and are tearing up the house.

Following discussion, Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the award of the demolition contracts for the properties located at 624 McKee Drive and 403 East Hill Avenue. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the award of the demolition contracts for the properties located at 624 McKee Drive and 403 East Hill Avenue and to give Mr. Radosevich 30 days to correct the code violations at his property. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye. Councilor Palochak abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor McKinney advised Mr. Radosevich that he has 30 days to address the code violations at his property. If the problems have not been corrected at the end of 30 days, the City will have no choice but to proceed with the demolition contract. Mr. Radosevich asked if he needed to correct the code violations in which he initially obtained the building permit for. Mr. Kozeliski said Mr. Radosevich would need to make the house habitable. Mr. Strain said staff would need to inspect the house to make an assessment of what need to be corrected. Mr. Strain also said the plumbing was functional prior to boarding the house up. Councilor Kumar asked if Mr. Radosevich was ready to turn the utilities on. Mr. Radosevich responded yes. Councilor Kumar said he would like to go on the walk through of the house when it is inspected.

Mayor McKinney called for a recess at 7:28 P.M.

Mayor McKinney called the meeting back to order at 7:30 P.M.

11. Professional Services Agreement with the Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Nightly Indian Dance Program – Maryann Ustick, City Manager

David Hinkle, Executive Director, Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, presented the agreement for conducting the Nightly Indian Dance Program for the City at the Courthouse Square from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There is no change in the agreement from last year.

Teri Fraizer, Director of the Nightly Indian Dance Program, provided an overview of the program including the goals for the 2015 program, attendance numbers since 2008, the training of adults and youth working in the Ambassador Program, the vision and mission of the Nightly Indian Dance Program, the creation of a website for the Nightly Indian Dances (NightlyIndianDances.com), the dance groups that are scheduled to perform during this year's program, the program's partnership with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the work to promote the program under the New Mexico True campaign.

The Mayor and Councilors commended Ms. Fraizer for her work with the dance program.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Nightly Indian Dance Program. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

12. Gallup Mainstreet Arts & Cultural District Professional Services Agreement – Maryann Ustick, City Manager

Ms. Ustick presented the Professional Services Agreement and the proposed budget transfer of $10,000 for the Gallup Mainstreet Arts & Cultural District. She said the State has authorized the combination of both the Gallup Mainstreet and the Arts & Cultural District designations to be managed under one governing board.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the Gallup Mainstreet Arts & Cultural District Professional Services Agreement and the budget transfer of $10,000 for the District. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye. Councilor Palochak abstained. Motion carried.

13. First Financial of New Mexico Federal Credit Union Second Lease Addendum – George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Mr. Kozeliski said the First Financial of New Mexico Federal Credit Union would like to lease an additional 6,380 square feet of land, north and adjacent to the current leased property. First Financial of New Mexico would like to develop the land for additional parking and will pay the City an additional $1,920 per year.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the Second Lease Addendum with First Financial of New Mexico Federal Credit Union. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

14. Decision to Take Legal Action Against the Alcohol & Gaming Division on the Transfer of Liquor License #929 – George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Mr. Kozeliski said the Director of the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division overruled the Mayor and Councilors' decision to deny the transfer of location of the liquor license for Winco, LLC d/b/a Fratelli's. Mr. Kozeliski referenced the Conclusions of Law as stated under paragraph 9 in the Director's Decision and Order, *"the Director must approve a transfer despite municipal disapproval if the governing body fails to submit substantial evidence supporting its decision…"* Mr. Kozeliski presented a copy of the Minutes of the November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting when the public hearing on the transfer of the license was conducted. In the Minutes, he highlighted the detailed two-page testimony of Sheriff Ronald Silversmith, who was Sheriff-Elect at the time of the hearing, regarding the large number of intoxicated persons being picked-up for protective custody, the large number of alcohol related accidents, etc. Mr. Kozeliski referenced page 2, subparagraph g of the Director's Decision and Order, where the Director briefly summarized Sheriff Silversmith's testimony. Mr. Kozeliski said it was his opinion that Sheriff Silversmith provided very detailed and substantial evidence in his testimony. Mr. Kozeliski believes the Alcohol and Gaming Division's action was inconsistent since it upheld the disapproval of a liquor license to Ron Silva at a location in very close proximity to Fratelli's several years ago. Mr. Kozeliski said the City does not have a right to an appeal; however, based on a 1973 case *(City of Santa Rosa vs. Carlos Jaramillo)* the State Supreme Court upheld that a municipal governing body has the right to file a petition for an alternative writ of mandamus. Such action is rarely done and is rarely upheld in the court system; therefore, Mr. Kozeliski did not submit a recommendation regarding this matter. If the Mayor and Councilors decide to proceed with such action, the petition would need to be filed in District Court. If the District Court rules in the City's favor, the case would go to the Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Court. Although it will be a difficult and lengthy process, the option as described by Mr. Kozeliski is available to the Mayor and Councilors.

Councilor Kumar said he was not against the transfer of the license as long as the

license was used for a restaurant and not for package liquor sales. He voted against the transfer of the license because the license applicants were not in attendance to answer questions regarding the matter.

Councilor Garcia said she still opposed the transfer of the license, but was not against alcohol. She agreed with Sheriff Silversmith's comments about wanting to make a positive change in the community and not to accept what is going on. She recommended proceeding with the legal action as described by Mr. Kozeliski.

Councilor Palochak said she can appreciate Sheriff Silversmith's comments that he made during the public hearing; however, she would like to see data pertaining to the number of accidents and DWI arrests in relation to restaurants with liquor licenses. She said she has a problem with government getting involved with a business when they should be trying to bring businesses to Gallup and to help local owners build their businesses. She opposed further action in the matter.

Councilor Landavazo said when the members of the Council were administered the Oath of Office they swore to uphold the Constitution and the Laws of the United States and New Mexico. He said the location of the subject liquor license was located on property that was annexed into the City. According to State law, the City must take in whatever is within the area to be annexed including the liquor license. On the other hand, State law limits the amount of liquor licenses per capita. Mr. Kozeliski verified that the City has 35 liquor licenses when it should have 11 licenses according to State law. Although the State is inconsistent with their law, Councilor Landavazo asked which law the Council should uphold. He also asked if the Mayor and Councilors are fulfilling their Oaths of Office by allowing another liquor license to come into the City. Discussion followed concerning the annexation procedures that were followed by the City in relation to the Rehoboth Annexation and if one law would trump the other depending on when the legislation was enacted. Overall, Mr. Kozeliski said the matter involves a substantial evidence question which is very difficult to prove. Councilor Landavazo believes in the responsibility of maintaining the proper amount of liquor licenses per capita.

Mayor McKinney recommended meeting with officials at the Alcohol and Gaming Division to discuss Gallup's issues with alcohol and the number of licenses that are currently in Gallup. He said the City needs to reach out to any entity within the state that may be able to help the City with legislative changes with regards to liquor control.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to table the action against the Alcohol and Gaming Division in favor of having a meeting with officials at the Alcohol and Gaming Division as recommended by Mayor McKinney.

Mr. Kozeliski said the City has 30 days to take legal action against the Alcohol and Gaming Division and may table the item until the next regular meeting.

Councilor Kumar seconded Councilor Landavazo's motion. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

15. Recount of Certain Votes Cast for Mayor During the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff Election – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Mr. Abeita said a recount of the early votes cast during the Runoff Election was conducted on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the request of George Galanis, candidate for Mayor. As a result of the recount, Mayor Jackie McKinney received 616 votes at the Early Voting Precinct instead of the 617 votes canvassed after the election. There was no change in the 487 votes cast for George Galanis at the Early Voting Precinct. Following the recount, the returns for the office in question were re-canvassed in accordance with State law.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to ratify the recount of certain votes cast for Mayor during the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff Election. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

16. Local Economic Assistance & Development Support (LEADS) Grant Application Submission – Michael Sage, Deputy Director, Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Sage said the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation (GGEDC) is requesting the Mayor and Councilors' concurrence to submit the grant application to the New Mexico Economic Development Department in the maximum amount of $15,000. The grant requires no local match and the grant will support GGEDC's efforts for the marketing and promotion of the city's healthcare assets to include GGEDC's participation at the 2015 BIO International Convention.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the submission of the LEADS Grant Application. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Landavazo, Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items
None.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Palochak thanked the retirees for their dedication to public service and wished them the very best in their retirement. She also thanked the City departments for being responsive when she calls to report areas tagged with graffiti in town.

Councilor Landavazo commented on an article written by Nate Haveman in the Gallup Journey on the positive things about Gallup and related the message in his writing to the song "Imagine" by John Lennon. Councilor Landavazo said the article reminds everyone of all the good things in Gallup which is why he encourages everyone to buy, believe and build Gallup.

Councilor Kumar said he will have a District 3 Neighborhood Meeting tomorrow at Jefferson Elementary School at 6:00 P.M.

Councilor Garcia said she will have a District 1 Neighborhood Meeting tomorrow at the Northside Senior Center at 6:30 P.M. The schedule for her district meetings has changed to the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor McKinney said he will be traveling to Farmington tomorrow with Chief Cron, Mr. Kozeliski and Ms. Ustick to meet with their counterparts in Farmington. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the similar problems that Gallup and Farmington have and to share and exchange information on dealing with such problems.

Comments by City Attorney and City Manager

Mr. Kozeliski said the New Mexico State Aggie Caravan will be here on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at Sammy C's. Gallup residents will have a chance to meet the Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and the Head Coaches of the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams from New Mexico State University.

Ms. Ustick said a City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. to review and discuss the City's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. A City Council Work Session will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. to review and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. In order to test the new sound and projection equipment at El Morro Theater, a free movie night for City employees has been scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015. A discount night at El Morro Theater will be held for the public on the following night. A schedule for El Morro Theater for the month of May 2015 will be posted on the City's website. The grand opening of the El Morro Events Center will be held on the weekend of June 12, 2015 to coincide with the Arts Crawl.

There being no further business, Councilor Kumar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo, Palochak, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

Approved 5/12/2015