

Minutes of the Joint Session of the Gallup City Council and the McKinley County Board of Commissioners, which was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Third Floor of the McKinley County Courthouse, 207 West Hill Avenue, Gallup, New Mexico.

The meeting was called to order by County Commission Chairperson Genevieve Jackson.

At such meeting, the following were present, constituting a quorum of both bodies:

MCKINLEY COUNTY COMMISSION	Chairperson Genevieve Jackson Commissioner Carol Bowman-Musket Commissioner Bob Rosebrough
GALLUP CITY COUNCIL	Mayor Jackie McKinney Councilor Mike Enfield Councilor Allan Landavazo Councilor E. Bryan Wall Councilor Cecil Garcia

Commissioner Bowman-Muskett made the motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Rosebrough. Roll call: Commissioners Bowman-Muskett, Rosebrough and Chairperson Jackson all voted aye.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Wall, Garcia, Enfield and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Due to conflicting schedules, members of the local legislative delegation were in transit to the current meeting from a separate meeting held at the Gallup-McKinley County Schools. Mayor McKinney recommended calling a recess until the members of the local legislative delegation arrive.

Chairperson Jackson called for a recess at 1:05 p.m.

Chairperson Jackson called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson Jackson introduced the following members of the local legislative delegation: Rep. Patty Lundstrom, Rep. Sandra Jeff, Rep. Eliseo Alcon, Sen. George Munoz, Sen. Benny Shendo and Sen. John Pinto. Chairperson Jackson also recognized Tiffany Smith from Governor Susana Martinez's Office and Jackson Gibson, District 6 State Transportation Commissioner.

On behalf of the County, Commissioner Bowman-Musket welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor McKinney also provided opening comments for the local legislative delegation and recognized the following lobbyists: Mark Fleisher, John Lee Thompson and Andrew Leo Lopez.

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Richard Kontz, County Manager, Doug Decker, County Attorney, and Evan Williams, Deputy Director of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG), presented an overview of the County's priority list of construction ready projects as follows: Sundance Rehoboth Corridor, County Road 19, Johnson Road (County Road 55), and Blue Medicine Well Road. The planning projects included on the County's priority list are: Superman Canyon Road and Deer Springs Road. A future project in the feasibility stage is the Joint Metro Emergency Management and Operations Center.

Dan Dible, City Manager, said the City supports any proposal that provides temporary State funding for protective custody and detoxification services for Gallup. Mr. Dible presented an overview of the City's priority list of projects as follows: Allison Bridge Replacement, College Drive and Hospital Drive Reconstruction and Gamerco Industrial Park Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The City's other needs include: Aztec Avenue Reconstruction – Phase I (specifically, the sidewalk construction portion of the project), Downtown Highway 66 Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Aquatic Center Steam Room Addition, Downtown Coal Avenue Alley Reconstruction – Phase I and Downtown Railroad Quiet Zone Improvements.

Tommy Haws, President of the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation (GGEDC), said the GGEDC supports the projects presented by the County and City, primarily the Gamerco Industrial Park project. Mr. Haws also provided an overview of the Targeted Industry Study which identifies workforce development as a serious weakness in the community even though Gallup has the largest branch campus of the University of New Mexico (UNM). The GGEDC will seek legislation during the upcoming Legislative Session for a property transition feasibility study for UNM-Gallup. Discussion followed concerning the proposed legislation for the feasibility study which will be an assessment of the branch college system by the Secretary of Higher Education; curriculum needs within the school system for workforce development; concerns with the best and brightest students leaving the community for better opportunities; and the need for local educational opportunities in the technical and entrepreneurial areas.

Mr. Decker said the staffs of the County and City conducted an earlier meeting to discuss priorities where a consensus may be reached by both governmental entities. County and City staffs recommended the following projects: Allison Road Bridge Replacement, Sundance – Rehoboth Road Corridor Improvements, Hospital Drive and/or College Drive Reconstruction, Carbon Coal Road Feasibility Study and the Highway 491 Project.

Stan Henderson, Executive Director, City Public Works Department, provided an overview of the Allison Road Bridge Replacement project. Mr. Henderson explained

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that the Allison Road Bridge is not part of the State's highway system and the City is tasked with having the bridge replaced in order for the other phases of the Allison Corridor to be advanced through the State's Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mr. Decker provided an overview of the Sundance – Rehoboth Road Corridor Improvements which also includes another route around the area of the gas plant and the casino north of Highway 118. The project will provide alternative routes for the Sundance and Church Rock areas and for safety reasons in the event Highway 118 is ever obstructed. Jeff Irving, County Road Superintendent, also provided information and answered questions concerning the project.

Mayor McKinney recognized Matejka Ray, lobbyist, in the audience.

Mr. Henderson provided a summary of the College Drive and Hospital Drive Reconstruction project. An average of over 4,000 vehicles including ambulances and emergency response vehicles transit both roadways on a daily basis. The two hospitals and their adjacent medical clinics generate heavy pedestrian traffic along College Drive and the surface pavement on Hospital Drive is in bad condition.

Mr. Decker presented information relative to the Carbon Coal Feasibility Study. An access road from Highway 491 at South Chino will be needed to the old Carbon Coal facility. Portions of the road are located on State trust land as County and City officials are working with the State Land Office to formulate a Memorandum of Understanding which would enable the three parties to work together on matters pertaining to right-of-way and infrastructure to be used for economic development opportunities. Michael Sage, Deputy Director of the GGEDC, and Mayor McKinney provided additional information on the proposed development of the Gamarco Industrial Park into a railroad trans-loading site.

Mr. Decker recommended discussion of the Highway 491 project since Mr. Gibson was in attendance. Commissioner Bowman-Muskett requested the addition of the County Road 19 project to the priority list. Commissioner Bowman-Muskett said County Road 19 is in poor condition and a major corridor that serves six communities in the County. Jeff Kiely, Director of the NWNMCOG, said the County Road 19 project may have not been included with the joint priority list since the distance of the project is far away from the City. Mr. Irving provided an overview of the County Road 19 project which is located in the eastern part of the county. Although County Road 19 is a high priority for the County, Mr. Irving said the City may have an interest concerning the project since the road connects to State Highway 509 and the El Segundo Mine, which may lead to another economic development opportunity. Discussion followed concerning the coordination of the County Road 19 project with the Navajo Nation, the importance of

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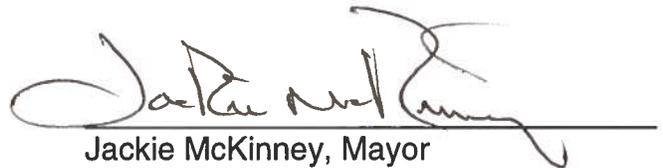
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prioritizing the Gamerco Industrial Park project, and the phasing of construction for the multiple sections of County Road 19.

Mr. Decker said Highway 491 is a regional project which needs to be discussed with the legislators. Mr. Williams provided an overview of the Highway 491 project and the strategy for the upcoming Legislative Session. The need to have the southern portion of Highway 491 reconstructed to a four lane highway is due to the proposed trans-loading project. An increase in the traffic of large trucks is expected from the four corners region when the trans-loading project becomes a reality. Mr. Gibson said the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) gathered \$13 million in savings from other projects that will be applied to the Highway 491 project resulting in a balance of \$90 million needed to complete the project. Mr. Williams and Mr. Gibson said the strategy includes a request in the amount of \$34.8 million for the next two construction ready phases of the Highway 491 project to be made through the Governor's statewide capital outlay funding. Mr. Gibson asked the legislators in attendance for their support in requesting the Governor for the specified funds. Chairperson Jackson asked for the City's support of the Highway 491 project. Mr. Henderson said the Highway 491 project has always been a regional priority of the Northwest Regional Planning Organization.

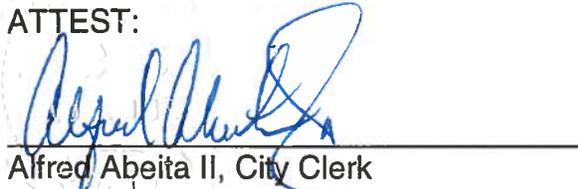
Rep. Alcon, Sen. Pinto, Sen. Munoz, Sen. Shendo and Rep. Lundstrom presented their closing comments including their goals and objectives for the upcoming legislative session and the important issues that the legislators will face during the 60-day session. Chairperson Jackson and Mayor McKinney presented their closing comments as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

Approved 1/22/2013