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Councilor Cecil Garcia made the motion to approve the request for street closures for the Annual Memorial Day and Veterans' Day Parades. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Cecil Garcia, Landavazo, Linda Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

2. Appointment of Joseph Urycki to the Sustainable Energy Board – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney asked for the Councilors ratification to appoint Mr. Urycki to the Board. Bill Bright of the Sustainable Energy Board also spoke in favor of Mr. Urycki's appointment to the Board.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to appoint Joseph Urycki to the Sustainable Energy Board. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Cecil Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

3. Appointment of Councilor Yogash Kumar to the Board of Directors of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney recommended the appointment of Councilor Kumar to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the departure of former Councilor Mike Enfield.

Councilor Linda Garcia made the motion to appoint Councilor Yogash Kumar to the Board of Directors of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Linda Garcia, Cecil Garcia, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

4. Approval of a Request to the Department of the Army for a Piece of Military Equipment for the Downtown Veterans Memorial – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney said the Gallup-Veterans Committee is requesting a piece of surplus military artillery to be placed on display at the Veteran Memorial. The request will be made with the assistance of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan for the surplus equipment, such as a firearm, tank or helicopter from the Department of the Army based on the completion of the required application. The equipment will be free of charge to the City; however, the City will need to specify the amount it will be willing to pay for the freight charges on the application. Mayor McKinney recommended specifying a range of \$1,000 to \$5,000 on the application for the freight charges and asked for the Councilors' approval of the request.

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Councilor Cecil Garcia asked if an additional piece of equipment could be requested for placement at Hillcrest Cemetery. Mayor McKinney said additional pieces of equipment will be included on the application as long as it can be transported on one truck. Mayor McKinney also said the City must specify the location of where the equipment will be placed.

Councilor Landavazo recommended requesting any surplus equipment that may be available from the local yard of the National Guard. Mayor McKinney said the request for surplus equipment from the local yard could be included on the application which would eliminate the freight cost.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the request to Department of the Army for surplus military equipment to be placed at the Downtown Veterans Memorial and at the Veterans Cemetery at Hillcrest Cemetery. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, Linda Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

5. Ratification of the Acceptance of a Special Warranty Deed from Sam Koike for Property Located at 105 and 105 ½ West Princeton Avenue – George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Mr. Kozeliski said the City entered into an agreement in 2011 with Sam and Marie Koike to allow the City to enter onto the property to demolish the structure, to haul-off the demolition debris and to file a lien on the property for the costs of demolition and removal of the debris. Mr. and Mrs. Koike would be required to pay-off the existing mortgage, deed the property to the City, and pay all property taxes until the property is deeded to the City. Since 2011, Mrs. Koike passed away. On the day prior to the last regular meeting, Mr. Koike delivered the deed to the City as staff verified that all of the property taxes were paid and that the mortgage was released. If the City did not accept the deed until the next regular meeting, the City would be responsible for additional taxes owed on the property; therefore, in accordance with the agreement, the Mayor accepted the deed and the deed was recorded. Mr. Kozeliski asked the Mayor and Councilors to officially ratify the acceptance and the recording of the special warranty deed.

Councilor Cecil Garcia made the motion to ratify the acceptance of the special warranty deed from Sam Kioke for the property located at 105 and 105 ½ West Princeton Avenue. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Cecil Garcia, Landavazo, Linda Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.