

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held at Gallup City Hall, 110 W. Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louie Bonaguidi. He provided instructions to the public viewing the meeting through Facebook Live on how to provide comment on non-agenda items later in the meeting.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Louie Bonaguidi

Councilors: Linda Garcia
Michael Schaaf
Yogash Kumar
Fran Palochak

Also present: Maryann Ustick, City Manager
Curtis Hayes, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors for their approval were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Kumar, Palochak and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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

1. Resolution No. R2020-32; Mill and Overlay 2020 Co-Op Grant Approval – Clyde (C.B.) Strain, Planning and Development Director

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) approved \$196,243 in Local Government Road Funds (Co-Op) to the City of Gallup. Funding is used by the Public Works/Street Department for its annual mill and overlay program. The Co-Op funding requires a 25% match from the City in the amount of \$49,061 for a total grant funding of \$196,243. Mr. Strain said grant funding will cover material costs only and a priority list, including additional costs, was sent to the Mayor and Councilors prior to the meeting.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2020-32; Mill and Overlay 2020 Co-Op Grant in the amount of \$196,243, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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2. Resolution No. R2020-33; Senior Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Submission – Jon (J.M.) DeYoung, Assistant City Manager

Mr. DeYoung presented the proposed resolution for the update and submission of the Senior ICIP Plan for FY 2022-2026, as part of the submittal process, which will provide monetary support for capital expenses not currently budgeted in the Direct Service Contracts.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2020-33; Senior Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Submission. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Schaaf, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

3. Budget Adjustment for American Flags – Jon (J.M.) DeYoung, Assistant City Manager

Mr. DeYoung presented the request to maintain the American Flag located near I-40 on the north side of the City, which was initially established by Veterans Helping Veterans. However, due to a number of factors, they can no longer assist with the purchase or placement of the flag. Each flag costs approximately \$800 and will require replacement about 5 times per year. Mr. DeYoung requested a budget adjustment of \$4,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department from the general fund cash reserves.

Councilor Palochak spoke on behalf of Veterans Helping Veterans who thanked Vince Alonzo, Parks and Recreation Director and his staff for assisting with the hanging of the flag. She also expressed her support of taking over for the Veterans and showing that Gallup is the most patriotic small town in America.

Brief discussion followed regarding whether the purchase of the flags and appreciation of the Parks Department for taking over responsibility for hanging the flag.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve budget adjustment in the amount of \$4,000 to Parks and Recreation Department for American Flags, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Schaaf. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Schaaf, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

4. Fiscal Year 2021 Preventing Alcohol Related Deaths (PARD) Cooperative Agreement and Related Budget Adjustment for Revenue and Expenditures of the Grant – Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Investment Zone Manager

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Ms. Martinez presented the grant award in the amount of \$1,500,000 to fund expanded social detox, treatment, transportation as well as case management services and requested approval of the budget adjustment in addition to the contract.

Discussion followed regarding the number of years funding has been awarded to the City, the obligation to reapply annually based on funding availability and the federal fiscal year accounting period.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the FY21 Preventing Alcohol Related Deaths Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Schaaf, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

5. Approval of Agreement with NCI for Social Detox and Expanded Shelter and Treatment Services – Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Investment Zone Manager

Ms. Martinez presented the agreement with NCI. As part of the PARD grant, Indian Health Services has allocated \$1,220,000 for the administration of social detox and expanded shelter services, in addition to treatment services. Due to the pandemic, future adjustments will be necessary and will be brought back for Council approval within the next few months.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the agreement with NCI for Social Detox and Expanded Shelter and Treatment Services in the amount of \$1,220,000. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Kumar, Schaaf and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

6. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with SBS Consulting – Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Investment Zone Manager

Ms. Martinez presented the proposed agreement with SBS Consulting for evaluation services in compliance with the Preventing Alcohol Related Death Grant. She provided an outline of the services to be provided under the agreement.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with SBS Consulting in the amount of \$80,000. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Kumar, Schaaf, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

7. Budget Adjustment Approval for Quarter One Items – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

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Ms. Holland requested funding approval for several items for First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021 including:

- Infrastructure tax GRT fee taken by the State of NM, annual amount \$60,000 in 311-1027-496.45-90 due to a change by DFA during last fiscal year in the City's reporting.
- Fire Department parking lot work was not complete by the end of the fiscal year and a final bill of \$27,678 needs funding in general fund 101-2541-422.48-45 for the final payment.
- Risk Management was funded in Fiscal Year 2020 for new equipment in the Event Center including a projector; however, the timing did not work out to complete it by year end. Funding in the amount of \$11,397 in 603-1016-414.48-20 is needed to fund completion of the project.
- Fire Department has received \$75,000 in reimbursement funds from the County to help fund an ambulance purchase. A budget adjustment to revenue of \$75,000 is requested for this receipt.
- Police Department body camera funding includes a transfer of funds from a restricted fund into their operational account in the amount of \$38,232 to combine all resources to compete the purchase and a budget adjustment to reflect the transfer to 211-0000-360.06-00 is necessary.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve Budget Adjustments for quarter one items, including three expenditure increases in the amount of \$99,075 and two revenue increases in the amount of \$107,232, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Garcia, Schaaf and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

8. Approval of Extension of Closure of Indoor Recreation Facilities and Staff Furloughs – Maryann Ustick, City Manager

Ms. Ustick provided a brief recap regarding the closure of indoor recreation facilities, including, Larry Brian Mitchell Recreation Center; Harold Runnels Athletic Complex; Gallup Aquatic Center; El Morro Theatre & Events Center; Cecil Garcia Fitness Center and Red Rock Park Convention Center & Arena, as well as the furlough of fifty-four fulltime; part-time and seasonal positions, through September 30, 2020. A list of furloughed staff is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A and made a part of these official Minutes. In order to provide furloughed staff appropriate notice, Ms. Ustick

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recommended the furlough of staff be extended to October 31, 2020 and recreation facilities remain closed through this period also. She said if the Governor's Public Health Order change, staff will recommend to Council the furlough be ended with proper notice to the affected staff.

Discussion followed regarding how long reopening facilities will take following the Governor's order, the suspension of recreation fees, concern for the number of employees furloughed and the seasonal positions included in the furlough amount that were never actually filled.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve the extension of the closure of indoor recreation facilities and staff furloughs to October 31, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Kumar, Schaaf, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

9. Appointment of a Third Member to the Labor Management Relations Board – Mayor Bonaguidi

Mayor Bonaguidi recommended the appointment of Eric Begay, who previously served on the board and expressed willingness to continue.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the appointment of Eric Begay to the Labor Management Relations Board. Seconded by Councilor Schaaf. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Schaaf, Palochak, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Palochak praised Fire Department staff for their 9/11 ceremonies, announced the receipt of CDBG funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Chihuahuita and West Logan Project and thanked the Council of Governments and everyone involved.

Councilor Kumar encouraged everyone to stay safe and to continue to follow State guidelines.

Councilor Schaaf expressed appreciation for his invitation from Waste Water Department staff to their facility.

Mayor Bonaguidi commented on the 9/11 ceremonies held by Fire Department staff, commended Vince Alonzo and Parks Department staff for taking on the responsibility of

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maintaining the American flag near Hwy 491, the receipt of CDBG funding in the entire requested amount and thanked Waste Water Department staff for their invitation.

Comments by City Manager and City Attorney

Ms. Ustick provided an update regarding the CARES Act Grant applications received thus far and encouraged business owners to apply. She also commented on the Mayor's editorial regarding National Railway Safety Week and provided an update on the Roadway Safety Audit that was conducted about a year ago to improve the safety and initiate a quiet zone near 2nd and 3rd Street.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk