

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louie Bonaguidi. 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 was the following Discussion Action Topic:

1. Approval of Ordinance No. S2021-8; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement with NMFA and Budget Adjustment – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland presented the proposed ordinance as the next step in obtaining funding for previously discussed projects. Ms. Holland explained anticipated closing costs in the amount of \$100,000, a total funding amount of \$12,880,000 and provided a breakdown including \$500,000 for turf, \$500,000 for streets and \$11,880,000 for the police building. In addition, Ms. Holland requested approval of an expenditure budget for a FY 2022 payment of \$300,000 payment towards the debt.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to approve Ordinance No. S2021-8; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement with NMFA and the related budget adjustments. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Garcia, Schaaf, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

2. Presentation on the Gallup Mobility Investment Plan Report – Michael Sage, Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation (GGEDC) Deputy Director and Lois Yates and Adam Wasserman, GLD Partners

Mr. Sage provided an update regarding economic development as it relates to the partnership with the City of Gallup, including a US Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant which called for further study of opportunities associated with autonomy and mobility. He explained the collaborative efforts made with GLD Partners, who were hired as consultants and an autonomous work group comprised of local community members and provided information regarding the approval of Legislative House Bill 270 in January 2020.

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Mr. Wasserman and Ms. Yates presented a PowerPoint demonstrating a summary recommendations and an action plan with regard to the Gallup Mobility Investment District. A copy of the presentation is attached hereto and made a part of these official minutes. The presentation covered the report status, conclusions, newfound information, organizational chart, testing and development, truck mobility complex, economic development targets and subsequent steps.

Brief discussion followed regarding the urgency of the project, straightway length and location for the testing complex.

Mr. Sage commented on remaining funds from the EDA grant and a potential amendment to the original scope that would allow for additional funding and therefore development of a preliminary engineer report, plans to present to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Commission and the designation of I-40 between Gallup and Albuquerque as an autonomous corridor.

There being no further business, Councilor Schaaf made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Palochak, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk