

Minutes of the Work Session of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico held in the Council Chambers at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louie Bonaguidi.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

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| Mayor: | Louie Bonaguidi |
| Councilors: | Linda Garcia Michael Schaaf Sarah Piano Fran Palochak |
| Also present: | Maryann Ustick, City Manager |

The following items was presented to Mayor and Council for discussion only:

1. Parks and Recreation, Quality of Life Today, Tomorrow and Future: A Presentation on Current Conditions of the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities – Vince Alonzo, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Alonzo cited the Gallup Sports Commission meeting held in October 2022 regarding Parks and Recreation issues and acknowledged Sports Commission Members in attendance as well as McKinley County Commissioner Baca.

Mr. Alonzo provided information regarding Parks and Recreation facility's extensive usage, lack of resources and provided an estimated cost of \$43 million based on last year's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to make repairs and improvements to the facilities. Mr. Alonzo presented an extensive number of photos depicting the condition of each facility, provided a brief history for each facility, highlighted the recent legalization of recreational cannabis use and proposed that the excise taxes from cannabis sales be utilized to fund improvements to the facilities to avoid increased usage fees to the citizens. Mr. Alonzo emphasized the fact that no requests for a budget increase has been made and the importance of obtaining some sort of revenue to maintain the needs and demands of the facilities.

Discussion followed regarding the information provided by Mr. Alonzo, support of recreational cannabis tax use for Parks and Recreation facility improvements, the potential to adopt-a-park and other civic support, facility priorities, liability issues, previous bonding and bonding capacity, acknowledgement of all those who have contributed to the Parks and Recreation Department, the number of current Parks and Recreation Department employees and the Council's appreciation of the Parks and Recreation staff for all they do.

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Mr. Alonzo advised he will submit a request to the City Council in the future to request usage of the cannabis excise tax funds for facility improvements. There was no official action taken by the Mayor and Councilors during the Work Session.

There being no further business to be discussed at the work session, Councilor Schaaf made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilor Schaaf, Palochak, Piano, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.



ATTEST:

Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk

Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor