

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico held in the Council Chambers at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Jackie McKinney
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Allan Landavazo 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 following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Regional Animal Shelter Programmatic Study Presentation – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

Joe Gallegos and Larry McDonald of Huitt-Zollars Advanced Designs, presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the design and two (2) proposed sites for the facility. Mr. Gallegos provided a brief overview regarding the current facility and issues considered designing the new facility.

Mr. McDonald provided design information, including program components and grouping, spatial organization, development and storage as well as a breakdown of the projected cost. Mr. Gallegos detailed the advantages and disadvantages of each proposed site, including Site 1 on Balok St. and Site 2 on Hasler Valley Rd, in addition to a cost comparison.

Discussion followed regarding the air quality near the site on Hasler Valley Road, conditions set forth by the property owners and the change in total costs for site development.

Councilor Palochak made the motion to table the selection of a proposed site for the new animal shelter. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

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2. Burke Drive Traffic Calming Study – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

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**Mr. Henderson said the Mayor and Councilors expressed interest on behalf of the neighborhood for a traffic calming study of Burke Drive, from Utah Circle to Aztec Avenue, to help curb the issue of speeding and improve roadway safety. A proposal was submitted from Civil Transformations of Albuquerque, New Mexico (CTA) in the amount of \$13,600. Mr. Henderson recommended approval to create a project line item within the 2019-2020 budget and transfer and expenditure of \$13,600.**

**Brief discussion followed regarding current safety issues.**

**Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the Burke Drive traffic calming study as presented. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Palochak, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.**

### **3. Ordinance No. C2020-2; An Ordinance Amending the Membership Requirements of the Indigenous People Commission – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk**

**Mr. Abeita said the current Ordinance provides for a board consisting of 5 voting members, including 3 residents from the county and 2 residents from the City. The proposed ordinance would make the residency requirements less restrictive by requiring the commission members to be residents of New Mexico within Gallup and McKinley County.**

**Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve Ordinance No. C2020-2 as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Palochak, Landavazo, Kumar and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.**

### **4. Request for Retroactive Approval of Emergency Procurement – Route 66 / Ford Waterline Project – Dennis Romero, Water and Wastewater Executive Director**

**Mr. Romero said a 6" waterline running West on NM 118 has experienced many breaks and was scheduled to be repaired this fiscal year. However, on January 24<sup>th</sup> part of the line broke requiring replacement. Water and Sanitation Department (WSD) requested permission to move forward with an emergency procurement to replace 400' of the line. DePauli Engineering developed a scope of work and bid sheet for Murphy Builders to use in compiling a cost proposal in the amount of \$186,961.91. Mr. Romero said the remainder of the line will be fixed this spring using the funds left for the initial project and requested approval of the Murphy Builders BID for the work that has been completed.**

**Discussion followed regarding the importance as well as the efforts made to be more proactive and the extraordinary work by staff in getting services restored in a timely manner.**

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Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the retroactive emergency procurement for Route 66/Ford Drive waterline repair as presented. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Palochak, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

**5. Approval of Part 4 of 5 Lodgers Tax Grants FY 20 – Jennifer Lazarz, Tourism and Marketing Manager**

Ms. Lazarz presented the recommendations of the Lodger's Tax Committee for Lodger's Tax funding as follows:

**Recommended Lodger's Tax Grant Awards FY 2020**

Lion's Club Multi-District Convention	\$4,000
Lion's Club Annual Open Rodeo	\$25,000
Manuelito Children's Home Memorial Day	\$5,000

The proposed grants total \$34,000 leaving a balance of \$15,629.02 for remaining FY20 events. However, the amount will be increased as unused funds, by events in the first two quarters, become available. Ms. Lazarz also said the deadline for applications is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion followed regarding the location and attendance of the Manuelito's Children's Home Memorial event, the collection of data regarding heads in beds, the evaluation process for specific events and the importance of utilizing lodger's tax funds for events that bring in over-night consumers.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve part 4 of 5 Lodger's Tax Grants. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Palochak, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

The following Presentation and Information Items were presented to the Mayor and Councilors:

**1. City of Gallup Behavioral Health Quarterly Reports – Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Investment Zone (BHIZ) and Sindy Bolanos-Sacoman, SBS Consulting**

Ms. Martinez presented data concerning Na'Nizhoozhi Center, Inc. (NCI), from January 2019 to December 2019, including monthly admissions to the detox center, 72-hour hold admits, shelter care with readings as well as with .000 BrAC. Ms. Martinez highlighted the increase in shelter admissions overall. She also provided information regarding available programs, trainings attended by staff, hosted and co-hosted events and Alcohol Outlet Density.

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Discussion followed regarding the number of liquor licenses permitted in the City versus the number of licenses present and the efforts made by Mayor and Councilors to help the issues.

Ms. Bolanos-Sacoman expressed her appreciation to Mayor and Councilors constant support of environmental strategies and the importance of increasing education and awareness amongst the public. She provided an overview of data collected including exposure deaths, alcohol related injury death rates, emergency calls, NCI admissions, counseling services and case management. She highlighted an increase in the quality of treatment and evidence based programs at NCI, funding provided to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital (RMCH) treatment and the GED Program. Other improvements include the electronic monitoring of cases using the AccuCare System database and the overall communication with medical service providers. Ms. Bolanos-Sacoman also provided information regarding the Preventing Alcohol Related Deaths (PARD) program including the number of graduates and an in depth analysis currently being conducted on the entire program.

Discussion followed regarding the reduction of exposure deaths, efforts made in response to Mayor and Councilors' requests, shelter times and functions and the overall increase in admissions and available space.

### **2. Strategic Plan Update – Jon De Young, Assistant City Manager**

Mr. DeYoung provided an update on the City's current strategic plan.

Discussion followed regarding staff's efforts in completing many of the projects and the importance of tracking the completion and progress of projects. Councilor Kumar requested that the presentation be provided upon the arrival of the new Mayor and potential Councilors.

### **3. Report on Housing Needs and New Initiatives – Richard Kontz, Gallup Housing Authority Executive Director**

Mr. Kontz provided information regarding affordable housing needs and requested the City's support in the future by authorizing land use and funding in the form of a grant.

Mayor McKinney encouraged Mr. Kontz to present the information at the Housing Summit next week. Mayor McKinney also provided his thoughts on housing development and the uniqueness of the City and recommended that Mr. Kontz return to the Council with an action item when for their proposal when it is ready.

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Discussion followed regarding the American dream of owning a home, importance of money management, GHA properties, the use of Section 32 Programs and the clean audit.

**Comments By The Public on Non-Agenda Items**

Mayor McKinney called Jennifer Bates to speak about a memorial wall she plans to build and recommended it be placed near the *We the People* sculpture on Maloney Avenue due to the available space and high volume of pedestrians. Ms. Bates said she will present the information at the next City Council meeting and also provided information regarding an annual law enforcement appreciation event she organizes.

**Comments By Mayor and City Councilors**

Councilor Garcia announced her neighborhood meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Gallup Senior Center.

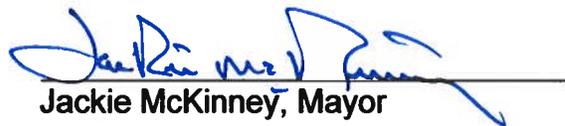
Councilor Landavazo encouraged everyone to buy and believe Gallup.

Councilor Palochak commended Public Works staff for continuously fixing the potholes.

Mayor McKinney mentioned an email he received regarding an article about skateboarding featuring Cecely Todacheenie, who was extremely helpful in the conception of the local skate park.

**Comments by City Manager and City Attorney**

Ms. Ustick announced that Jesus (Chuy) Morales is the new Fire Chief. She also requested John Wheeler, Electric Director, provide an update on the LED Street Light Project.



Jackie McKinney, Mayor



ATTEST:



Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk

Approved 3/10/2020