

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, July 12, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bonaguidi. Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Louie Bonaguidi
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Michael Schaaf Sarah Piano
Absent:	Fran Palochak, Councilor (<u>Excused</u>)
Also present:	Maryann Ustick, City Manager Lynn Isaacson, Acting City Attorney

Councilor Garcia certified for the record the only matter discussed during the Closed Session on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., were personnel matters related to the City Manager and the City Attorney. No action was taken during the closed session.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Award of Contract to Dekker Perich Sabatini for Professional Services to Update the City of Gallup Growth Management Master Plan
2. Water Enterprise and Environmental Surcharge Project Transfers and Closeouts
3. Recommendation of Award for Formal Bid No. 2205 – US Hwy 491 American Heritage Plaza Water and Sewer Line Relocation
4. Approval of Resolution No. R2022-23; U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant (R23AS0100005) Application Submission
5. Street Department Request for a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$37,750. for a Position Reclassification

Councilor Piano requested Item 3, of the Consent Agenda, pulled for discussion.

Councilor Schaaf made a motion to approve Items 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Piano. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Piano, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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- 3. Recommendation of Award for Formal Bid No. 2205 – US Hwy 491 American Heritage Plaza Water and Sewer Line Relocation – Adrian Marrufo, Acting Water and Wastewater Director**

Discussion followed regarding a discrepancy in the total project amount listed on the agenda and the total amount listed on the BID tabulation. Staff said they would look into the matter, however, listed contingencies would cover the difference if necessary.

Councilor Piano requested approval of the award to be determined by the correct amount or acknowledgment of the approval of the total amount listed on the bid tabulation of \$778,117.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the award of Formal Bid No. 2205 in the amount of \$855,201.59, including contingencies. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Piano and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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

- 1. Request for Closure of the Lower Parking Lot at the Courthouse Plaza for Rally 4 Recovery Event to be held on September 17, 2022 – Maura Schanefelt, Four Corners Detox Recovery Center Operations Manager**

Ms. Shanefelt provided information regarding the conception, mission and goal of the event, explained the intended use of the requested area, provided event details and listed additional participants, including Gallup Fire Department and the McKinley County DWI Program.

Brief discussion followed regarding the importance of awareness and support of the cause.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the request for closure of the lower parking lot at Courthouse Plaza. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Piano and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

- 2. Application for Private Security Guard Business License by Securitas Security Services USA Inc. – Franklin Boyd, Chief of Police**

Chief Boyd presented the application and stated all necessary documents were included, as well as the required State License. He recommended approval of the business license.

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Brief discussion followed regarding the businesses base location.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve the business license for Securitas Security Services. Seconded by Councilor Piano. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Piano, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

JoAnn Benenati encouraged Councilor Piano to continue to ask questions during City Council meetings. Ms. Benenati expressed concerns with issues at the Fitness Center including increased fees and inoperative equipment.

Terry Chavez, local veteran, thanked Councilor Garcia for attending a recent Veterans meeting and mentioned issues with sinking headstones at Hillcrest Cemetery, specifically at Veteran's gravesites and requested support in getting them fixed.

Sgt. Nicola Martinez-Collins, Gallup Police Officer, requested assistance in obtaining a more competitive pay scale within the Gallup Police Department. She provided information regarding the Gallup Emergency Response Team (ERT), New Mexico Public Safety certified officers, K-9 Team, detectives, response data and concerns with the number of experienced officers who have left and plan on leaving in the future.

Discussion followed regarding Mayor and Councilors support, reasonable pay as compared to similar cities, previous pay raises, current union negotiations, strategic planning to recruit and retain officers, declaration of an emergency, the possibility of scheduling a work session and consideration to the significant increase in population of Gallup at certain times of the month.

Comments by Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Schaaf announced the City's Community Cleanup Campaign taking place on the east side of Gallup from Boardman Drive to Rehoboth on Saturday July 16, 2022. He thanked all City employees for their efforts.

Councilor Garcia mentioned the Veterans meeting she attended regarding the Veterans headstones at Hillcrest Cemetery. She also commented on the events she recently attended, including Wild Thing Championship Bull Riding, the Levitt Amp Concert Series and ArtsCrawl, all of which were well attended.

Councilor Piano said the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo was canceled.

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Mayor Bonaguidi commented on the multiple events that have taken place in the city.

Comments by the City Manager and City Attorney

None.

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





Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk