

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, August 8, 2023.

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
Also present:	Jon DeYoung, Interim City Manager David Eason, City Attorney

Mr. Eason certified for the record that the only matters discussed during the closed session held on July 31, 2023 was matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City may become a participant. The closed session was held pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(7).

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors was the following Presentation and Information Item:

1. Keep Gallup Clean & Beautiful (KGCB) Board Highlights & Awards – Elizabeth Barriga, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Ms. Barriga presented awards recognizing environmental stewardship exemplified by businesses, individuals, schools, community organizations and civic groups. Among those awarded were Tera Selleck, Linda Popavich, Sarah Fitzgerald, Labor Persinger, Kevin Zwiers, a group of Rehoboth High School students and Vanessa Duckett. Ms. Barriga thanked the Mayor and Councilors and congratulated the awarded individuals.

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

1. Approval of Minutes from the McKinley County Board of Commissioner Joint Work Session on July 13, 2023, Planning and Zoning Commission Joint Work Session and the Regular City Council Meetings held on July 25, 2023
2. Request for Parking Lot Closure for the Annual New Mexico State Police Conference and Vehicle Inspections to be Held on Monday, August 28, 2023
3. Appointment of Peter Gonzales to the Gallup Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
4. Approval of Board Appointment for the NM Municipal Energy Acquisition Authority

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5. IT Budget Adjustment for Training, Maintenance and Professional Services
6. Acceptance of Award of Funding from the Department of Finance and Administration in the Amount of \$30,000 for Grants Management for Local Governments and Local Councils of Government
7. Approval of Resolution No. R2023-18 to Accept the New Mexico Department of Transportation Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement No. L600225 for the City's Annual Mill and Overlay Program

Councilor Piano requested the removal of Consent Agenda Item 7 for discussion.

Councilor Schaaf made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Piano and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

7. Approval of Resolution No. R2023-18 to Accept the New Mexico Department of Transportation Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement No. L600225 for the City's Annual Mill and Overlay Program – Robert Hamblen, Public Works Director

Discussion followed regarding the increase in funding from previous years, determination of streets to be included, street previously completed, limitations due to increased asphalt costs and explanation of the mill and overlay process. Mr. Hamblen was present via Zoom and answered questions posed by the Mayor and Councilors.

Councilor Schaaf made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-18. Seconded by Councilor Piano. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Piano, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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

1. Approval of Resolution No. R2023-19 to Accept the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division Grant GUP-24-01 and Award of Contract to Armstrong Consultants Inc. for task Order "B" for the Airport Terminal Building Design – Robert Hamblen, Public Works Director

Mr. Hamblen presented the proposed resolution to accept the New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division Grant in the amount of \$616,000, which is 100% reimbursable and does not require a city match and the procurement of professional services from Armstrong Consultants to complete the project. This will provide staff additional grant opportunities to fund the construction of a new terminal. Mr. Hamblen requested approval of a budget adjustment to revenue and expenditure in the amount of \$616,000 and approval of Resolution R2023-19.

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Discussion followed regarding the building size, goals to expand the airline service with regard to necessary TSA requirements, included spaces for a US Boarder Control Customs Agent, Fixed Based Operator, potential for a rental car service and other amenities, design and construction timeframe and the difficulty in getting bids for this project. Appreciation was expressed to Senator George Munoz for his help in acquiring funds during the last legislative session.

Councilor Piano made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-19. Seconded by Councilor Schaaf. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Schaaf, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

2. Approval of Resolution No. R2023-22; Annual NM Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan – Clyde (C.B.) Strain, Planning and Zoning Development Director

Mr. Strain presented the proposed resolution pursuant to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) requirement that local governments systematically develop and annually submit a five (5) year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) as a means of refining development needs and identifying funding sources, which is then used by State agencies involved in funding local government projects as a means of analyzing proposed capital outlay bills during the state legislative sessions. Mr. Strain provided a complete listing of all proposed ICIP projects, previously approved by the City Council during the 2023-2024 budget process. He explained all projects are conceptual in nature within -25% to 75% of completed projects costs, are repeatedly refined as each project is planned, programmed, designed and constructed and are not listed in any priority order other than year. He also said DFA will no longer allow changes after submission and before the State Legislature convenes. Staff requested tentative identification of the 2024 top five (5) legislative priorities and approval of the projects included in the form of a resolution. Staff proposed the following top five priorities:

1. Replace Cast Iron Lines
2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
3. Gallup Water Wells
4. New Airport Terminal
5. Ford Canyon Artificial Turf Replacement

Discussion followed regarding agreement with the provided priorities and the importance of all items, water well status, importance of roads, concerns regarding the road repairs needed upon cast iron line replacement, use of additional Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) revenues to fund road improvements, completed road projects, infrastructure

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complications and improvements and forthcoming ideas provided by staff regarding road prioritization. Mr. Strain emphasized the city's needs versus the list of priorities.

Councilor Schaaf made a motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-22. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Piano and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors was the following Discussion Item:

1. Appointment of a District 4 City Councilor – Mayor Louie Bonaguidi

Mayor Bonaguidi announced the procedure to replace District 4's Councilor pursuant to the City of Gallup Charter, requested any nominations from current Council members and suggested anyone interested in the position submit their letters of intent and/or resumes to the City Clerk by Tuesday, August 15th. Public interviews will be conducted and the new Councilor will be appointed at the August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Discussion followed regarding guidelines or criteria for the selection process, the methods of advertisement, specific submission requirements, public interviews to be held during a work session and the residency requirements for eligibility.

Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Laura Ippel and Phil Nielson presented an overview of their business plan to open a Children's Museum including details regarding partners, committee members, community meetings and input, interactive learning, timeline, fundraising, overall intentions, economic impact and goals. They provided their website address and invited everyone to attend a community meeting on August 30, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Children's Library.

Felicia Fertig spoke in favor of adopting an ordinance to make Gallup a sanctuary city for the unborn.

Pablo Martinez, submitted a resolution for the Mayor and Councilors' review in support of a referendum project regarding recently passed legislation at the state level.

Andrea Butler provided comment on planned parenthood with regard to human trafficking.

Cheryl Batista, Registered Nurse, also commented on statistics pertaining to human sex trafficking.

Comments by Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Bonaguidi commented on his attendance of the inspection of the Gallup Police Department vehicles, announced the beginning of the 101st Inter-Tribal Ceremonial and encouraged everyone to attend the events.

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Councilor Schaaf congratulated the new Fire Chief, Jon Pairett, introduced the new Human Resources Director, Kenneth Cooper, thanked the Gallup Police Department for the invitation to their annual inspection and to the State Police for providing their service to the City during that time. He echoed the Mayor's comments regarding the Ceremonial and thanked all City staff for all they do.

Councilor Garcia congratulated Fire Chief Jon Pairett, expressed appreciation to be a part of the Gallup Police Department's inspection, announced the upcoming weekend activities, acknowledged Tammi Moe, Library Director, for the exceptional job she does and the numerous activities hosted by her and her staff.

Councilor Piano mentioned her attendance at the Freedom Ride, Flight and Cruise event and the Business Expo. She also noted the number of programs trying to find animal fosters and urged citizens to help by adopting animals and donating to the cause.

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.



ATTEST:

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Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louie Bonaguidi", is written over a horizontal line.
Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor