

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 4:00 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

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

1. City of Gallup Vendor Ordinance – Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

In response to comments made by William Newton, owner of Wacky Waffles, at the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2023, Mr. Abeita said a suggestion was made to hold a Work Session to discuss Mr. Newton’s concerns about the City’s current Vendor Ordinance and how it pertains to the operation of food trucks.

Mr. Newton provided a list of concerns including the distinction of a “pop-up,” food vendor versus a permanent food truck, specific mention of a food truck, the limited hours of operation despite the fact that vendors are restricted to private property and must meet fire and health code requirements, the four-hour limit restrictions and the controlled locations listed in the code and restrictions with regard to the number of vendors per lot. Mr. Newton suggested condensing certain codes with regard to location restrictions, explained how some of the restrictions negatively effect food truck vendors, the potential to designate an area for food trucks and concerns that the current code can be utilized to isolate certain food truck owners.

Discussion followed regarding the influx of food trucks, amendments that may help ease the burden on Code Enforcement, concerns with enforcement consistency, the numerous regulations, the ordinance’s conception and intent, Code Enforcement’s prioritization of food trucks, other municipalities handling of food trucks, safety concerns, consideration of designated areas and necessary accommodations, parking space usage on private property, definition suggestions, consideration of the time it takes to set up and tear down, time limit regulations while brick and mortar businesses do not have a limitation of business operations.

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Mr. DeYoung recommended City staff meet on the issues discussed and work towards recommendations to update the ordinance that benefits all parties.

Councilor Piano requested City staff examine public space options that could accommodate multiple food trucks.

There being no further discussion, Councilor Schaaf made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Piano. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Piano, Garcia 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