

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, October 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louie Bonaguidi. He provided instructions to the public viewing the meeting through Facebook Live on how to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

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| Mayor: | Louie Bonaguidi |
| Councilors: | Linda Garcia Michael Schaaf Yogash Kumar Fran Palochak |
| Also present: | Maryann Ustick, City Manager Curtis Hayes, City Attorney |

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Proclamation declaring October 2021 Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Ustick said the proclamation will be displayed inside City Hall throughout October.

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

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2021**
- 2. Award of Formal Bid 2115 – Maintenance Shop Exhaust System**
- 3. Budget Adjustment for SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant**
- 4. Budget Adjustment for Walmart Community Grant**
- 5. Budget Adjustment for the Grant Agreement Between the NM Dept. of Transportation and the City of Gallup (Contract No. TSO4917)**
- 6. Approval of Resolution No. R2021-35 to Accept State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement No. 21-F2806 for a New Public Safety Building**
- 7. Approval of Resolution No. R2021-36 to Accepting State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement No. 21F2805 to Purchase New Police Vehicles**

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- 8. Approval of Resolution No. R2021-34 to Accept a New Mexico Department of Transportation, Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Grant Agreement to Fund Construction of Phase II of the Coal Avenue Commons Project**
- 9. Budget Adjustment for Change Order No. 1 – Santa Fe Wells No. 11 & 12 Modifications Construction Contract 1**
- 10. Budget Transfer of Capital Improvement Project Funding to Replace Waterlines on Lincoln Avenue, Vega Avenue and Strong Drive – Project No. JU2012**
- 11. Budget Transfer of Capital Improvement Project Funding to Replace Waterlines on US Hwy 491 and American Heritage Plaza – Project No. JU2010**

Ms. Ustick requested Consent Agenda Item 2 be removed from the agenda and tabled until the Regular Meeting scheduled on October 26, 2021 due to an issue with the budget adjustment that was not advertised.

Discussion followed regarding Item #9 with regard to the total budget adjustment and future approval requirements based on a minimum requested dollar amount.

Councilor Schaaf made a motion to approve item number 1 and items 3 through 11 of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Palochak, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

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

- 1. Approve Resolution No. R2021-33; Adopting the Modified Gallup Downtown Redevelopment Plan – Clyde (C.B.) Strain, Planning and Development Director**

Mr. Strain requested approval of Resolution No. R2021-33, thereby adopting the modified Gallup Downtown Redevelopment Plan, Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) Plan, which must be reviewed and updated every 5 to 7 years. Mr. Strain introduced Brandon Howe, Planner for Northwest Council of Governments (COG) who is leading the modifications of the MRA Plan.

Mr. Howe presented a PowerPoint presentation including information regarding the 2-Year Work Program with the City, efforts by the Downtown Coordinating Committee, financing strategy, the COG's approach and internal processes and a list of contributing members. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached hereto and made a part of these official minutes.

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Discussion followed regarding the approved location and conceptual site plan of the new library building and redevelopment plan for the Alpine property.

Councilor Schaaf made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2021-33. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Schaaf, Garcia, Kumar, Palochak and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

2. Approve GRT Bond Issue, Option 1 – Maryann Ustick, City Manager and Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Ustick provided information regarding the City Council's discussion at the last Regular Meeting, explained the bond schedule and process according to the New Mexico Department of Finance and the preferred closing date. She also proposed potential language for submission to include public safety building construction, turfing and returfing fields as well as milling and repaving streets.

Ms. Holland clarified the desired projects and dollar amounts are based on City Council's discretion however, intended projects must be identified and bond proceeds must fund the identified projects.

Discussion followed regarding the chronological order of the listed projects once submitted, estimated amounts to returf one field and street improvements for one block, remaining amount needed for the public safety building and the expiration of previous funding from the Governor.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve GRT bond option 1 for funding in FY22 for public safety building construction and for turfing/returfing sports fields and milling/repaving street with any remaining bond funding. Seconded by Councilor Palochak. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Palochak, Schaaf, Garcia and Mayor Bonaguidi all voted yes.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Jo Ann Benenati encouraged the Mayor and Councilors to consider the implementation of rank choice voting and provided resources, including New Mexico First and Fair Vote New Mexico to obtain information and research regarding the electoral system.

Comments by Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Palochak thanked Ben Welch, Community Services Coordinator, for coordinating the 9th Annual Veterans Stand Down and Hand-up Project. She also commended all City employees for their hard work regardless of the colder weather.

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Councilor Schaaf echoed Councilor Palochak's sentiments and reminded everyone of this weekend's book sale organized by the Octavia Fellin Public Library staff.

Chief Boyd responded to questions posed by Councilor Kumar regarding protocols in place to avoid deaths related to extremely cold temperatures.

Councilor Garcia commended Rhonda Quintana for coordinating ArtsCrawl, as well as everyone who helped organize the event. She reminded everyone of Fire Prevention Month in October, thanked Fire Department staff for visiting Gallup McKinley County Schools. She also mentioned October being Breast Cancer Awareness month and stressed the importance of having mammograms done.

Mayor Bonaguidi also commended Mr. Welch and Ms. Quintana, expressed excitement for the completion of Coal Avenue construction and acknowledged Adrian Marrufo, Solid Waste Director and Solid Waste Department for the outstanding service they provide.

Comments by City Manager and City Attorney

Ms. Ustick mentioned the alley gates between 2nd and 3rd Street and expressed her appreciation to those who have volunteered to lock and unlock the gates. She also provided updates regarding Coal Avenue Commons project including the installation of water and sewer lines between 2nd Street to 4th Street, the interruption of service due to the installation of conduit and the lighting in the Downtown Walkway.

Brief discussion followed regarding the areas affected by the scheduled power outage.

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



ATTEST:

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Alicia Palacios, Deputy City Clerk

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Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor