

Minutes of the Work Session of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec, at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Mendoza.

At such meeting, the following were present, constituting a quorum:

Mayor:	Harry Mendoza
Councilors:	John J. Azua Mike Enfield Allan Landavazo E. Bryan Wall
Also present:	R. David Pederson, City Attorney/Acting City Manager

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following discussion items:

1. Discussion on Improvements Needed for Wrangler Rodeo – Dudley Byerley

Mr. Byerley said preparations are currently being made for hosting this year's Wrangler Junior High School Finals Rodeo. Preliminary figures reveal a direct impact of about \$1.7 million to the local economy based on hosting last year's rodeo. Wichita, Kansas was unsuccessful in complying with their commitment to hosting the rodeo for 2012 and 2013; therefore, Gallup has another opportunity in submitting a bid to host the rodeo for said years. If Gallup prefers to submit a bid to host the rodeo for 2012 and 2013, the City will need to submit a letter of intent by March 15, 2010 and submit a proposal to host the rodeo by May 15, 2010. The opening of the proposals will be conducted in Gillette, Wyoming in July 2010. Since Farmington has dropped out of the rotation for the National High School Finals Rodeo, Gallup has an opportunity to submit a proposal to host the High School Finals Rodeo, back to back with the Junior High School Finals Rodeo in 2014 and 2015. To host the High School Finals Rodeo it will require a larger trade show building, additional camp sites and a cutting horse arena. The construction of a roof cover over the current Jackpot Arena may be sufficient for the cutting horse events. If Gallup is interested in hosting the High School Finals Rodeo, the City would need to submit a proposal by January 2011. The direct economic impact of hosting both the Junior High and the High School Finals Rodeos would be about \$7 million each year in hosting the rodeos.

Mayor Mendoza asked about the total amount of funds required to upgrade Red Rock Park for the High School Finals Rodeo. Mr. Byerley said it would roughly cost about \$75,000 to \$85,000 to cover the arena and about \$1 million for a new trade show building. About 300 additional camps would be needed to host both rodeos as plastic pipes with faucets could be used for water distribution and electricity would also be

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Councilor Landavazo asked why Farmington is not able to host the National High School Finals Rodeo any longer. Mr. Byerley said Farmington had significant costs in hosting the rodeo, such as the rental of the arena, grand stands, bucking chutes and a "jumbo-tron" for viewing purposes. Mr. Byerley said Farmington receives the proceeds from the trade show, concessionaires, and a percentage from the admission fees after Farmington has met the gate guarantee, plus the return of a \$50,000 deposit. Mr. Byerley said he would not negotiate such a contract for Gallup to host the rodeos. Councilor Landavazo said he heard Farmington's losses were in the millions to previously host the High School Finals Rodeo. Councilor Landavazo asked for more information concerning Farmington's situation in order for the Mayor and Councilors to consider whether to submit a bid for the High School Finals Rodeo.

Councilor Enfield asked if a large tent could be used to house the vendors. Mr. Byerley said they previously used a tent; however, the tent area was flooded during heavy rain storms and there would be high costs to rent an air conditioning system to cool the tent.

Councilor Wall asked about the funding of about \$3 million to \$4 million as previously mentioned by Mr. Byerley. Although there are no guarantees, Mr. Byerley said he believes there is money available from an unspecified source for infrastructure improvements needed for the rodeos. Councilor Wall also asked for documented information concerning the possibility of hosting the National High School Finals Rodeo.

Mayor Mendoza instructed Mr. Pederson to include this item for action on the next Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Pederson said he has also spoken with Mr. Byerley concerning the need for additional information for both the Junior High and High School Finals Rodeo. Mr. Pederson recommended the consideration of a letter of intent to host the Wrangler Junior High School Finals Rodeo for 2012 and 2013 at the next Regular Session since the City has previously hosted the event. Since there will need for a large investment in Red Rock Park, Mr. Pederson said the Mayor and Councilors will need to seriously consider whether to submit a proposal in January 2011 to host the National High School Finals Rodeo.

Councilor Enfield asked about the possibility of hosting both rodeos beyond 2013. Mr. Byerley said the National High School Rodeo Association would like host both rodeos back to back at the same location in order to cut the costs for both the host city and the Association during both events. After 2014, there may be a rotation of the locations every six years. Councilor Enfield asked about the two year rotation rule. Mr. Byerley said the two year rotation rule has been changed to six years.

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Mayor Mendoza thanked Mr. Byerley for his presentation and for the hard work in bringing rodeos to town.

2. Update on Address Changes for Enhanced 911 System – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

Mr. Henderson apologized for the lack of publicity for the project. In the past, an address was assigned primarily for mailing services and the physical location of a property was not a concern for postal deliveries. Currently, a permanent and unique physical address that clearly identifies where a property is physically located is paramount for Metro Dispatch and emergency services. The current addressing problem originates from the older neighborhood addresses that were not corrected in 1992 when the City adopted its official addressing guidelines, inconsistent direction prefixes and street suffixes, inconsistent odd and even street numbers, inconsistent block numbering of broken city streets, and a postal friendly policy that gave property owners their choice of address for their property with multiple street frontages. In 2008, the City's consultants performed an address synchronization project with the Geographical Information System (GIS) and an address synchronization project with the City's Naviline System in 2009. In January 2010, the change of address notifications were mailed out to affected property owners. The public's concerns includes the lack of advance notice being given concerning pending address changes, reliable postal mail delivery and the inconvenience and cost of changing addresses. He stressed the fact that there are two separate issues concerning this matter: 1) postal services and 2) emergency services. Regarding postal services, he said the public has over one year to change their addresses as the United States Postal Service will forward first class mail and priority mail for 12 months at no charge as long as the sender did not place a non-forwarding endorsement on the mail piece. Regarding emergency services, the City has to change the addresses and submit the changes to Metro Dispatch to include in their Master Street Address Guide. The changes are finally submitted to Qwest for the purpose of updating their caller identification database. Once the addresses are updated by Qwest, then the address will appear on the GIS screens at Metro Dispatch. During the past two weeks, the public has provided feedback and questions concerning the errors made by the consultants primarily affecting the properties located in older neighborhoods and in cul-de-sacs throughout the city. There is no change of address required for the Post Office as the Post Office will change their records based on the notice received by the City. If a person is in doubt, it is recommended that the person does not change their address for utilities, banking and other personal business until April 2010 as the City will mail corrected address in March 2010. If there are questions or concerns, he asked the public to contact the City's Engineering Department. A person may also appeal an address change by submitting their request in writing to the Engineering Department, which will be forwarded to Metro Dispatch for a public safety determination.

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Mayor Mendoza asked if odd and even address numbers will be used in cul-de-sacs. Mr. Henderson responded yes. Mayor Mendoza asked about houses located in the middle of cul-de-sacs. Mr. Henderson said it depends on where each house is located based on the center line through the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Henderson provided an overview of the City's addressing guidelines from 1992. The addressing pattern follows the traditional grid system that originates from the intersection of Highway 66 and First Street. There are older neighborhoods that do not comply with the addressing guidelines which results in many inconsistencies in the previous block numbering of addresses. Mr. Henderson also presented the sequence of events for Enhanced 911 which originated from action taken by the New Mexico Legislature as early as 1978.

Councilor Enfield said he experienced a problem with locating one of his constituents for a meeting. Councilor Enfield said the access to the constituent's front door faces a defunct alley and the constituent's home is located behind another home on Princeton Avenue. Mr. Henderson said a building that is facing the alley frontage will have a "B" designation on the address number. The "B" designation of an address will alert emergency responders to approach the rear of the property when responding to a call for emergency assistance. The current "1/2" address designations will be changed to "B" address designations. Councilor Enfield asked if the equipment at Metro Dispatch recognizes Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates from cell phones. Glendora Orphey from Metro Dispatch said the caller's phone needs to have GPS functions that are turned on in order for the equipment at Metro Dispatch to detect the GPS coordinates from the caller.

In reviewing the sequence of events for Enhanced 911, Mr. Pederson said the implementation of the database requirements did not occur until funding mechanisms were put into place by the State. Although the City acknowledges that it performed a poor job in notifying the public concerning the address changes, he said the public needs to understand that the purpose of the address changes are for reasons of public safety.

Mr. Henderson said public service announcements concerning the address changes are being published in the local newspapers and broadcasted over the radio. He also said City and Metro Dispatch staff is available to provide presentations and to answer questions concerning the project at Neighborhood Association Meetings.

Mayor Mendoza asked if any member of the audience would like to address the Mayor and Councilors concerning the address changes. There were none.

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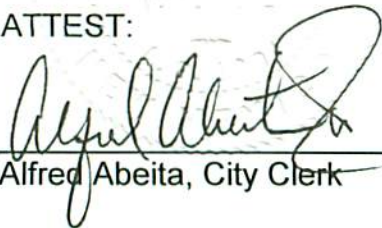
Councilor Landavazo also said Mr. Henderson will provide a presentation on the address changes during the District 2 Neighborhood Association Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Red Hills Mobile Home Park Recreation Center. He informed the Councilors that if they have constituents that are anxious about the address changes, the constituents are invited to attend the meeting.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned.




Mayor Harry Mendoza

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 3/11/2010