

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, August 10, 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 Manager & City Attorney

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

1. Presentation by the United States Census Bureau – Robert Lucero, Partnership Specialist, United States Census Bureau

Mr. Lucero presented an award to the Mayor and Councilors thanking the City of Gallup for its support and partnership in conducting the 2010 United States Census. He also presented statistical data concerning the current census which affects the calculations used to determine local federal assistance funding and government representation.

Mayor Mendoza asked if there was any indication that Gallup and McKinley County has seen a growth in population during the past ten years. Mr. Lucero said the population in Gallup under the 2000 Census was 20,209 and is projected to be at 20,001 under the 2010 Census.

Councilor Enfield asked about the median age difference from 2000 to 2010. Mr. Lucero said the United States Census Bureau's website will have the requested information for Gallup.

2. Presentation on the Mechanical, Electrical and Sheet Metal Alliance (MESA) of New Mexico "Projects That Matter" – Steve Crespin, Executive Director, Mechanical Contractors Association of New Mexico

Mr. Crespin provided an overview of MESA, which is an alliance of union construction contractors which focuses on job creation and expansion through its apprenticeship programs. Amanda Molina of MESA said The Projects That Matter program encourages the use of MESA contractors for the most highly technical construction jobs and projects.

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3. Presentation on the Fast Forward New Mexico Project – Susan Oberlander, New Mexico State Librarian

Ms. Oberlander presented a summary of the overall functions of the State Library and its services. The Octavia Fellin Public Library is one of sixteen libraries throughout the state which will benefit from a \$1.5 million grant from the United States Department of Commerce for the Fast Forward New Mexico Project to promote computer literacy and the adoption and utilization of broadband services. Level I training will consist of basic computer skills and online learning and Level II training will provide online tools for entrepreneurs and small businesses. The public is invited to the state-wide launch of the program which will take place on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Octavia Fellin Public Library.

4. Update on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Allison Corridor and I-40 Interchange Feasibility Study – Albert Thomas, Bohannon Huston, Inc.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Pederson said Mr. Thomas is not able to make his presentation until the Work Session of August 24, 2010.

The following items that will be considered during the next Regular Session were presented to the Mayor and Councilors for discussion only:

1. Appointment of Fran Pawlowski to the Planning and Zoning Commission – Mayor Harry Mendoza

Mayor Mendoza recommended the appointment of Mr. Pawlowski to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. Resolution R2010-26; Fiscal Year 2010-11 State Cooperative Funding Agreement – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

Mr. Henderson said the New Mexico Department of Transportation has made \$116,656.00 available for the maintenance of city streets this fiscal year. The agreement with the State requires a funding match from the City in the amount of \$38,885.00. The total amount of \$155,541.00 will be used for augmenting the Street Department's maintenance and repair budget to mill and overlay local neighborhood streets.

3. Resolution R2010-27; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funding Agreement – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

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Mr. Henderson said the City was awarded CDBG funds in the amount of \$375,000 from the State which requires a funding match from the City in the amount of \$325,000. The total amount of \$700,000 will be used for infrastructure and capital improvements to the Sky City Public Housing area. The project includes the reconstruction of aged utility lines, roadway improvements, and curb, gutter and sidewalk installation.

Councilor Landavazo asked how many phases are included in the project. Mr. Henderson said the funding will be used for Phase II of the five phase project to reconstruct six streets in the Sky City Public Housing area. Councilor Landavazo asked about the construction costs for Phase III, IV and V of the project. Mr. Henderson said the total construction costs for all five phases of the project are about \$3 million. Councilor Enfield asked about the age of the existing water and sewer lines in the Sky City Public Housing area. Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities, said the water and sewer lines were constructed over 30 years ago when the public housing units were first developed. Mr. Henderson said the project includes the replacement of water and sewer lines. Councilor Wall asked about the City providing \$37,500 or 10% cash match in addition to the \$350,000 leveraging as specified in Exhibit A of the project description. Lisa Baca Diaz of Primero Planning, said Exhibit A has an error and the \$350,000 needs to reflect a reduction of the \$37,500. Mrs. Baca Diaz said the City would need to pay the funding match of \$325,000 which includes a minimum 10% cash match of \$37,500.

4. Request for Street Closure for the Fireball Run to be Held September 26-27, 2010 – Debbie Garcia, Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Mayor Mendoza said the paperwork required for the event is in proper order.

5. Memorandum of Understanding with the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Establishing the Basis of Negotiations for the Possible Purchase of Water – Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities

Based on the requirements of the recently enacted federal Navajo-Gallup Water Pipeline legislation, Mr. Allgood said the City is required to enter into a water delivery subcontract with either the Navajo Nation or the Jicarilla Apache Nation for an acquired alternate source of water. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes certain terms and conditions forming the basis of negotiations for a 50 year, seventy-five hundred (7,500) acre foot per year water supply contract with the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Mr. Pederson said the cost for purchasing water is unknown at this time; however, the MOU provides a mechanism in keeping the Jicarilla Apache Nation as one of the three partners in the Navajo-Gallup Water Pipeline Project.

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Councilor Wall asked about the discrepancy between the cover memorandum to the Mayor and Councilors and the actual MOU concerning the number of acre feet of water per year. Mr. Allgood said the correct amount to be negotiated is 7,500 acre feet of water per year.

6. Memorandum of Agreement with the Navajo Nation on Behalf of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to Address Racial Discrimination Against Navajo Citizens, Other Indigenous Peoples and Minorities – R. David Pederson, City Manager/City Attorney

Mr. Pederson said the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was created by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission to address race relations with cities and towns surrounding the Navajo Nation. Under the MOA, both parties agree to meet at least once a year to review joint initiatives and activities of the parties, including a discussion to address improving racial tolerance and relations. Mr. Pederson said he added a fourth paragraph to the Preamble of the MOA that mentions the City's racial diversity and tolerance and the City's unique relationship with the Navajo Nation and its people in comparison to other towns surrounding the Navajo Nation.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned.



Mayor Harry Mendoza

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 8/24/2010