

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Mendoza.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Harry Mendoza

Councilors: John J. Azua
Mike Enfield
Allan Landavazo
E. Bryan Wall

Also present: R. David Pederson, City Manager &
City Attorney

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Commendation to Dewayne Holder for being selected as Gallup Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2010.

The Mayor and Councilors also presented a Proclamation to the Gallup Old Timers Softball Association and declared September 3-5, 2010 as Gallup Old Timers Softball Association Weekend.

Mayor Mendoza also presented Mayor's Award pins to the Boy Scouts in the audience.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of August 10, 2010.

Councilor Wall made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Azua. Roll call: Councilors Wall, Azua, Landavazo, Enfield and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.

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

1. Appointment of Jimmy Montano to the Gallup Sports and Youth Commission – Mayor Harry Mendoza
2. Resolution R2010-28; A Resolution in Support of Immediate Congressional Action to Authorize Legislation Allowing Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs – David Brunt, Gallup Solar
3. Certified Communities Initiative Application – Pete Kelly, Economic Development Director and Bob Kuipers, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

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4. Resolution R2010-29; A Resolution of the City of Gallup, New Mexico, Authorizing Submission of an Application for Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding to Design Storm Drainage Improvements at the Gallup Municipal Airport – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

Councilor Enfield made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Wall, Landavazo, Azua and Mayor Mendoza voted aye.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors:

Councilor Enfield said he would like the City to revive its Sidewalk Improvement Program it had years ago where the property owner and the City would share costs to improve sidewalks in all of the City's neighborhoods. Mayor Mendoza agreed and said he helped implement the program when he first served as a Councilor during the 1980's. Mayor Mendoza recommended allocating funds to resurrect the Sidewalk Improvement Program. Mr. Pederson provided historical details concerning the program and would like to identify a funding source to allocate funds for the program for each Council District. Councilor Enfield asked how long it would take for the Mayor and Councilors to take action to implement the program. Mr. Pederson said City staff could review the matter during the next two weeks and the Mayor and Councilors could take action to implement the program as early as the next regular Council meeting. Councilor Wall said a section of curb is missing along Second Street between Coal Avenue and Highway 66. Councilor Wall asked if it was the City's responsibility to maintain the curb. Mr. Henderson said the City's Land Development Standards require the property owner or developer to maintain the curb as the City is responsible for maintaining the roadway. Mr. Henderson also said the Mayor and Councilors have previously authorized the City to install new curb, gutter and sidewalks as part of major roadway reconstruction projects. Councilor Azua expressed his concerns with a sidewalk that ends at a blind spot toward the intersection of Park Avenue and Third Street. Since there is increased traffic congestion with the beginning of the school year, Councilor Azua said the sidewalk poses a safety hazard. Mr. Henderson said he could retrieve the information from the previous Sidewalk Improvement Program for the City Manager's review and present the matter at the next regular Council meeting.

Councilor Landavazo asked for an update on the proposed quiet zone. Mr. Pederson said he will send a letter to the City Manager in Flagstaff, Arizona to obtain information concerning the implementation of the quiet zone at the downtown railroad crossings in Flagstaff. Mr. Pederson also said he will send a letter to Molzen Corbin to request

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information concerning the work performed for the quiet zone project in Milan, New Mexico. Mr. Pederson said he may obtain the services of Molzen Corbin to perform an assessment of the Second Street and Third Street railroad crossings, with the remaining crossings at Allison and Mentmore to be phased in at a later time depending on costs. Discussion followed concerning the quiet zone established in Flagstaff, the similarity of the Flagstaff crossings with the Second and Third Street crossings in Gallup and the similarity of the crossing in Milan with the crossings at Allison and Mentmore.

Councilor Azua said he received a phone call from a constituent suggesting that the State saved substantial money on road construction projects and based on the savings, the State would make money available for other projects. Councilor Azua asked Mr. Henderson if he received any information from the State. Mr. Henderson said he has not received any such information from the State and funding for roadway maintenance and improvements within District 6 is still very tight. Councilor Landavazo said the additional money mentioned by Councilor Azua is American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that were saved on various roadway projects. Councilor Landavazo said Governor Bill Richardson has already selected twelve roadway projects throughout the state to be financed with surplus ARRA funds.

Councilor Wall asked about the City's enforcement efforts on weed control. Mr. Pederson said City staff is doing its best with limited resources in conducting code enforcement on weed control. Mr. Pederson also said he instructed City staff to ensure all of the weeds are under control on City owned property in order to set an example for local residents.

A member from the audience questioned the motion required for approval on all Consent Agenda items. The audience member said the Agenda states the motion required approval of only items 1-3 when there were 4 items considered. Mayor Mendoza and Mr. Pederson assured the audience that the motion was properly made and seconded to approve all four Consent Agenda items and the votes from the Mayor and Councilors reflected approval of all four consent agenda items.

Mayor Mendoza commended Robert Soto, Fire Chief and Debbie Garcia, Convention and Visitors Specialist, for their work on the Tour of Duty event that took place last week. The event consisted of about 40 runners running from Santa Monica, California to arrive in New York City on September 11, 2010.

Mayor Mendoza also read a letter from Cycle City Promotions commending Ben Welch, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation Division, and his staff (Pete, Vince, Beverly, Arlo and others) for their work at Red Rock Park in conducting their Motocross and Monster Truck Show events.


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Mayor Mendoza congratulated Councilor Wall for announcing his intention to run for Mayor during the next regular election.

There being no further business, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Azua. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Azua, Wall, Enfield and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.



Harry Mendoza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 9/14/2010