

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, September 14, 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 E. Bryan Wall
Absent:	Allan Landavazo, Councilor
Also present:	R. David Pederson, City Manager & City Attorney

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Proclamation declaring Wednesday, September 15, 2010 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The Proclamation was presented to Ellis Tanner of Ellis Tanner Trading Company for holding a luncheon for the officers and office staff of the New Mexico State Police, McKinley County Sheriff's Office and the Gallup Police Department.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of August 24, 2010.

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

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

1. Appointments of Tom Kaczmarek, Ella Scott, Sister Rosemarie Cecchini, Joe DiGregorio and Ryan Cordova to the Gallup Water Board – Mayor Harry Mendoza
2. Request for Street Closure for the St. Francis Parish Fiesta to be Held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 – Rick Macias
3. Final Pay Estimate No. 8 and Change Order No. 1, Formal Bid #0904, Cresto Sr. Water Reservoir Rehabilitation – Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities Division
4. Resolution R2010-30; 2012-2016 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Submission – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

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5. Resolution R2010-31; A Resolution Designating the Gallup Community Leadership Commission as the Agency Representing the City of Gallup in its Economic Development, Tourism, and Quality of Life Issues – Pete Kelly, Economic Development Director

Regarding Consent Agenda item 1, Mr. Pederson recommended removing Mr. Cordova from being appointed to the Gallup Water Board since Mr. Cordova moved out-of-town.

Councilor Azua made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 with the amendment presented by Mr. Pederson. Seconded by Councilor Enfield. Roll call: Councilors Azua, Enfield, Wall and Mayor Mendoza voted aye.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors was the following Discussion/Action Topic:

6. Lodgers' Tax Committee Recommendations – Judi Starkovich, Executive Director, Administrative Services Division

Councilor Enfield made the motion to table item 6 until the next regular meeting. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Wall, Azua and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.

Councilor Azua made the motion to adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights. Seconded by Councilor Enfield. Roll call: Councilors Azua, Enfield, Wall and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.

The Mayor and Councilors adjourned into closed session, pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H.(8) of the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978.

Following the closed session, Councilor Azua made the motion to reconvene the Regular Session. Seconded by Councilor Enfield. Roll call: Councilors Azua, Enfield, Wall and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.

Mr. Pederson certified for the record that the only matter discussed during the closed session was the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights and no action was taken during the closed session. The certification of the closed session was made pursuant to Section 10-15-1-J of the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items:

Martin Neal asked for an update on the proposed quiet zone. Mr. Pederson said the City will proceed with an assessment of the Second Street and Third Street railroad crossings to be conducted by Molzen Corbin for about \$15,000. Mr. Pederson said he

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will also be in contact with the BNSF Railroad and the City Manager from Flagstaff, Arizona to gather information relative to the proposed quiet zone.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors:

Councilor Wall recommended the purchase of about 10 to 12 old cars from the Yurcic Steel Yard in Allison. He said the City could purchase the cars for about \$500 to \$800 each, weld the doors and hoods of the cars shut, paint the cars without full refurbishment and affix the Route 66 insignia on the cars. He said the purchase and display of the cars would be an inexpensive way to promote Gallup and Route 66. He said he was advised that the City would not be able to secure funding for the purchase of the cars; however, he wanted his proposal to be made part of the official record. He submitted another request to have 3 to 4 hot air balloons painted on the east mural of the building of City Hall. He said a display of the balloons on the mural would show support of the Red Rock Balloon Rally and would like to have the balloons painted on the mural before this year's Balloon Rally. He expressed concerns with the gate of Hillcrest Cemetery being locked until 10:30 a.m. this past Saturday and with the lack of maintenance being done at the cemetery.

Mr. Pederson said staff has located the contract between the City and the artist of the mural in question. He said he will review the contract to see if the City is able to alter the mural and if the City is able to do, the City will proceed with the painting of the balloons on the mural. He also said the City was having the opposite problem of not having the gate locked to Hillcrest Cemetery which resulted in people trespassing late at night vandalizing the cemetery. He will look into the matter since the gates are normally opened at 8:00 a.m. every morning. He also shares the same concern with Councilor Wall regarding the maintenance of Hillcrest Cemetery; however, the cemetery was never made part of the City's budget. He said staff will work on possible funding options for the maintenance of the cemetery.

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


Harry Mendoza, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 9/28/2010