

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, January 25, 2011.

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

Mr. Pederson certified for the record that the only matters discussed during the closed session held before the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2011 were limited to threatened litigation concerning the City Hall Roofing Project and no action was taken during the closed session.

The certification by Mr. Pederson is made pursuant to Section 10-15-1-J of the Open Meeting Act, NMSA 1978.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of December 28, 2010.

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

The Mayor and Councilors recognized Officer Andrew Antone, Jr. of the Gallup Police Department and commended him for apprehending a dangerous escapee from the Gallup-McKinley County Adult Detention Center.

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

1. Resolution No. R2011-4; Bond Sale Resolution, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 – Chris Muirhead, Modrall Sperling Law Firm
2. Appointment of Precinct Officials for the March 8, 2011 Regular Municipal Election – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

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Councilor Enfield made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 & 2. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Wall, Landavazo, Azua and Mayor Mendoza all voted aye.

### **Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items**

Tim Hagaman, State Economic Development Representative, provided information regarding the Rural Forum, to be held in Gallup April 27-29, 2011. As the Marketing Chairman for the event, Mr. Hagaman said he is working on materials to promote Gallup in various publications, such as the New Mexico Partnership newsletter. He provided an overview of the programs and topics to be discussed during the forum.

Jay Dee Pfannenstiel presented the Mayor and Councilors with a copy of a letter he sent to Pete Kelly, Economic Development Director, concerning the lack of notice to the public concerning a meeting that was conducted with Jack Harris, Architect, concerning the renovation of the Neighborhood Center. He asked the Mayor and Councilors for their assistance to keep the public informed about the project as well as information concerning the financing of the project through the recent bond issue. Councilor Enfield said the meeting Mr. Pfannenstiel was referring to was a preparation meeting to review the layout of the proposed project. Councilor Enfield said a rendering of a design by Mr. Harris which was created over a year ago will be presented to the public during three public meetings which will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011. Councilor Enfield said there was no intention of excluding anyone from being informed about the project; however, a review of the material was needed in order to prepare for the three meetings aimed at gather input from local seniors concerning the project. Mr. Pfannenstiel said he would have like to have been present at the preparation meeting to present his committee's design and plans for the project. Councilor Enfield invited Mr. Pfannenstiel to the meetings on January 27<sup>th</sup> to present his ideas. Mr. Pfannenstiel asked for better communication from the City concerning the project. Councilor Enfield said that by having a meeting to review a preliminary drawing was not bad communication since the City's intention is to obtain input from local seniors on the project. Councilor Enfield also said he wanted to defuse a rumor about plans for the Northside Senior Center of being the one and only senior center in town. Mr. Pfannenstiel also said he informed the seniors that the rumor was not true. Mr. Pfannenstiel said it would help if he could obtain more information in order to inform other seniors about the project. Mr. Pederson said the Neighborhood Center is a unique project compared to the three other bond projects: artificial turf projects, a new eastside fire station, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to Red Rock Park. Mr. Pederson said the Neighborhood Center requires citizen input not only from the seniors but from the youth of the community and would like to encourage citizens from all ages to provide their ideas. Mayor Mendoza said the City is in the planning phase of the process and no

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decisions has been made by the Council on the project. Mayor Mendoza and Councilor Enfield said Mr. Pfannenstiel may call them regarding the project at any time. For clarification, Councilor Wall asked which bond was going to be used for the project. Mr. Pederson said the project is part of the \$12 million bond issue approved last summer.

Johnny Jones of the R.L. Smith Development Company said his company is considering housing and development opportunities in Gallup. He said he needs to obtain a local market study to demonstrate to his investors the affordable housing needs of the community. Mr. Pederson said he recently approved the contract to have the study completed by the end of April 2011. Mr. Pederson said the market analysis was also needed for potential commercial development and to examine the business trade sectors of Gallup.

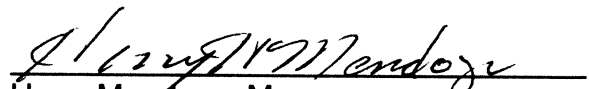
**Comments by Mayor and City Councilors**

None.

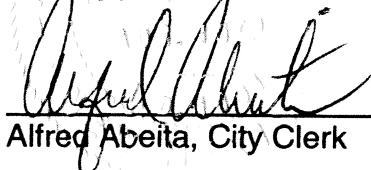
**Comments by City Manager**

Mr. Pederson said he will personally ensure that the trail easement application is filed with the State Land Office for the connection of the trails outside of Red Rock Park. Mr. Pederson said he wanted to make sure there is an understanding that the trails easement is the City's undertaking which will be handled by him. The trail easement will rectify a hole in the paper work that exists for the trail system. Councilor Landavazo said Pyramid Trail has been a work in progress as significant improvements have been made over the past ten years. Councilor Landavazo said there is another committee working on issues pertaining to Red Rock Park as the committee's hands are slightly tied concerning future development for the Park. Mr. Pederson suggested there should be only one entity involved in working on the issues at the Park because when there are different entities involved, items such as vital documentation does not get processed.

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

  
Harry Mendoza, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 2/15/2011