

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, March 9, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Jackie McKinney

Councilors: Mike Enfield
Cecil Garcia
Allan Landavazo
E. Bryan Wall

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

Mayor McKinney said he is very humbled and honored to be the new Mayor of Gallup. He will have an open door policy and will represent all of the citizens of the community. Councilor Garcia said he is also very humbled and looks forward to working with City staff.

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Proclamation to Cecilia Gonzales naming March 9, 2011 as Cecilia Gonzales Day in the City of Gallup. The Proclamation honored Ms. Gonzales for her time, commitment and donation of large American Flags she crocheted in recognition of those who have served in the Armed Forces and most recently, in honor of United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona.

The Mayor and Councilors also presented a Commendation to Curtis Williams for his induction into the Albuquerque New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame on March 3, 2011. Mr. Williams is a retired teacher and head cross country coach at Gallup High School who successfully coached the Gallup High School Cross Country Boys Team to 14 state championships, 6 state championship runner-up titles, 19 consecutive district championship titles, 9 individual state championship titles, 14 individual district championship titles and High School All American honors six times. Mr. Williams' Gallup High School Girls Teams won 11 state championships, 2 state championship runner-up titles, 2 state third place titles, 13 district championship titles, 9 individual state titles, 15 individual district titles and 13 High School All American honors. Mr. Williams' overall winning percentage at Gallup High School was 92% for both boys and girls cross country teams.

The Mayor and Councilors continued with the discussion of the Consent Agenda Items from the previous Work Session:

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3. Resolution No. R2011-7; A Resolution Endorsing the Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application #R11SF80303 and Implementation of the City of Gallup “Smart Toilet” High Efficiency Toilet Distribution Program – Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities Division

Mr. Allgood presented the proposed Resolution for a second grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation for \$25,000 to implement the program. If the grant is awarded to the City, the City would be able to provide one free high efficiency toilet, a low-flow showerhead and two low-flow faucet aerators to residential customers in good standing (minimum of four residents per household) to be installed by a licensed plumber. The grant requires a City match of \$25,000 which will be provided by in-kind service hours by City staff and environmental gross receipts tax funds.

4. Resolution No. R2011-8; A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for New Mexico Department of Transportation Grant Funding to Construct Storm Drainage Improvements at the Gallup Municipal Airport – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

Mr. Henderson said funds from the proposed grant application will be used for Phase 1 of the construction project. Under the grant application, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide 95% of the project funding in the amount of \$950,000 and the City and State will split the remaining 5% required match by providing \$25,000 each.

5. Resolution No. R2011-9; Allison Road Corridor Preferred Alignment – Stan Henderson, Executive Director, Public Works Division

Mr. Henderson provided an overview of the history and the current status of the proposed mega project which is estimated to cost more than \$20 million. In September 2010, the New Mexico Department of Transportation’s (NMDOT’s) Phase “A” Initial Evaluation of Alternatives Study evaluated the existing conditions of the Allison Road Corridor itself as well as two other alternative plans. As a result, the study concluded that the Allison Road Corridor best addresses the purpose and need of this project. NMDOT Phase “B” Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives Study investigated different roadway realignment alternatives within the existing Allison Corridor. The study, which was recently concluded, recommends the preferred alternative identified as the Center Alignment. Mr. Henderson is working the State to move the project to Phase “C” for actual construction design. The first construction phase of the project would be the replacement of the 70 year old bridge over the Rio Puerco and to construct the bridge in accordance with the recommended roadway alignment. A preliminary design will also be needed for the entire corridor to determine the project footprint for the environmental

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investigation. The proposed Resolution will express the Mayor and Councilors' support of the project, including the preferred alignment of the roadway and for the NMDOT to continue providing the management lead, development, support and assistance for the project.

6. March 8, 2011 Regular Municipal Election Results – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Mr. Abeita presented the certified results of the Election for inclusion into the official Minute Book of the City.

Councilor Landavazo commended Mr. Abeita and his staff for their work in conducting the election. Mr. Abeita thanked Councilor Landavazo for his comments and thanked the McKinley County Bureau of Elections for their assistance.

7. Runoff Election Resolution (if required) – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Since a Runoff Election is not required, Mayor McKinney said Item #7 will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Following discussion, Councilor Enfield made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and to table Item 2. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Landavazo, Garcia and Wall all voted aye. Mayor McKinney abstained.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Marcella Pirlot expressed her concerns with the wording of the Charter Amendment which appeared on the ballot during the March 8, 2011 Regular Municipal Election, regarding the runoff provisions in the City Charter. She felt that the question was written in a manner that voters would vote for the Amendment as the average voter would not know the meaning of the word "repeal." She recommended training election workers to enable them to answer questions posed by the voters concerning questions that appear on the ballot. She also recommended language to be included on the ballot that could be understood by the average voter. Councilor Landavazo said there were a number of articles that were published in the local newspapers that thoroughly explained the questions on the ballot. Councilor Landavazo said he understands Ms. Pirlot's concerns; however, he believes a majority of the voters understood the questions that appeared on the ballot.

Lena Talamante said she also did not understand the questions on the ballot and agreed with Ms. Pirlot's comments. She said many voters do not read the Gallup

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Independent because they canceled their subscriptions due to the misprints and negative articles. She shared her experiences years ago in working with a “silent committee” on a petition drive against the proposed building of a jail facility on the grounds of Lincoln Elementary School. She also provided a personal history of Gallup and the Chihuahueta residential district as well as her personal views of matters relating to delinquent utility accounts, the local economy and local government. Overall, she asked the Mayor and Councilors to defend and protect Gallup’s own people. She said the hole in front of her house also needs to be fixed by the City.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

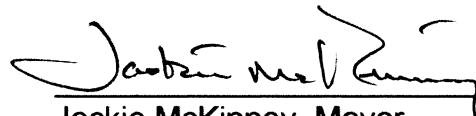
Councilor Landavazo welcomed Mayor McKinney and Councilor Garcia to the City Council. Councilor Landavazo said Mayor McKinney’s opening comments at the beginning of the meeting, that he “sees no color in our community”, represents the high level of leadership Mayor McKinney will provide to the community.

Comments by City Manager

Mr. Pederson thanked Mayor McKinney and Councilor Garcia for assuming their roles as elected officials in a very short amount of time. He encouraged Mayor McKinney and Councilor Garcia to meet City staff members and to meet individually with the experienced Council members concerning the current activities and projects of the City.

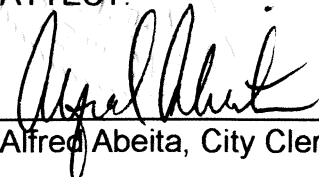
Mayor McKinney thanked everyone for the warm reception. He said he is looking forward to going to work, meeting with City staff and doing the best job possible

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



Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 4/12/2011