

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, June 28, 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: Dan Dible, City Manager  
R. David Pederson, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of June 14, 2011.

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

The Mayor and Councilors continued discussion on the following item from the previous Work Session:

1. Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget – Dan Dible, City Manager

Councilor Wall said the questions he posed during the Work Session have been answered. Councilor Wall asked about the Professional Services line items in the Joint Utilities Departments. Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities Division, said the line items are for generally for services provided by engineers and hydro-geologists.

Councilor Landavazo asked about the sizeable increases in the budget of the Information Technology Department. He said there is an allocation of \$131,000 under the maintenance line item with no budget history and another allocation of \$87,600 under the telephone line item when the historical allocations have been nominal. Ross Feagin, Information Technology Director, said the \$131,000 is for contractual services for the City's computer software which was previously under the Utilities Administration's budget. Mr. Feagin also said all of the data communication line items from other departments are combined under one line item.

Mayor McKinney thanked Mr. Dible and City staff for their work on downsizing the budget.

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Bill Bright of the Sustainable Energy Board said the City should consider the recommendations made by a recent energy audit conducted on City buildings which focuses on cost saving measures in utility expenses.

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

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the City of Gallup Concerning the Design and Construction of the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project – Lance Allgood, Executive Director, Gallup Joint Utilities Division

Mr. Allgood said the original design of the project was previously at the appraisal level which now has resulted in substantial changes that need to be made to the design. The proposed MOU would provide a formal decision making process for the adjustments, alignments, facilities locations and capacities needed for the project. The changes in the design of the project are expected to impact the capital and operations costs for each participant.

Mayor McKinney asked if the proposed MOU has any bearing on the City's shared cost percentage. Mr. Allgood said the MOU would not have a direct impact on the City's cost share percentage; however, there will be an impact on the City's ultimate repayment obligation since there will be an impact to the capital and operations costs in the long run.

Councilor Enfield made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the City of Gallup Concerning the Design and Construction of the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Wall, Landavazo, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

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

Councilor Landavazo introduced Jennifer Renaldo, a teacher from Rocky View Elementary School. Ms. Renaldo said she would like to create a youth center on the east side of town that would promote the following: 1.) physical, health and education wellness; 2.) music and fine arts; and 3.) digital literacy. Ms. Renaldo said partnerships have been created with Teach for America, Gallup-McKinley County Schools (GMCS), Century 21 and community volunteers for the program. The GMCS will donate two portable classroom buildings for the program if land can be obtained for the buildings. She asked the Mayor and Councilors for their support and for the City's assistance in getting the program started.

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Councilor Enfield asked if Ms. Renaldo contacted the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Renaldo said she has spoken with Karl Lohmann who advised her that the Boys and Girls Club are concentrating their efforts on the north side of town. Councilor Landavazo said Ms. Renaldo's concept is for children being able to walk to the youth center for activities. Currently, children would need to have vehicle transportation to access the Boys and Girls Club activities on the north side of town. Ms. Renaldo also said some children are not able to participate in local sports leagues and activities due to the lack of money and/or transportation. By establishing a youth center on the east side of town, children from the Red Hills, Casamera, Piñon Hills, Chamisal and Desert Rose neighborhoods would be able to access the center.

Mayor McKinney and Councilor Enfield recommended working with Mr. Lohmann and the Boys and Girls Club to establish a location on the east side of town. Mayor McKinney said he would like to look at a larger scope of a plan that would establish youth centers in four to five areas within the community. He commended Ms. Renaldo for her willingness to establish a youth center and asked her to prepare a synopsis regarding her request. The City could review available properties for the portable buildings as well as utility issues and operational costs. Although the city has children in all four corners of community, the City needs to recognize the lack of parks on the east side of town.

Councilor Wall asked about the age group that is being targeted for the youth center. Ms. Renaldo said primary age group will be between 9 and 18. Councilor Wall asked if Ms. Renaldo requested assistance from the University of New Mexico-Gallup. Ms. Renaldo responded no.

Mr. Bright, speaking on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, said a City park in the Rocky View area was previously closed by the City for safety reasons. He said the City Council at that time promised the affected citizens that a replacement park would be constructed at a location on the east side of town. Once the park was constructed, the site of where the previous park was located would be donated to Habitat for Humanity for the construction of homes. Mayor McKinney asked Mr. Bright if there was a commitment made by the City that the land should be allocated to Habitat for Humanity rather than be used for a youth recreation center. Mr. Bright recommended that the City Clerk research the Minutes of the City Council for supporting documentation on the matter. Councilor Landavazo said Ms. Renaldo's group is looking at a different parcel of land for the proposed youth center.

### **Comments by Mayor and City Councilors**

Councilor Garcia asked about the status of the proposed revisions to the Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Pederson said the final version of the proposed Ordinance will be

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presented to the Mayor and Councilors for approval at the second Regular Meeting in July 2011. Mr. Pederson is gathering comments from the Mayor and Councilors on the matter and will include language in the final version of the Ordinance that will prevent the creation of new nuisances and language that will address illegal dump sites.

Councilor Enfield said Bill Lee, Executive Director, Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, is conducting a survey amongst the Chamber of Commerce's membership concerning the proposed Ordinance Banning Plastic Shopping Bags. Councilor Enfield asked about the national lobbying organization that requested a copy of the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Pederson said the American Chemical Council, which is the chief trade organization for the American Plastics Industry, submitted a public records request to the City Clerk for a copy of the proposed Ordinance which was provided to them in draft form. In 2008, the American Chemical Council convinced the City Council of Seattle, Washington to conduct a referendum on a proposed Ordinance Banning Plastic Bags rather than having the Seattle City Council adopt the Ordinance itself. During the election in 2009, the American Chemical Council successfully spent \$1.4 million to persuade Seattle voters to defeat the proposed Ordinance. Concerning the proposed Ordinance for Gallup, Mr. Pederson said he is currently working on the ordinance provisions as well as obtaining feedback on the Ordinance. Based on information from the New Mexico Municipal League, the City of Gallup will be the first city in New Mexico to adopt such an ordinance.

Mayor McKinney thanked Mr. Dible and City staff for their work on the revisions to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. Mayor McKinney also encouraged everyone to attend the National Junior High Finals Rodeo taking place at Red Rock Park.

### **Comments by City Manager**

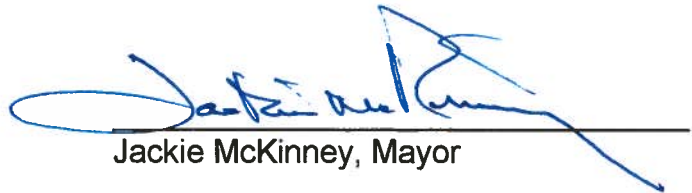
Mr. Dible said City staff is trying to obtain the total construction costs of the Joint Law Enforcement Center from the County; however, the County advised City staff that the costs were confidential. Since he and Chief Robert Cron, Gallup Police Department, are members of the Law Enforcement Center Board, they will formally request information concerning the construction costs from the Board during the Board meeting tomorrow.

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



Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 7/12/2011