TIME & PLACE: The Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the County of Sierra and State of New Mexico met in Special Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Red Room at the Civic Center, 400 West 4th Street of said City, on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Montgomery who presided and Mary B. Penner, City Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following Commissioners were reported present:

Hon. Lori S. Montgomery, Mayor
Hon. Jerry Stagner, Mayor Pro-tem
Hon. Steve Green, Commissioner
Hon. Freddie Torres, Commissioner
Hon. Evelyn B. Renfro, Commissioner

Absent:

Also present:

Jaime R. Aguilera, City Manager
Mary B. Penner, City Clerk

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

LOAN REQUEST FROM SIERRA VISTA HOSPITAL Mayor Montgomery stated I circulated an email I received from the Chairman of the Governing Board, Greg D’Amour, on the sole provider money that is available. The Hospital is seeking money from the various entities so they can qualify for the additional sole provider monies that have become available to Sierra Vista Hospital. One of the things Dr. D’Amour and I talked about was the amount of money and the turnaround time on the loan. He originally said that they were looking for approximately $100,000 dollars from the City; it would be a short term loan meaning less than thirty days. I understood that possibly the payback would be a couple of weeks.

Belinda Cloud, representative from Sierra Vista Hospital, stated Mrs. Rush talked to Santa Fe this morning. Right at this moment the match is at $350,000 dollars. Provided we get that money, I will hold the check and Mrs. Rush will re-verify that Monday morning when we have some concrete numbers. I will hold the check and if we do not have the opportunity to use it we will give it back to you. If we do have the opportunity to use the check we will put it in the bank and send a check to Santa Fe.

Mayor Montgomery reiterated if we approve the loan to Sierra Vista at this meeting we would give you the check for $100,000
dollars. If it is used, when would the pay back be to the City?

Ms. Cloud stated probably by the end of October and that’s allowing a little extra time.

Mr. Stagner asked if this is a grant from sole provider.

Ms. Cloud stated no. There was a hospital that didn’t take advantage of all the funds they had available. So, those funds were put back into the sole provider opportunity.

Mr. Stagner asked if this has to be paid back.

Ms. Cloud stated no. It is a grant not a loan.

Mr. Aguilera reiterated the Hospital would pay the City back from the same funds.

Ms. Cloud stated yes. But at this point, again, we are not sure we will be able to match because other hospitals have the same opportunity.

Mr. Stagner reiterated money is coming from the City, County, Williamsburg and Elephant Butte.

Mayor Montgomery stated it is a grant from Elephant Butte.

Ms. Cloud stated it is a grant from Elephant Butte, the County 412 funds that have been available, the City offered $100,000, the Village and our own monies.

Mr. Stagner asked what the total is.

Ms. Cloud stated $350,000 dollars as of now not including the $100,000 dollars. It would be $450,000 dollars that would be matched.

Mayor Montgomery stated it is a three to one match.

Mr. Stagner reiterated if the Hospital can get $350,000 dollars from the entities you would get about $900,000 dollars. So, you will pay us back out of the money we gave you.

Ms. Cloud stated yes.

Mr. Stagner stated the Hospital will net $900,000 dollars by getting everybody to lend you money on a short term basis.

Ms. Cloud stated the City is the only loan, the rest of the funds are matching funds or Hospital funds in the bank.

Ms. Renfro reiterated the Hospital is committed to pay back all the monies.

Mr. Stagner asked if the Hospital got the matching $100,000 dollars from the County and Williamsburg.

Ms. Cloud stated they have not received the money from the City; we have from the County and Village of Williamsburg. The County will have a meeting on Monday.

Ms. Renfro asked what the deadline is.
Ms. Cloud stated the drop dead deadline is October 18th.

Dr. D’Amour stated we did submit the Commission Minutes and all the other appropriate documentation to the State. The only Minutes we don’t have are from the County.

Mayor Montgomery stated I don’t want anybody to get confused; I don’t want the $47,500 dollars to get confused with any of this. This would be a $100,000 dollar loan so they can apply for and get, if available, additional sole provider match monies. And it will be paid back by the end of October.

Ms. Renfro asked how we propose to get the money.

Mr. Aguilera stated Helen Belis and I have talked about it. What we can do is up-front the normal allocation they get every year; they get about $250,000 dollars. So, instead of giving it on a monthly basis we up-front $100,000 dollars; we get it back and then we go back to the normal distribution schedule. My concern is cash flow because it is just at the beginning of the fiscal year and this is a large amount. Helen thought we do have enough of a cash flow to expend that $100,000 dollars.

Ms. Belis stated we do have enough cash flow and we just received the GRT check.

Mr. Stagner asked when the Hospital has to have the loan in place.

Ms. Cloud stated a check has to go to Santa Fe by September 23rd.

Mr. Green reiterated this is a one time event because someone else did not use the funds. If you get what you want how would that affect you for going back in the next fiscal year and applying for money?

Ms. Cloud stated this will not affect other requests.

Mr. Stagner stated with the problem with receivables and payables at the Hospital will this get you current enough to where it is feasible for you to live on what you are generating right now.

Ms. Cloud stated it will do OK.

Mayor Montgomery stated it will be determined on the amount you would be getting from that sole provider money and where it would be allocated based on the direction from the Governing Board and the Finance Committee.

Mr. Aguilera stated on the $47,500 dollars, which is a separate issue, the Commission took the action to approve but an amendment of the budget resolution was not processed. Unfortunately there was a miscommunication with a deputy clerk and that did not get put on this agenda. My question of the Hospital is do you need to have the $47,500 dollars before the 23rd.

Ms. Cloud replied no.

Mr. Stagner stated if things work like they typically work and you’re talking about doing it by the end of October, that’s a little over a month and a week. I think we should go out ninety days because there’s always some kind of delay no matter what you do.
So, if we approve it for a ninety day period I think that would probably give us plenty of time.

"Commissioner Stagner moved to extend the loan to the Hospital for $100,000 dollars for ninety days.

Seconded by Commissioner Renfro.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVAL:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2008, on motion duly made by Commissioner [Name], seconded by Commissioner [Name], and carried.

ATTEST:

MARY B. PENNER, CITY CLERK

LORI S. MONTGOMERY
MAYOR

APPROVAL: