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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
February 28, 2024
4:00 P.M.

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PRAYER / CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

1. Resolution: Authorizing the City Manager Signature Authority Regarding a Lease Agreement with Harbor Freight
2. Closed Session: Pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1, H (2) To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Including the Appointment of the Chief of Police
3. Open Session: Motions, if any
4. Adjourn Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2024

Remote meeting in compliance with the
New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Council Present:

Michele C. Shillito, Mayor
Joe “Butter Milo, Councilor
Julian Monjaras, Councilor
Stephen Westenhofer, Councilor

Council Present (Telephonically/Virtually):

Irmaisela A. Rodriguez, Councilor

Council Absent:

Staff Present:

Aaron Sera, City Administrator
Azucena Vargas, Community Services Director
Adrian Coloma, IT
Yeimi Bustos, Receptionist
Jose Montoya, Interim Chief of Police
Laura Holguin, Finance Director
Joe Owen, Fire Chief
Amanda Sanders, Public Information Officer

Staff Present (Telephonically/Virtually):

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Valdez, CMC – Municipal City Clerk

Mayor Shillito called for Pastor Duffy to lead in prayer.

Mayor Shillito called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was verified with a roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Milo	Aye
Councilor Westenhofer	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Monjaras	Aye

1. Resolution: Authorizing the City Manager Signature Authority Regarding a Lease Agreement with Harbor Freight

Mr. Sera explained that by law, he already has the authority; mentioning that Harbor Freight is requesting a legal document from Council reflecting so, to complete all necessary paperwork so that the company would be able to open their operation in Deming. Mr. Sera stated that the deadline to sign the lease is Friday. Mr. Sera stated that Marshalls will come along soon after.

Councilor Rodriguez motioned to approve the resolution, as submitted; motion second by Councilor Monjaras; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro Tem Westenhofer	Aye
Councilor Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Monjaras	Aye

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 24-12
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
DOCUMENTS REGARDING A LEASE WITH HARBOR FREIGHT

WHEREAS, a portion of the building, measuring approximately 19,000 sq. feet, located at the west end of 1205 E. Pine Street belonging to the City of Deming is under negotiations to be leased to Harbor Freight as an effort made in good faith to bring employment, economic development, and an increase in gross receipts tax for the City of Deming, and

WHEREAS, the execution of a lease agreement will be required by the Corporate Office of Harbor Freight in order to move the project forward in a timely manner to ensure that the City of Deming is selected as their site of improvement, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Deming has been negotiating with Harbor Freight for several months to ensure that proper legal requirements have been met for the lessee and the lessor which would result in the requirement for the City Manager to have the authorization from City Council to execute any and all related documents to complete this transaction.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of February 2024.

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO

By: _____

Michele C. Shillito, Mayor

Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal City Clerk

2. Closed Session: Pursuant to NMSA, 1978 10-15-1, H(2) To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters Including the Appointment of the Chief of Police

Mayor Shillito asked Council for a motion to go into closed session.

Councilor Milo motioned to go into closed session, as listed; motion second by Councilor Rodriguez; motion carried with the following ROLL CALL VOTE:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro Tem Westenhofer	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Monjaras	Aye
Councilor Milo	Aye

3. Open Session: Motions, if any

Mayor Shillito asked for a motion to go back into open session.

Councilor Milo motioned to go back into open session; motion second by Mayor Pro Tem Westenhofer; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Monjaras	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Westenhofer	Aye
Councilor Milo	Aye

Mayor Shillito stated that only those items listed on the agenda were discussed and that no motions were made during closed session.

4. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Shillito entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

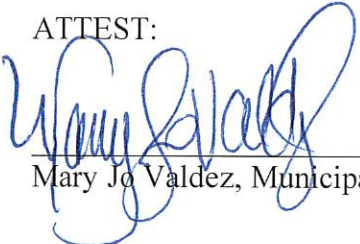
Councilor Milo motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Rodriguez second the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Michèle Shillito, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk