

EMERGENCY CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 405 W. 3RD St.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandra Whitehead at 9:30 a.m., who presided and Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. ROLL CALL

Upon calling the roll, the following Commissioners were reported present.

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor
Hon. Brendan Tolley, Mayor Pro-Tem
Hon. Paul Baca, Commissioner
Hon. Randall Aragon, Commissioner
Hon. Amanda Forrister, Commissioner

Also Present: Morris Madrid, City Manager
Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer

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

2. SILENT MEDITATION:

Mayor Whitehead called for fifteen seconds of silent meditation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Whitehead led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Mayor Pro-Tem Tolley moved to approve the agenda as submitted.
Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/ZONING:

- 1. Discussion/Action: Approval of Disaster Declaration Resolution No. 05 20/21 to apply for funding from other governmental sources:**

Mayor Whitehead read Resolution No. 05 20/21 which stated the following:

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Truth or Consequences experienced a severe and heavy rainstorm on July 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the rainstorm caused severe flooding within the City limits of Truth or Consequences and has created a great risk of injury, damage and substantial financial loss to persons and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City commission has determined that it must take immediate action in order to protect the City's inhabitants and property; and

WHEREAS, a financial resolution declaring a disaster is necessary in order to allow the City to apply for appropriate funding from other governmental entities which will allow the City to immediately protect its infrastructure, facilities, roadways and wastewater and electrical systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Open Meeting Act Resolution No: 01 20/21, the City has provided more than twenty-four (24) hour notice of its July 29, 2020 meeting in order to consider and adopt this Emergency Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Truth or Consequences:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act, NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-20-10, does hereby declare the City of Truth or Consequences to be under a state of Emergency for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, for expending local resources, and for requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of New Mexico.

2. The City manager is authorized to contact the New Mexico Public Assistance (NMPA) Program and request financial or technical assistance for the benefit of the City; funding is to help restore public infrastructure and operations.

3. The City Manager shall work closely with the New Mexico Office of Emergency Operations (NMOEC) and FEMA to identify recovery programs that may be available after a disaster or emergency declaration is requested by the Governor and granted by the President.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to expend all reasonable efforts to protect the City as described. Further, the City Manager shall provide a report to the State's Attorney General's Office as contemplated by 10-15-1 (F), N.M.S.A (1978).

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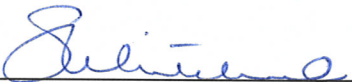
City Manager Madrid explained that this is the beginning of the process to try and obtain funding. We have already started the requirements to track our time and effort that is required by the event itself. We need to keep close track of things that we would not normally be doing or spending money on. The flood caused hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to city property.

Commissioner Aragon made a motion to approve the Disaster Declaration Resolution No. 05 20/21 to apply for funding from other governmental sources. Commissioner Forrister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

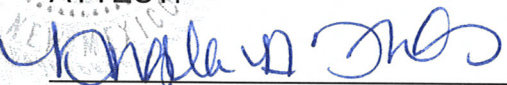
E. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tolley moved to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of August, 2020.


Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela A. Torres, CMC, City Clerk