

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL/WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
BLACK RANGE LODGE, KINGSTON, NM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandra Whitehead at 9:00 a.m., who presided and Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

ROLL CALL:

The following Commissioners were present.

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor
Hon. Brendan Tolley, Mayor Pro-Tem - Absent
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.

WORK SESSION:

- **Future Goals Planning Session:**

City Attorney Rubin and City Manager Madrid reviewed meeting procedures; the Open Meetings Act; how to address questions the Commissioners may have; how Personnel matters are handled; procedures if any Commissioner has a conflict of interest and how Commissioners should recuse themselves; procedures of Commission Reports during Commission Meetings.

Each City Commissioner also briefly commented on why they ran for Commission, and why they became a Commissioner.

Discussion and ideas of future goals included the following:

Discussion topics and ideas for the City Pool:

- Fix the leak at the pool.
- Possible joint pool with the schools.
- Location of a new pool.
- Build a year round or seasonal pool.
- Look into the cost to re-seal the current pool.
- Build a Recreation Area.
- Build a new pool and find funding to build a new pool.

Discussion topics and ideas for Branding:

- Work with MainStreet and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Support from the Commission.
- The Chamber of Commerce is non-active and that may be an issue.
- New Mexico TRUE Branding.
- A presentation from MainStreet for branding ideas.
- Quarter briefings from the Chamber of Commerce and MainStreet.

Discussion topics and ideas for Drainage:

- The County is currently doing a drainage study.
- Complete the western study (2 years ago).
- Complete the storm drain study.
- Work with the County and NMDOT.
- Work with FEMA.
- See if we qualify for state funding.
- Start a game plan for the next flood.

Discussion topics and ideas for Streets/Sidewalks

- Prepare a list of roads that need to be repaired by the Street Department.
- Address Marie Street issue with water breaks.
- Marie Street lighting, streets, and funding.
- Refer to previous ICIP for street repairs.
- Gold Street needs repairs.
- 3rd/Foch curbs & gutters.
- Re-level Main Street & Foch Street.

Discussion topics and ideas for City Buildings:

- Use of adjacent building by the Animal Shelter.
- Re-paint city buildings.
- Re-mode city buildings.
- Civic Center upkeep.
- First launch viewing with Spaceport.
- Audio system improvements at the Civic Center and Commission Chambers.
- Roof repair and new heating and cooling system at the Lee Belle Johnson Center.

- Lee Belle Johnson Center north entrance for Spaceport.
- Restore senior use at the Lee Belle Johnson Center.
- Install electric charging station by the Healing Waters Plaza.
- Replace the IT system in all buildings.
- Updates at Library and Civic Center.
- Pave the parking lot at the Library/Commission Chambers/Civic Center.
- Expansion of the Animal Shelter.

Discussion topics and ideas for Golf Course:

- Flood Control and drainage.
- Effluent and Fresh water use.
- A new Clubhouse.
- A new roof.
- Vendors to stock pro-shop.
- Par 3 Course rating.
- Liquor License.
- Maintain the Marie Dam.
- Contractor to run Golf Course bar.
- Upgrade the air system.
- Increase membership.
- Increase sales to generate Golf Course.
- Children and senior golf lesson programs.

Discussion topics and ideas for City Staffing & Salaries:

- Development Plan for Employees.
- Pay increases based on experience and skills.
- Accreditation.

Recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Discussion topics and ideas for Signage:

- Post signs outside our community.
- Post signs north bound on 1-25.
- Post NMDOT signs on the North and South side of I-25.

Discussion topics and ideas for Grants:

- Infrastructure.
- A Grant Writer.
- Contact the Division of Labor for a Grants Coordinator Intern.

Discussion topics and ideas for Meter Upgrades for Water/Electric:

- Having a Public Workshop to Opt-out of AMI's.
- AMI opt-out option on future Commission agenda.

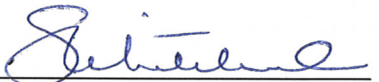
Discussion topics and ideas for Parks:

- Upgrades to the Ralph Edwards Park, and Louis Armijo Sports Complex.
- Check into the cost for Electric at the City Arena.
- City Arena light replacement.
- River Walk Trail.
- Foot Bridges at Rotary Park and Williamsburg.
- A trail assessment for the Healing Waters Trail.
- Volunteers for the Healing Waters Trail. (advertise on Facebook and Website).

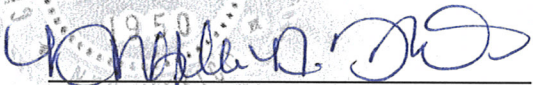
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Whitehead moved to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 23rd day of September, 2020.


Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela A. Torres, CMC, City Clerk