

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL (BUDGET WORKSHOPS)
2:00 P.M. AT THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
1376 E. NINTH ST.
MINUTES FOR MAY 17, 18 and 19, 2010**

**RON GRIGGS, MAYOR
ED COLE, MAYOR PRO-TEM
MARION LEDFORD, COMMISSIONER
JOE FERGUSON, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT RENTSCHLER, COMMISSIONER**

**JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER
AARON RANCE, COMMISSIONER
MARK ROATH, CITY MANAGER
LEEANN NICHOLS, FINANCE DIRECTOR
RENEE CANTIN, CITY CLERK**

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Griggs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk. Commissioner Ferguson was absent.

Mayor Griggs turned the meeting over to Mr. Roath. Who gave a quick review of what to expect for the budget workshops. He referred to the National Economy Issue.

Commissioner Ferguson joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Mr. Roath continued by thanking all of the Director's and Mrs. Nichols, Finance Director and employees for their work on the budget. He would like to include a Commission/Staff retreat in the coming year to get together and understand the budget.

I. Budget Overview

Mrs. Nichols did want to point out we previously held the public hearings during the workshop and this is just a workshop, so the public hearing will be held at the May 25th meeting.

Mrs. Nichols gave a presentation that will be included in the Agenda book. Mayor Griggs thanked LeeAnn for her presentation.

The summary below is of the items that were discussed for each day and who presented for each department. For a detail description of each item you may refer to the 2010-2011 budget book.

II. Personnel Services - Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager and Naomi Munoz, HR Generalist.

III. Fund/Department Reviews

a. General Fund Overview – Mrs. Nichols

b. Legislative - Renee Cantin, City Clerk

Municipal Court - Judge Steve Lee and Dana Jackson
Court Automation (Fund 19)

c. Administration

City Manager (011-1301) – Mark Roath, City Manager

Legal (011-1501) - Stephen Thies, City Attorney

City Clerk (011-2001) – Renee Cantin, City Clerk

Recessed at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened at 4:13 p.m.

Non-Departmental - Insurance (011-2400) – Mrs. Nichols & Mark Roath, City Manager.

Personnel (012-1701) - Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager and Naomi Munoz, HR Generalist.

d. Finance – Mrs. Nichols

Finance & Accounting (011-2102) Commissioner Ledford asked questions about internal audits and Mrs. Nichols will supply him with a list of the internal audits we have done. She explained how it is determined that a particular department is selected for an internal audit.

Accounts Receivable (011-2302) – Mrs. Nichols

Purchasing (012-1602) & (081-1602) – Mrs. Nichols.

Non Departmental – Insurance (012-2400) –Mrs. Nichols explained the costs have been estimated.

MIS (012-3402)– Mrs. Nichols.

Mayor Griggs said he prefers to have something in here that shows an explanation of the budget and what the differences mean.

e. Public Housing Authority – Evelyn Huff

Capital Fund Projects (Fund 904)

Low Rent Operating (Fund 901)

Homeownership Operating

HA Reimbursement Fund 92 – Ms. Huff said this is used as a pass-through account.

Housing – Low Rent Deposits (Fund 905)

Housing – Homeownership Reserve (Fund 906)

Owner Occupied Rehab (Fund 907)

Mayor Griggs asked if we would like to move forward with the next day's agenda.

f. Community Development – Mr. Threadgill, Community Development Director

Planning –

GIS/Land Management –

Community Development – Engineering -

Building Codes – Mr. Threadgill gave an update on where we are with Building Codes and what they are still responsible for.

Property Acquisition – Mr. Threadgill said this is the fund we use when we need to acquire a right of way.

g. Community Services – Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager

Lodger's Tax – City Share/Civic Center

Community Services –

Cemetery -

Leisure Services –

Parks -

Alameda Zoo –

Library –

Keep Alamo Beautiful/Clean Up Fees – This is a grant where personnel hires an intern to oversee the program. Commissioner Rance is afraid we are not going to succeed with the program with such a small budget. Mr. McNeile said this is based on your performance with a project and they have up to \$75,000 in grants.

Alamo Senior Center –The Commission feels we should ask the County to assist with more of the funding for the Senior Center.

Senior Center Gift Fund – primarily for fund raising events.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – Mr. McNeile explained the RSVP, Senior Companion Program (SCP), and Foster Grand Parent Program (FGP).

Fleet Maintenance – Commissioner Rentschler had a question about the difference in **Fleet Services and the Other Services** in that budget. There was a request from Commissioner Rance to make this change for the final budget and make it more explanatory.

Fleet Collision – Mr. McNeile referred to the Department Description. Mrs. Nichols gave a more detailed description and how this came about.

Recessed at 6:14 p.m., and will reconvene on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.

Mayor Griggs reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Commissioner Rentschler was absent.

**h. Public Safety – Sam Trujillo, DPS Director
Bench Warrants –**

Commissioner Rentschler joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Code Enforcement – Commissioner Rentschler asked about the reorganization and whether code enforcement is under DPS. Mr. Roath explained it will be moved under Mr. McNeile, Assistant City Manager.

**Animal Control –
DPS – Dispatch –
DPS – Police –
DPS – Fire –
School Resource Program -
D.A.R.E. Donation -
Police Contingency –
State Fire –
Law Enforcement Grant –
Traffic Safety Grant –
Jail Expense –**

Recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:18 p.m.

i. Public Works – Brian Cesar, Public Works Director

**Facility Maintenance -
Transportation –
Public Works Admin -
Street Maintenance –
Weeds & Drainage –**

Water & Sewer – Mrs. Nichols reviewed pages 214 to 220. On page 216 Mrs. Nichols gave an overview of the Operating Reserve that will be used as a reserve for a two month operating reserve. The \$1,137,546 is the available balance.

FINANCE: Utility Billing – Mrs. Nichols

Public Works – Non Departmental – Administration – Mr. Cesar

Utility Maintenance –

Water Filter Plant -

Public Works Inspectors (81-5903) – Closed, moved to Community Development – Fund 65.

Water & Sewer Capital – Infrastructure work for the 2008 Street Maintenance Program.
Solid Waste Collection System – Contract Services is for Southwest Disposal. Mayor Griggs notified the Commission we may need to look into this system and funding it without raising the rates.

Bonito Lake –

Airport –

Jt. Otero/Lincoln Landfill Operating – this budget was approved by the Otero/Lincoln County Landfill Board on 04/08/2010. Under other services the board decided to ask for a contingency line item. The board was told it was difficult to go back to them because they meet annually. They offered this contingency to offset the employee prices and adjustments that may need to be made before the board meets next year.

IV. Capital

Capital Equipment/Project Summary Listing - Mrs. Nichols explained the City Manager would like to see a plan for Capital Equipment Replacement. We would ultimately end up shifting some of this money and doing a budget adjustment. Next year this will be more specific for the next budget.

CAPITAL FUNDING RESOURCES:

1984 GRT (Street, Drainage & Flood Control) (Fund 42) - Mayor Griggs mentioned the ponds at Hoosier Field which keeps flooding and would like to look into using this money for the ponds to take care of the flood control.

1996 GRT (Fund 69) – Mrs. Nichols explained this is dedicated for the purpose of capital improvements.

Environmental Service Gross Receipts Tax (ESGRT) .0625% (Fund 89) –

Infrastructure GRT (Fund 61) – Mrs. Nichols and Brian Cesar, Public Works Director.

Recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Grant Capital Projects (Pass-Through's) (Fund 24)

Airport Improvements (Fund 40) – Brian Cesar, Public Works Director

Transportation Fund – Street Capital (044-9499) – Mr. Cesar and Mr. Threadgill – First Street Realignment was discussed. The question was whether we want to proceed with the traffic study for the First St. alignment. Mr. Roath suggested we visit this issue at another time. We will take it out of the budget and work on it later.

2004 ¼% GRT Street Maintenance Program – Mr. Cesar gave an update of the streets that are scheduled on the next project.

2008 ¼% GRT Street Capital Funds (Fund 109) – Mr. Cesar. Mayor Pro-Tem Cole commented on General Hydronics and how they did a good job with traffic control. He was concerned about the triangles that were left in the crosswalks. Mr. Cesar said those triangles are a new ADA Compliant curb that is designed for those walking with a cane to position themselves in the direction the crosswalk is going.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Fund 48) – Mark Threadgill, Community Development Director

1986 GRT (Outside City Limit Water Improvements) (Fund 49) – Mr. Threadgill

Snake Tank/RO Project (Fund 54) – Mr. Threadgill announced most of this will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Flood Control Corps Project (Fund 56) – Mr. Threadgill.

2002 GRT Refunding Bond Projects (Fund 108) – Mrs. Nichols reported this money is being used to fund the balloon park and should be spent by June 30, 2010. Mayor Griggs asked if it could be used to put lighting at the ball field some of the recreational facilities and some security for the safety issues, and Commissioner Rance suggested

some safety nets at the ball fields. He also suggested using it for the door at the golf course.

2004 Water & Sewer Revenue Bond/Emergency Sewer (Fund 110) – Mrs. Nichols said Mr. Cesar informed her this project is done. She will put the money that is left for the wastewater treatment plant.

2004 GRT Refunding Bond Projects (Fund 111) – this money will all be spent by June 30th. Mr. McNeile said the money for the door for the Golf Course can come from this fund. This money was to be used for any physical things the Golf Course or Zoo needed. Mr. Roath suggested we use this money to do the re-roof at city hall to use it up.

2009 Sewer Plant Project (Fund 113) – Mr. Threadgill gave an update, this bond was issued to provide funds for the purpose of financing the construction and improvement of a Sewer Plant.

Regional Water Transmission Line (Fund 116) – Mr. Threadgill gave an update.

Recessed at 7:00 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ledford was absent.

V. Trust & Agency Funds

Police Court Bonds (Fund 17) – Sam Trujillo, DPS Director

Commissioner Ledford joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Designated Gift fund (Fund 22) – Mrs. Nichols was asked to add a sheet to the budget book where the expenditures are going to. She explained what was spent.

Cemetery Perpetual (Fund 31) – Commissioner Rentschler received a call about the old side of the cemetery and it's pretty much in disarray. He wanted to make sure it was being taken care of. Mr. McNeile said we probably won't fill to capacity for another 50-60 years. Mayor Pro-Tem Cole asked about the Catholic Cemetery and what we can do when it's not kept up. Mr. McNeile said we could call Code Enforcement but the City does not handle that Cemetery.

State Judicial (Fund 39)

HA Low Rent Housing Program (Pass-through/Fund 92) – Will need to be corrected in the final budget. This can be handled within our budget and they no longer need a clearing account.

Utility Deposits – This is recorded in the Water/Sewer Fund 81.

Otero/Lincoln county Joint Landfill (Fund 94)

ESGRT Income Find (Fund 41) – Closed 06/30/2009

Self Insured/Liability (fund 107) -

Sidewalk Revolving Loan (Fund 114) – This was put into place about six months ago. There are no applications for this yet.

VI. Debt Service

General Obligation – Property Tax (fund 53)

1993 JPA ESGRT P & I (Fund 55)

Revenue Bond P & I (Fund 59)

Jt. Water/Sewer bond P & I (Fund 82)

Flood control Project Reserve (Fund 106) –

Mrs. Nichols gave an update on the questions that have been asked during the workshops. She said if she missed questions, it is because we have not gotten answers on all of them yet. On Monday, Commissioner Ledford asked if we receive penalty and interest on property tax. The answer is that no we do not and that is confirmed by Statute, it goes to the State; unless the State decides to let the County keep it for administering that collection. She feels we are being penalized twice because we pay the County one percent to administer those taxes. Commissioner Ledford had also asked what the percent against projected 2009-2010 to budget 2010-2011 throughout the document is. He was actually referring to the summary page for the General Fund and she stated the percentage was incorrect and we have since corrected it. Mayor Griggs has asked that we look into moving the \$30,000 for OCEDC to another area. She is still looking into to that to figure the best place to put that money. She will be having some discussion with the City Manager to decide the best place. Commissioner Rardin has asked why Public Works Inspectors are not being paid from the Building Code Division. The Public Works Inspectors were moved from the Water and Sewer fund (Fund 81) to Fund 65 to place all inspectors under one department. Commissioner Rance had asked if we could simplify the summary for the Municipal Courts Section. She said they could, and the Judge is working on it to get a draft to us as soon as he possibly can. Mayor Griggs has commented that we need to review the billings for title and escrow and work with title companies when properties change hands. She stated they would follow through with that. Commissioner Rardin had questioned the \$96,000 Capital in the building funds. The CER amount is an error and should be reduced in FY2011 by \$36,000 and FY 2010 projections should be lowered by \$55,000. The CER was projected to be spent in FY2010, but it was added to FY2011 because they were going to carry it over. It was budgeted twice, so it has been corrected. Commissioner Rardin had questioned the capital outlay amount of \$14,250 in the Library fund. She explained that this is in relation to the grant for \$173,250. The State took it away from us early in the year and then gave it back later in the year right during the budget process. Staff put together various projects that they were going to use that money for and they were short \$14,250. She budgeted that difference in FY2011 and that is why it sits out there by itself.

Recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

VII. Outside Agencies: Starting at 3:00 p.m.

Golf Course & Pro (Fund 90) – Grant Dalpes and Ron Borunda

Grant Dalpes and Ron Borunda were present to answer any questions the Commission has on the Golf Course.

Commissioner Rardin noticed we transfer \$143,834 to the Golf Course. He asked if this is something we should do during these economic times. This is a luxury and not a necessity.

Mayor Griggs stated one of the issues with almost every city's services, there is not one that pays for itself. If you look at the Senior Center, Library or what have you, the subsidy is substantially higher than the golf course. This is one of those things that the community benefits from. He said Mr. Borunda has brought the golf course into a level that rivals any other in the state. He would support continued subsidy for the golf course.

Mr. Dalpes gave a brief history of the golf course and how the subsidy has changed since he arrived 18 years ago. The condition of the golf course has improved and we bring in quite a lot of revenue into the city. He would like to see it be self sufficient, but we are a small community and that is hard to do. In the winter time, we have 40 couples that come to Alamogordo specifically for the golf course. This is income not only for rental fees, but for housing, food, etc.

Commissioner Rardin asked how many people use the golf course each year. Mr. Dalpes indicated they have between 48,000 to 50,000 rounds a year. We are the least subsidized but

busiest golf course in the state. Commissioner Rardin also asked how much the green fees were. Mr. Dalpes stated \$19.00 is the average resident green fee and \$21.00 for non residents. Commissioner Rardin added that if they raised their green fees \$1 per year, it would add roughly \$50,000 per year more. Mr. Dalpes stated they usually raise the green fees each year. We do have to watch how much we do raise them because then we risk not having enough participation. They compare their rates with other golf courses in other smaller communities.

Commissioner Ledford said he has talked with several representatives from Holloman, White Sands and many visitors and they have said our golf course has become one of the best in the state. One of the first question someone asks when they wish to relocate here is if we have a golf course. We have tournaments out there, professional and from the school and it is a very used course. He believes it is a revenue raiser.

Commissioner Ferguson agreed with Commissioner Ledford and asked Mr. Dalpes if they were budgeting to fix the lakes and bunkers. Mr. Borunda didn't see it this year, but he will look into it and get back with him.

Commissioner Rardin asked how much the school pays us to utilize the golf course. Mr. Borunda stated we have a Joint Powers Agreement with them and they don't pay anything. He donates all the range balls and range fees. It is a very positive influence on the golf course. He mentioned several types of tournaments that are held there as well.

Commissioner Rance asked if the subsidy includes the restaurant and park. Mr. Dalpes stated it does not. He owns the restaurant and he provides the golf carts, the range balls and range equipment and he have a lot more employees than the City has out there. The only thing the City is subsidizing is the maintenance of the course. Some point in time, the lakes will need to be redone. There are some that are full of weeds and have buildup on them from the effluent water.

Commissioner Rardin said if the economy continues to grow like it has, he would like to see the subsidy rate drop in the near future. Commissioner Rentschler agreed with Commissioner Rardin on this issue.

Mayor Griggs said one of the things that we need to look at is the necessities. The bunkers do need to be taken care of and some ozone needs to be injected into the lakes. An individual informed us that if we pumped ozone into the pump stations that it would improve the grass, and can be used in the parks to make them greener. Maybe we could test it out and see if it will benefit us in the long run. Most people come to Alamogordo for the quality of life issues and not things like streets.

Jason Baldwin spoke of the quality of life and in particular the golf course. He explained that half of the tournaments were fundraisers and there is not other municipality that has events like this. It is a benefit to the community and other non-profit organizations in town and our organization does a great job.

Lodger's Tax Promotional (Fund 16) – Bob Flotte, Chairman of the Promotions Board and Jan Wafful.

Mr. Flotte said the Promotion Board has some changes coming up for the State of New Mexico. The New Mexico Tourism Department has had a significant reduction to its budget and that will impact the City of Alamogordo. The State funding goes from \$1 million down to \$750,000. This will reduce our money from the state by 25 percent. That 25 percent is going to represent \$29,075. We will be working on compensating for that reduction from the State. Additionally, the regional board funding from Southeast Region 3, which Alamogordo is a member, has been

reduces by another \$50,000, down to \$25,000 in our regional advertising for Alamogordo. He mentioned several ways they have been trying to compensate for some of these losses. White Sands National Monument is the most visited monument in New Mexico and has been awarded this years Attraction of the Year Award. We target seniors ages 62 years and older. The crime rate has been reduced and that is another big attraction for people. He thanked Chief Trujillo and his staff for doing such a great job. He also wanted to thank the City Commission for their support, the City Manager for things he has done as well.

Commissioner Ferguson asked what we are trying to do to get more of the film industry over here in Alamogordo. Ms. Wafful said she has some information relating to film and tourism in Alamogordo and some facts and figures of Lodgers Tax since 2005. Since 2005, we have seen an overall gain of 17.61 percent in our Lodgers Tax, and that is more than 3 percent a year which is the minimal that we predicted we would have. She combined Film and Tourism into one grant and stated promoting them together about three years ago. We are working to promote Alamogordo as a major filming spot. She then gave an overview of some of the productions that the Film industry has accomplished.

Chamber of Commerce Services (Fund 20) – Mike Espiritu

Matt McNeile stated we have two contracts with the Chamber of Commerce under fund 20, one for the operations of the visitor's center and one for promotional activities.

Mayor Griggs asked when the last time these contracts were renewed was. Mike Espiritu stated that it was during the last budget cycle. Mr. McNeile clarified that it is renewed each year, so it will be coming before the Commission for approval soon.

Economic Development (Fund 20 & 105) – Mr. Espiritu

Mayor Griggs stated everyone is familiar with OCEDC and its goal and asked if there were any questions of Mr. Espiritu.

Commissioner Rardin thinks OCEDC and the Chamber should be broken into two separate boards. The Chamber is looking to retain its existing contracts and OCEDC is looking to bringing in new businesses and he thinks it is a conflict for Mr. Espiritu. Commissioner Ledford agreed with Commissioner Rardin. He thinks we need to expand on each area.

Mr. Espiritu stated they have been having discussions on changing the focus and putting a greater focus on Economic Development in our community. Both boards have met jointly and independently to discuss separating the two. One of the items discussed was a full time director for OCEDC to work those issues.

Mr. Espiritu then gave a brief overview of things OCEDC has done for the community and how they are working to bring more businesses in.

Mayor Griggs thought the reason both entities were covered by one person is due to the funding. They needed to get more funding to cover two positions.

Mayor Griggs asked if they meet quarterly for budget reviews. Mr. Espiritu stated they review them monthly and also before each meeting.

Commissioner Ledford stated what the voters did in this last election is to say they think there is still something there and that is why they supported it. He is thankful for that and in order to do what the voters have asked is to step up our efforts and for OCEDC to step up their efforts to show them that we care about the community.

Commissioner Rardin if we up the total to \$70,000, he would like to see the City control the money and OCEDC give a report of how it is spent. Commissioner Ledford said he would not want to see the City control the money.

Commissioner Rardin then asked if all the money would still be used for operations. Mayor Griggs said some of it would have to be used for administration.

Commissioner Rardin said since the OCEDC contract will be renewed in June, he would like to see the contract rewritten instead of reusing all the only language and making it between the City of Alamogordo and OCEDC and not the Commission and OCEDC and some goals that we would like to see OCEDC reach. He would also like to see a time line and procedures that are followed when new businesses come and ask for assistance. Commissioner Ledford said a time line could be good, but sometimes there are other issues that prevent businesses from making that time line.

Commissioner Rardin also asked if there is ever an internal audit of OCEDC that indicates how the money is spent in any given year. Mrs. Nichols was not sure if we ever did that. Commissioner Ledford stated there are outside agencies that do look at it, but we have not conducted an internal audit. He added that a lot of time, companies agrees to sign an agreement, but asked that their financials be kept confidential. Commissioner Rardin wanted to be sure the tax payers money is utilized in a good way and not wasted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cole said he was pleased to see the high amount of support the voters gave to the Economic Development question. He would like to see a financial increase to help the City grow.

Mayor Griggs said if we wanted to increase the amount, we will just need to agree to add more to this general item number from the tax. He would like to see some summary in the statement that indicates where the money is spent. He indicated that there is a position on the board for the mayor as a non voting member and also one for a commissioner. He suggested they decide who would like to sit on the board with him.

Zia Therapy – Zia Transportation (Fund 44) – Sharon Gilsdorf and Joe Hardin
Mr. Hardin

Mr. Hardin indicated they are applying for a slight increase due to an increase in insurance and in operating costs. In the past two months we have had an increase of riders since we have installed cameras in all the buses and have added bike racks. We currently have a total of 10 vehicles with another on the way in the next couple of weeks and we have five routes running at this time. We have two fixed routes, two modified fixed routes and a para trans service.

Commissioner Ferguson stated that the City has gas pumps and he notices the buses get their gas from the truck stop or other places. He wanted to know if it would be possible for them to have an agreement to utilize our gas pumps. Mr. Hardin stated they have looked at that over the past few years but with our fleet discount that we are currently getting, we can actually get it cheaper at those other locations.

Mayor Griggs stated if it were not for Zia, there would not be a mass transit in the City. He thanked them and said he hopes they continue to do a great job. Mr. Hardin stated they are pleased to do this. He has been taking with DOT and since we are non profit, we do not have the luxury of getting insurance. Under PRC, which we joined recently, our insurance almost doubled and that cost is passed along in our budget. According to DOT, if we can get the City to put out a letter that states we are the municipalities' transit provider, we can get underneath

the PRC rules. This is something we are looking at with the DOT to fix this issue. Mayor Griggs suggested he work with the City Manager to see what we can do to help them.

Commissioner Rance said he would like to see more stops throughout the city to better assist people. Mr. Hardin stated they are willing to do what they can to assist the City because the clients are what it is all about. We are currently working on putting up bus stop shelters as well.

Toy Train Depot (Requested) – Mr. Richard Haskell

Mr. Haskell gave a brief summary of the Toy Train Depot and expenses. He asked that \$20,000 be allocated from the City to the Depot for operations expenses. The front entrance will have to be rebuilt to comply with the new ADA requirements and we also need to replace some of the track in the park due to a safety issue.

Commissioner Ledford wasn't sure if we were able to fund it because they are not a governmental agency or fund. We have a statutory anti donation clause, so he is not sure if they can donate to them. Mr. Haskell stated they are located on City property. Commissioner Ledford asked if we are charging them to stay there and Mr. Haskell stated they were. Commissioner Ledford added that we can lease property but we would have to look into this. Mr. Haskell stated that for two years now, Otero County has been giving a \$5,000 grant to cover our insurance. Mayor Griggs asked the City Manager and City Attorney what our options may be. City Attorney Thies said we would have to look at the issue a little closer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cole asked since they have their depot on City property, does that make any kind of difference? Commissioner Ledford stated they lease the property, but they don't lease the train. We are not doing any type of donation; he is paying us to be there. To give them \$20,000 is not the same thing.

Commissioner Rardin asked if the Promotion Board puts this as an attraction when they go out to promote Alamogordo. Mr. McNeile stated they did. Mayor Griggs asked Mr. McNeile to look into it to see if there is any way the promotion board can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

/s/Ron Griggs

(SEAL)

Mayor Ron Griggs

ATTEST:

/s/Reneé L. Cantin

City Clerk Reneé L. Cantin

*(Prepared by Reneé L. Cantin, City Clerk and Marsha D. Brady, Deputy Clerk)
Approved at the Regular meeting held on June 8, 2010.*