

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
APRIL 23, 2013**

**SUSIE GALEA, MAYOR
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT RENTSCHLER, COMMISSIONER
JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER**

**AL HERNANDEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JIM TALBERT, COMMISSIONER
MATT McNEILE, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
STEPHEN THIES, CITY ATTORNEY
RENEE CANTIN, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Galea called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Clerk Cantin announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was led by Commissioner Talbert and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rardin.

Mayor Galea recognized Mr. Ed Brabson who was in the audience. He was honored with the Citizen of the Year Award at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner earlier in the month.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation of the Distinguished Budget Award to the City of Alamogordo by the Government Finance Officer's Association. (*Susie Galea, Mayor*)**

Mayor Galea read the press release from the GFOA. It stated the GFOA of the United States and Canada is pleased to announce the City of Alamogordo, NM has received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget. This budget represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects a commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principals of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget is served as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated proficient in all four categories and the 14 mandatory criteria in those categories to receive the award. When the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a certificate of recognition for budget presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to Kathy Gilsdorf, our Budget Analyst. She will receive this award in two weeks. For budgets including FY2012, 1,328 entities received the award. Award recipients have made efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America. The GFOA is non-profit professional association serving over 17,500 government finance professions throughout North America. The GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. The Mayor introduced Kathy Gilsdorf who has been the City's Budget Analyst since 2004. The Mayor noted this was the first time the City had received this award.

Commissioner Rardin asked the Mayor if they were going to approve the Agenda and she told him per Robert's Rule of Order, this did not need to be done.

Commissioner Rardin requested to add an item to Executive Session for Limited Personnel Matters (Discussion of policies and procedures relating to the working relationship of the City Commission and the future City Manager).

- 2. Presentation related to a Veterans' Memorial. (*Richard McElderry, Presenter*)**

Mr. McElderry addressed the Commission. He told them he represented the Lincoln/Otero County

Veterans Leadership Council. He said the Veterans Leadership Council had been asked if there was any interest in the City of Alamogordo for a Veterans Park. The short answer is 'yes'. He noted the information he had provided to each Commissioner in their packets. He felt the difference between a memorial park and a veterans park was that the memorial park remembered the veterans gone on before, whereas the veteran's park remembered the veterans gone on before as well as those still living. The park should be constructed in such a way to accommodate Memorial Day, Veterans Day and patriotic ceremonies, and would need to have electricity and a raised platform. The organizations that support veterans in the local area should take part in this venture. If it was approved to be on public land, no single organization would have the resources to support the project fully. There might be some money available from the State to help with this endeavor, and grants and personal donations could also be considered. He recommended the Mayor and Commission form an exploratory committee of Alamogordo Veterans groups and citizens to pursue this venture. He thanked the Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez asked if any locations had been looked at for this. Mr. McElderry said the veterans organizations in Alamogordo had picked somewhere in Alameda Park as their preferred choice. The reason for that would be it was easily seen by those driving on White Sands Blvd. Another choice was Washington Park where the old pool had been, being close to the local cemeteries. The Leadership Council was not making a recommendation at this time, but felt this would be up to the committee.

Mayor Galea asked Staff to bring back an agenda item for the next Commission meeting to appoint a committee for this project and to work with the Veterans Council to establish a location. She noted the Quality of Life funds were all allocated to other projects, but a committee and possibly Staff could to look for grant monies to build this park. She felt there would be community support for this.

Mr. McElderry pointed out the Veteran's Leadership Council is made up of people from both Lincoln and Otero Counties. He recommended the committee be made up of people from both counties and that the Veterans Council not take the lead. Mayor Galea asked if he would recommend active duty, retired and non-military people as well, and he agreed. Mr. McElderry said it took Tularosa about six years to build theirs.

3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action, from the White Sands Blvd. Beautification Advisory Committee. (Steve Brockett, Chairman and Darron Williams, Vice Chairman)

Chairman Steve Brockett started with the presentation. He introduced the Committee members present in the audience, and recognized those who had met with the Committee to help in decision making. Mr. Brockett said there was a lot of information to process and notes to be taken, and he felt the Committee had only scratched the surface. The Committee believed they had successfully achieved what they wanted which was to begin a dialogue on beautification as it relates to not only White Sands Blvd., but to the entire City. He then said he would present the Mission Statement written by Renee French and Vision Statement, as well as how the Committee had dealt with City Codes and Ordinances, external assistance, educational marketing community involvement which is a must for this to succeed, beautification recommendations, potential funding measures and future vision. The Committee felt they needed to have a Mission Statement in order to keep them focused.

The Mission Statement reads:

The mission of the WSBAC is to assist the City of Alamogordo in developing and pursuing initiatives that promote the beautification of White Sand Boulevard. The goal of the Committee is to create civic pride and to motivate the City's diverse population and businesses to participate in the beautification process.

Chairman Brockett emphasized the word businesses since White Sands Blvd. is mainly made up of businesses. He listed the areas on White Sands Blvd.

He read the Vision Statement:

The City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, is surrounded by a sweeping panorama of natural beauty and color that gives pleasure to the senses and enhances the spirit. Our community can best honor our God-given landscape by actively participating in a collective pride of ownership and patriotism that enhances our abundant beauty. This includes the maintenance and cleanliness of public and private properties and facilities; an introduction of sustainable landscape designs; buildings that use a diversity of vibrant and pleasing colors that appropriately reflect our surroundings, and the use of creative, fiscally responsible methods to enhance the appearance of worn facades and lots, as well as promote our area attractions. Our beautification program respects the rights of property owners, and calls for an ongoing effort by all to improve the appearance of our city.

Mr. Brockett said they had tried to cover as much as possible and not be too specific. He next noted they did not try to create ordinances, but instead thought the present ordinances needed to be enforced. This would be the cheapest and simplest way to begin and not be too burdensome on any commercial or residential areas. Secondly, to consolidate current ordinances on the books dealing with blight measures, slum prevention, health and safety and fire prevention. The City Attorney had been working on this and would be willing to discuss these with the Commission. He then introduced Vice Chairman Darron Williams.

Vice Chairman Williams continued with the presentation and used a Power Point presentation. He said their view on external assistance was for the NMDOT to help maintain White Sands Blvd., especially in painting the lines and in maintenance. The Committee would need the assistance of the Commission and City Staff to prod the State to remain on schedule. They are currently scheduled to address paint and maintenance in August of this year; however, this was originally scheduled for two years ago. The lines on the streets are very faded and he hoped NMDOT would stick to their current schedule. The committee would also need assistance from the Army Corp of Engineers who had constructed the cement culverts under White Sands Blvd. They still own one of these. Thus, we cannot get in this area to accomplish maintenance and beautification deemed appropriate. We can do basic cleaning, but anything more would be a challenge. He next noted the Keep Alamogordo Beautiful (KAB) organization would continue to need grant support, and they would have a key roll in this overall process. The WSBBAC had great support and advice from the Master Gardner organization, and he felt a relationship with them would be the key to accomplishing beautification. Mr. Williams felt another challenge was to work with the County and the Chamber of Commerce for programs they are launching or already have in place. We must encourage incorporation of the entire community. Lastly, city, county and state citizen involvement would be an important factor and would be a cornerstone to this process. Volunteers would be vital and we should significantly expand education, marketing and community involvement. He quoted Paul Sanchez who said, 'We must inform to involve'. KAB would be an exceptionally good delivery agent for a lot of this information. A media blitz, PSA's, educational programs in the schools, civic organizations and city staff, as well as holding city events that target this process are what we recommend. We must resurrect the culture where each individual feels responsible for cleaning up their own respective area, and the City taking a leadership roll. One of the main beautification ideas focused on Xeroscaping with the help of the Master Gardeners. We could obtain plants from the US Forest Service, the Department of Agriculture and other national and state entities that provide these plantings at no cost. The challenge is sustaining these after planting. Another thought concerning vegetation was to limit the varieties to be used in landscaping, for instance, particular cactus that would connect the entire White Sands Blvd. Color palettes were also discussed—a real palette with limited colors. The problem was we don't want to inhibit commercial business, and limiting colors could limit the larger corporations. We would perhaps strongly recommend a color palette in which the City gives the business a choice but not beat them over the head. The City has fairly decent ordinances on temporary and permanent signage, but not on classifying portable signs, so we recommend to do better in defining these. We were in favor of eliminating eye sores and non-professional appearances. The difficulty is it is tough to tell someone what you can or can't do, especially if a business has corporate requirements. We found it is easier to define what we don't want instead of what we do want. He spoke about facades and noted there was an era connection around town. The area between First St. and Tenth St. had buildings with 1950's through 1970's vintage. Perhaps this look could be enhanced to better highlight the era. The idea is to provide recommendations and ideas instead of wielding a compliance hammer. There is a responsibility for the businesses to maintain what they have in cleanliness and in general appearance.

The City should work with each business on an individual basis to help them get from here to there.

Mayor Galea noted this presentation had lasted for 15 minutes and asked if there would be time for questions and discussion. He affirmed and she asked him to wrap up the presentation so there would be time for this.

Mr. Williams noted funding was a contentious topic because the Committee lacked understanding of how everything would be funded. Using property tax seemed impractical. Securing other sources such as grants and donations seemed most practical. Another idea was the bonds as they are paid off, because the funding used by the City each year to pay towards it could be used to set up a fund for some kind of improvement. Any funding would need to be secured and dedicated to this. Lastly, Mr. Williams said since White Sands Blvd. is only a piece of the process, the Committee recommended a full-time staff person to focus on how to orchestrate not only White Sands Blvd. but inclusion of the rest of the City. WSBBC also recommended establishing a permanent advisory board because this is a long term process. He commented all this should be incorporated with the County and surrounding area in order to be mutually supportive instead of contradictory.

Mayor Galea thanked the WSBBC for their time of over 16 hours, and the staff who took their time to help the Committee. She felt this would cost more than Main Street America because of the recommendation for a full-time staff person. Originally, she had noted \$50,000 in the City Manager's budget set aside for last year for incentivizing beautification of facades, etc. Chairman Brockett said eventually we would have gotten to that, but it is such a large project. Mayor Galea said she realizes now this was a lot to ask in such a short time, and her expectations were too much. She again thanked the WSBBC for all they have done.

Commissioner Rentschler said it could all come back to the Main Street program, and asked if the WSBBC had looked at this. Chairman Brockett said we could have. Commissioner Rentschler said the only alternative he saw in their funding was securing all alternative sources. He noted we should support the clean-up as much as we can and thought pursuing grants was a good idea. Chairman Brockett said one of the things we did discuss with Bob Carter was to use some of the Gross Receipts Taxes, but City Attorney Thies said this was a no go. The grants are out there and available, and he thought the City Grants person could help with this.

Mayor Galea thanked them again for their presentation.

4. Presentation of an update on the Airport Master Plan and the Commercial Air Service Study. *(Bill Griffen, URS, and Mike Boyd, Boyd Group International, presenters)*

Mr. Lance Grace from the Airport Board Advisory Board began the presentation by saying he would give a five minute sneak preview of two hours worth of information on Regional Jet Service to Alamogordo. He told the Commission he would meet with each of them within the next two weeks to elaborate on tonight's presentation. He first introduced Bill Griffen with URS who is the lead of the 20 Year Master Plan which should be done in another few months; Mr. Dave Ploeger who is with Delta and is the engineering consultant, and Mr. Mike Boyd will be presenting a bit later. Our airport really isn't little – it is in the second category, called Regional Airports, of the National Airport System of which there are about 3,000 FAA funded airports. There are eight of them in New Mexico including the SunPort. We do not have any passenger service and is one of three primary air attack bases of which there are 28 around the country. This is one of the three that remains open 24/7 year round, and for good reason since we have seen lots of forest fires around here. Neptune Aviation is the largest tenant and is an air attack company; the largest one by far. He noted the Mayor and Mr. Raybon went to Montana last year and Neptune has brought one P2 back here permanently and will bring five more in the ensuing months or years. There are currently 109 based planes at the airport, two fixed base operators, and the primary runway is 7,000' long and 150' wide. The NATO Standard runway is 8,000'. We have a pretty long runway, but when you have the big loaded air attack planes

you need a longer runway, especially for the new generation of airplanes. Economic impact from a four year old study showed almost 300 jobs, \$5 million directly and \$12 million indirectly and assets worth over \$43 million. The Legacy P-2 airplanes built back in the 1950's are being replaced by a new generation of jet power, swept wing planes, primarily the BAE 146 needing a longer runway. This isn't necessarily for take off but for a chance to abort if there is a problem. There are eight C130J's that have been modified and operated by the Air National Guard. They call for these in extreme cases concerning forest fires and we need to be able to handle these. Our goals are to keep the Air Attack Base, get Regional Jet Service and continue to support general aviation. There are a lot of other things needed but we will go over them later in the full brief with each of you. Mr. Grace noted the last service at the airport was New Mexico Airlines that had a single engine Caravan. Commercial air service pre-1978 was Frontier and some others. Everything was regulated by the Federal Government and they did point-to-point scheduling. After 1978, the airlines went to a hub and spoke system and there were some Essential Air Systems (EAS) contracts in the rural communities, including Alamogordo. There was only one customer for EAS and it was the Federal DOT. They made the same amount of money whether someone was on the plane or not, and they averaged .8 passengers per flight. It was dropped two years ago because of the incredible subsidies associated with it. We've never had Regional Jet Service here. Proposed RJ service would use regional jets which are twin engine jet airplanes generally in the 50 passenger class that will become bigger over the next few years. The destination for this service would be one of five: Dallas, Houston, Denver, Phoenix and Los Angeles. These are hubs and gateways to the rest of the country and world. The company that would fly out of here would be aligned with a major airline, either American or United. It would not be Southwest because it is a point to point company not aligned with any other companies, and doesn't have any international destinations. Everything would begin here; you would get your ticket here that would be good to your destination whether in Timbuktu or wherever, and the TSA checks would be done here. The types of jets used would be the Embraer made by a Brazilian company and another one built by Canadair. In the next few years there will be a Russian-built plane available, also. He pointed out the possible routes noting Dallas, Phoenix and LA would be for American while Houston, Denver and LA would be United. You need at least two flights a day for flexibility, but some places cut the numbers on Wednesday and Saturday. If you assume two flights a day, seven days a week, you have nearly 30,000 passengers that need to leave Alamogordo. These are called inplanements. This is based on the 30 passenger jets, but American has some smaller ones. Projected market areas of Otero and Lincoln Counties have 85,000 people and official travel has been averaging 8,700. Official tickets are those purchased by the Air Force for official travel and not for dependents and family. HAFB and WSMR are destination places so there are at least that many people coming into the area. Every person here with the German Air Force, from contractors to active duty, get paid for one round-trip ticket to Germany every year, and they also like to travel around the United States while here. He observed half of the people here tonight came to Alamogordo with the military so that culture is very big here. That means your family is someplace else so military-type people fly in and out more than the average people do. Lastly, this is a tourist destination. Mr. Grace addressed pricing saying the real interest in flying is business as well as military. When you go to El Paso for the week, it costs around \$124.00, so that would be part of the equation of whether this airline will be utilized or not. No matter what the numbers, there will be a considerable amount of travel out of El Paso for a multiple of reasons. The Regional Jet Service Survey used three different data sets – 1)Gerald Champion done in January that asked four questions and had some limits on it, but it had very promising results; 2)Because of that, we did another extensive survey throughout February and March. It had six questions and through the analysis he did another analysis; 3) using that same data including household income in order to come up with more accurate results. The questions were: 1) How often do you and your family fly a year. How much of that was business. How much went foreign; 2) How many in your family; 3) How many of your friends/family come visit you each year; 4) What is your household income. We went through the Gerald Champion data that had 250 responses but only had the data for 100 of them. The complete survey had 31 groups with about 700 responses from almost 3,000 people. That is 3% of the population and is a lot of data. Household income was 2/3 of that (using the 2010 census demographics of the area). The original Gerald Champion survey showed 75,000 trips out of the market area. If you added the results of the next survey you would have 63,000 visitors coming in. You get almost 140,000 and you need 30,000. The complete survey results came up to almost

120,000 and some key numbers are 1/3 being business and 10% going to foreign destinations. Household income survey came to almost 112,000 inplanements and he told the Commissioners he would explain that more when he met with them. He said there is a large demand for commercial services from this area and a significant military demand. These numbers he spoke of are actually low because he didn't have data from people coming in here. Also, the census for Alamogordo missed a lot of people living in Alamogordo so in reality the numbers are 5%-10% low. He remarked Mr. Mike Boyd would complete this report, and we need to visit American Airlines first. TSA is federally funded and there is some work to be done with that. He said the fine print pertaining to the Minimum Revenue Guarantee was one of the scariest parts and we will be talking about that a lot. He introduced Mike Boyd.

Mr. Mike Boyd told the Commission he wanted to talk about several things. Number 1 – there aren't many airlines left. In 1983 there were about 35-40 airlines and today there are about 10. You have to be very careful of what you are looking at as far as managing expectations. Another problem is that the regional jets Lance talked of are out of production. Airlines aren't concerned about a lot of people, they are concerned with revenue. A community this size, on the face of it, is really tough, but you do have military traffic. Military traffic is what airlines like because it is high fare. Refundable tickets are too expensive and most of us have to get non-refundable tickets. In managing expectations, we have to look at the fact there is a really good road to El Paso and so it is easy to get there, and you have 60-80 flights out of El Paso whereas our best-case in Alamogordo is three flights. The numbers Lance spoke of are pretty good such as the employment ratio. The kind of service we are talking about would capture about 30,000 people, so the numbers are there. The other side of it is finding an airline who wants to do this, and there aren't many out there. United Airlines has hubs in Denver and Houston, and this probably isn't in the cards. Denver is in the cards but United is not interested in small communities, military or not. American Airlines is our one option because they are interested in small communities with military traffic. United is in Watertown, NY that is a very small community but they have a military base with a lot of traffic. All we can do is ask and show them the numbers. The numbers Lance has put together are very solid and American will talk to you, but that doesn't mean it will happen. We have the issue of money because airlines normally want a revenue guarantee before they put an airplane into a market. Mostly they want some money somewhere so that if a certain revenue level is not reached as defined ahead of time by a hard agreement, they want to be recompensed. This doesn't always happen that way. For example, we did a project for a grant for Shreveport, LA, which had a GM plant and we had service to Detroit that they never wrote a check for. He listed some other communities concerning this. There is another option called the Small Community Air Service Grant Program that can be used for a revenue guarantee. Another is the Department of Transportation (DOT) who does a good job because they care about communities and try to make it work. There are other opportunities but airlines have to have this or they won't come. The bottom line is can Alamogordo again support air service. He spoke about some of the area towns with air service, and made the point that Roswell has 75% of its tickets going to Dallas in order to go beyond Dallas. This is what the airlines really want. Another key here for Alamogordo is the international traffic created by the German Air Force, and airlines love this because international traffic is what really pays the freight. International traffic also brings people into the community to spend money, and the other point is that the air service would be here primarily to bring people into Alamogordo. People would be flying in to do site searches and build bigger things. He asked for questions and noted he would be meeting with them tomorrow.

Commissioner Rentschler asked if Alamogordo's recent experience with Essential Air Service would impact us in any way when we try for a Small Community Grant. Mr. Boyd told him it would not because everyone knows the EAS is a joke. They were putting airplanes through here and nobody cared if anyone got on them or not. Commissioner Rentschler thought this would have a huge impact on the City and would be the biggest thing since the railroad.

Commissioner Baldwin said if everything goes well with this plan, what kind of time line would we be looking at. Mr. Boyd said if everything goes well six to nine months.

PUBLIC COMMENT**A. Julie Owen commented on the following:**

- 1) She said she was on Fairgrounds Rd. and felt it was very dangerous when you try to get onto Scenic Dr. from Fairgrounds Rd. She felt this needed to be looked at. You can't see the cars traveling at 45 MPH coming when you are coming off Fairgrounds. She asked if a stop sign or stop light was planned for this spot. Public Works Director Brian Cesar said when the original plans were brought by the hospital, the design did not call for a traffic signal or stop sign. As part of the construction, the City went in and placed conduits in the event traffic in the area warrants signals at a later date. Mayor Galea said there would not be a signal at this time, but if needed, there would be at a future date.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required for item No. 8)

5. **Approve Minutes of the April 9, 2013 Regular and April 15, 2013 Special Meetings of the Alamogordo City Commission.** (*Renee Cantin, City Clerk*)
6. **Approve the Fire Protection Fund Application for FY 2014.** (*Robert Duncan, Police Chief*)
7. **Approve a land lease agreement renewal request by Dr. Robert Hurd for the renewal of lease area E8-A at the White Sands Regional Airport.** (*Larry Garner, Facility Maintenance Manager*)
8. **Approve the final publication of Ordinance No. 1439 amending the Code of Ordinances to create a Housing Authority Advisory Board. [Roll call vote required]** (*Stephen Thies, City Attorney*)
9. **Approve the award of Public Works Bid No. 2013-007 related to Installation of Metal Fencing at the Alta Vista Housing Complex, to Carreon Construction LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$32,287.50, including NMGRT.** (*Evelyn Huff, Housing Authority*)
10. **Approve the award of a Professional Testing Services Agreement for RFQ 2013-02 to Aqua Environmental Testing Lab for Water and Wastewater Analytical Services.** (*Bob Johnson, Project Manager*)
11. **Approve the award of IFB No. 2013-06 for the Rehab City Hall Hydronics System project, to General Hydronics, Inc. in the amount of \$50,020.87, including NMGRT.** (*Bob Johnson, Contract Coordinator*)
12. **Approve Change Order No. 4, Public Works Bid No. 2011-002, to General Hydronics, Inc. related to 2010 Street Maintenance Preparation Program, in a reduced amount of \$28,409.55, excludes NMGRT.** (*Edward Balderrama, Project Manager*)

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve items # 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 of the consent calendar. Commissioner Rentschler seconded the motion. Roll call was taken for item No. 8. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. **Approve the final publication of Ordinance No. 1435 related to use of cell phones in vehicles. [Roll call vote required]** (*Michelle Reeves, Assistant City Attorney*)

Commissioner Talbert said the permission to use a cell phone is back in this ordinance, as he reads it. That is what he read in the one in the email. Mayor Galea said the emailed version was like that, but the new version is there now.

City Attorney Thies said it was his understanding at the last meeting that the direction was to prohibit use of cell phones unless using a hands-free device and prohibit texting while driving. This ordinance addresses both those issues and prohibits making calls from cell phones or other electronic devices unless you can do so with a hands-free device. It also prohibits anyone from driving while using any type of electronic piece of equipment to send or receive text messages. Thus, it covers both of those.

Commissioner Talbert moved to approve the final publication of Ordinance No. 1435 related to use of cell phones in vehicles. Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez had issues with the enforcement of this. He noted we have current ordinances that cover everything. He hoped we would install hands-free devices on the police car radios, since they are electronic devices. Using the microphone would not be allowable under this ordinance. Commissioner Rentschler asked him if he meant emergency services CB's, and Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez replied they would be electronic devices under this ordinance. He said we would be tasking our police officers to pull over and give a citation to a sheriff's officer if he used his phone while driving. Good luck with that, he said.

Mayor Galea told him she understood what he was saying and that emergency services should be allowed to use their equipment to provide emergency services. There should also be a hands-free ordinance for the safety of the public in relation to text messaging or taking calls on the cell phone while driving. Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez said he understood that, but there were already ordinances on the books to cover this in case of an accident. He said we have construction companies that have two-way radios, so if you pick up the microphone and use it you have violated the ordinance. That would include our police and sheriff's officers who have electronic devices, whether a cell phone or a two-way radio.

Commissioner Rentschler read from the ordinance under 'Prohibited Activities While Driving' – 'No person shall drive a vehicle while engaged in any activity which interferes with safe operation of the vehicle.' He thought this was already covered there and if a DPS officer saw someone driving erratically, it would be something they could ticket. He worried about the enforceability of this ordinance. He asked the City Attorney what kind of ticket this would be.

City Attorney Thies suspected there would be a fine schedule payable when making a court appearance. If the person was charged with violating the ordinance they could appear in court. Commissioner Rentschler worried about overloading the courts, and he thought it would be hard to tell what people are doing in their cars. We could prohibit the eating of hamburgers and drinking of cokes and go on and on. It would be hard to enforce.

Commissioner Talbert read from tonight's ordinance #6a) "Electronic communication device" means wireless or cellular phones, PDAs, BlackBerries, smartphones, MP3 players, laptop or notebook computers utilizing VoIP (Voice-over Internet Protocol) technology, wireless and cellular phones utilizing push-to talk technology, and any other mobile communication device that uses shortwave analog or digital radio transmission between the device and a transmitter to permit wireless communications to and from the user of the device."

Mayor Galea pointed out to the Commission that if this is amended it will go back to first publication.

Commissioner Talbert withdrew his motion because he said especially the police, fire and emergency responders should be able to use radios.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez moved to approve reverting back to the original ordinance to just not allow text messaging. Commissioner Rentschler seconded the motion.

Commissioner Talbert said it should simply prohibit cell phone use while driving in order to make it clear.

Commissioner Talbert moved to amend to add just the terminology 'cell phone'. Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Commissioner Rardin asked the City Attorney if that would address what we are trying to do here. He said texting is really the issue. He wondered how it could be determined whether I'm dialing the phone or texting. He agreed with the intent of the ordinance, but that means the police can't use their radios.

City Attorney Thies responded he wasn't sure how many amendments were on the floor right now.

Mayor Galea tried to clarify by restating the motions. She mentioned Commissioner Talbert's original motion, then the motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez seconded by Commissioner Rentschler to revert back to the original to prohibit texting only while driving, and the last motion by Commissioner Talbert and seconded by Commissioner Sikes to also add prohibiting cell phones to the original motion.

City Attorney Thies told her if those two motions passed, the operator should remain as it appears that electronic communications device would be defined as a cell phone. From his perspective, if you want to prohibit texting, you want to cover other electronic devices because technology is in a constant state of flux and people could text from their computers or other devices not even on the market. That is why the definition of electronic device was so broad. You could limit the definition of electronic devices to a cell phone and electronic message would remain for the most part the same. You would leave in the 'engaging in a call' and 'hands-free device'. You could limit it to say electronic communication device means a cell phone, and the person could not use it to receive or place phone calls or write or receive electronic messages. Any other type of electronic device could be utilized to receive or send text messages or engage in communications.

Commissioner Rentschler said he could include any devices requiring keyboard input. City Attorney Thies said you could define it that way. Commissioner Rentschler said you would be looking down to input information on a keyboard, but the problem with that, for example, are meter readers who drive by and click in electronic data for the water system. The gas company, electric company and UPS do this, too.

Commissioner Talbert said his radio has a keyboard input on it, so he couldn't change the channel on his radio. That's why he wanted cell phones and no texting. Commissioner Rardin asked if we can leave it as is and exclude two-way radios that the police and fire departments use. He mentioned companies using two-way radios in their delivery trucks, as well as our city water shop staff. He could see the intent, so maybe we could simply exclude that.

City Attorney Thies said maybe you should look at what you are attempting to do. If the intent is to prohibit distracted driving, we have something in the City Code now that makes it illegal to drive while distracted. If an officer deemed someone was talking on their cell phone and because of that they were distracted, he could pull them over and cite them. If he observed them engaging in texting and this was causing them to be distracted from operating a motor vehicle, he could cite them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez called for the question.

Mayor Galea stated the motion on the table now by Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Rentschler was to revert back to the original ordinance to prohibit texting while driving.

Mayor Galea then said we have the amendment to the motion by Commissioner Talbert and seconded by Commissioner Sikes to add cell phone use to the original motion reverting back to the original ordinance.

She stated the first vote would be on the amendment made by Commissioner Talbert and seconded by Commissioner Sikes to revert back to the original to include prohibiting cell phone use. She asked for City Clerk Cantin to call the roll. City Clerk Cantin asked the Mayor if this one is to include cell phone use and Mayor said yes. It would prohibit cell phone use and allow hands-free use. **Motion carried with a vote of 4-3-0. Commissioner Baldwin, Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez and Mayor Galea voted nay.**

Mayor Galea announced we would vote on the original motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Rentschler to revert back to the original ordinance to prohibit texting while driving and prohibit cell phone use in the car. Roll Call vote was taken. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Mayor Galea reiterated all this by saying we did pass the motion to revert back to the original ordinance to prohibit texting while driving, and to prohibit cell phone use while driving. This will be a hands-free ordinance.

Commissioner Baldwin questioned this and said it was his understanding that what passed was to prohibit texting, but cell phone use was still allowed. Mayor Galea told him they both passed. Commissioner Rentschler told the Mayor he thought we voted on the amendments and would then vote on the ordinance. Mayor Galea said we did this. The first vote was on the amendment with a vote of 4-3-0 and the second vote – the original motion- was voted on with a vote of 7-0-0. She said the next ordinance submitted to us will include the original ordinance to prohibit texting while driving, and prohibit cell phone use while driving to be a hands-free ordinance. Commissioner Rardin clarified it would be a first publication again. Mayor Galea affirmed and said the first publication would come to the next commission meeting. She asked the City Clerk if anything different needed to be done.

City Clerk Cantin said they had lost her on all this. She clarified that the last vote was in favor to not allow cell phone use, to revert back to the no texting or cell phone use. What you did in that 7-0-0 vote was to vote on the final publication originally before you tonight, correct? Mayor Galea told her that was not correct. They had voted to revert back to the original we first saw. City Clerk Cantin asked if that was the one voted down at the last meeting and the Mayor confirmed. City Clerk Cantin confirmed the ordinance would come back for first publication to the next meeting. The Mayor agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 14. Consider, and act upon, the first publication of Ordinance No. 1440 rezoning Lots 11B & 12B, Tays Heights Subdivision, Replat B from R-1 to C-3. (Marc South, City Planner)**

City Planner Marc South told the Commission these lots are directly east and west of Crescent Dr. Crescent Dr. is presently not fully paved to city standards. He pointed out the area on the overhead screen. On the north side of the street, the lots are all zoned C-3 except for these two lots. There is a lot of bare land in the area and the area across the street on the south side is residential. Bank 34 is the applicant in this case and acquired this whole subdivision as the result of the settlement of a loan law suit, and they are the applicants of record. Mr. South had talked to them today and the transaction to sell this to Dr. Free had closed on Friday. The only thing in this general area is a storage facility and the rest is empty. Dr. Free's plan is to build a medical office building on one of the two lots, and the long range plan is to build another medical office building on the other lot. This is consistent with the comprehensive plan for this area where we are looking at having medical related buildings constructed. These would be convenient to the hospital.

Commissioner Rardin moved to approve the first publication of Ordinance No. 1440 rezoning Lots 11B & 12B, Tays Heights Subdivision, Replat B from R-1 to C-3. Commissioner Talbert seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez asked if the C-3 would allow for additional storage. City Planner South said theoretically it would. Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez remarked across the street it is being used for that. The doctor owns a house and uses it for a storage unit. The City Planner told him the discussions have been for medical offices.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

- 15. Consider, and act upon, a purchase agreement with Western Bank for the purchase of the property located at 200 S Florida Avenue. (Stephen Thies, City Attorney)**

Mayor Galea noted this address is the former bowling alley.

City Attorney Thies said this is a proposed purchase of the old bowling alley building which is about ½ block south of First Street and behind the Granada Shopping Center. The City has a tentative agreement with Western Bank to purchase the property for \$250,000. If approved, we have had discussions with the NM National Guard which is in need of a temporary site while they are doing renovations on their building on South Florida. They would be looking at leasing about ½ of this property from us for about 9-18 months. If we did so, we would be recovering a sizable portion of our purchase agreement. After the Guard would move out, we could look at other options such as the proposed Family Fun Center, City use for some of its own operations, or we could convert it into a building for enticing an incubator business – a small commercial manufacturing or other type of industrial that would be consistent with the neighborhood. Staff recommends the Commission approve this item.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve a purchase agreement with Western Bank for the purchase of the property located at 200 S Florida Avenue. Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Rentschler asked what it would cost to get it ready for the National Guard would need. City Attorney Thies told him the staff had looked at the inside of the building last week and found the building had large steel beams and was skinned with steel. He understood the building had once been used to manufacture jeans, and then the bowling alley was framed inside of the building. It would be rather easy to gut the building. We will need to have further discussions with the National Guard to see what they need in the way of restroom and kitchen facilities. There are restroom and kitchen facilities in there now, but they are in a state of disrepair and the Guard would likely want them improved. Our plan is to go out for proposals to see if anyone would be interested in salvaging the existing bowling lanes which are still there though rather old. Assuming someone did buy that, we would contract with someone to gut the interior, and then address what the National Guard would want.

Commissioner Rentschler said the short answer is we haven't figured out what it would cost to fix up the building. He was concerned that if we buy this building, we might spend another \$250,000 - \$500,000 to bring the building up to snuff. It will be tough to bring it back into reasonable shape for a barracks for the National Guard. Mayor Galea told him in a year's time they want to utilize it for office space while they are completing a \$6 million renovation to their existing building. Commissioner Rentschler understood that but was concerned about the cost of renovation to get them in there.

Mayor Galea said this would be a good location for a Family Fun Center.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-1-0. Commissioner Rentschler voted nay.

- 16. Consider, and act upon, directing city staff to take summary minutes for public meetings. (Susie Galea, Mayor)**

Mayor Galea had requested this be placed on the agenda, because we are one of only three municipalities in the state who take exhaustive minutes, while the state requires only summary

minutes. City Clerk Cantin has provided you with an example of when summary minutes were done in 1970.

City Clerk Cantin addressed the Commission. She told them we have bounced around in the seven years she had been here, and she understood the need for exhaustive minutes. Perhaps at this point we aren't quite ready for summary minutes, but she asked them to really look into it with open minds. Once we get the digital recording and audio systems on line the meetings will always be available, word for word. She gave the background on how minutes have been done. When she first came, we sent the minutes out to be transcribed and did not do any minutes in-house. Over the years, we have made budget cuts and have had one person resign in the Clerk's office. The former City Manager then made the decision to have the minutes sent out for transcription because of the short staff. Then her other deputy clerk retired and she was not allowed to fill his position. She hired one more person and brought the minutes back in house. We have gone from two deputy clerks and sending the minutes out to be done, to now having one deputy clerk who types the minutes as well as doing the filing and duties of the other employees. City Clerk Cantin said she is pushing for open minds to move forward and also listen to what some citizens have to say. The City Attorney is reviewing the contract for the JCG Company to do our digital recording, and the Agenda Quick software that will allow before each agenda item for her to hit 'play' again so they can go to the audio and listen to any agenda item they want. If they change discussion, such as you did previously this evening, she could start the play on each one so we could go back and listen. It will be more feasible to look at summary minutes at that point. She referred to the 1970 minutes and noted they were short but also summarized. She also explained the handout from Ubiquis who previously did our transcribing, and their explanations of styles of minutes – from verbatim to executive summary. Clerk Cantin is proposing not just the executive summary that only shows the motion, but the standard summary to where you can take a verbatim transcript of 120 words and go to a standard summary of 35 words saying basically the same thing.

Commissioner Rardin asked about the status of the approval of the digital recording software that had been approved at the last budget hearings. City Clerk Cantin told him the City Attorney is reviewing it and after he is done we will be able to move on this. Commissioner Rardin asked about how long we keep digital recordings of meetings. She told him a digital recording doesn't take up much space so we will look at the retention on that after we have the system in place. She had looked at other city websites and they had the minutes posted on their sights like we do. Commissioner Rardin said he liked how we do the minutes now so in case of an issue six or eight months ago, we can go back and read almost word for word what was said in the meetings. He wouldn't be against going with something like this as long as we have the digital minutes kept on line for years. He would like to leave the minutes as is until we receive the new digital software.

Commissioner Rentschler was astonished when he first came on board to learn we had someone sitting in a room transcribing for days on end. At the time, he had asked about a voice-activated system, and wondered if the new system we are getting could produce a printed page. The City Clerk said we would still be required by state statute to prepare minutes. Commissioner Rentschler said the software is available to put printed words on a screen, like watching television with close captioning. It would save so much time while still having them on line. Clerk Cantin kept that in mind while she reviewed webinars and talked to other clerks who had it. The voice recognition software problem is you can have all your officials on this, but when someone that the system does not recognize speaks, it is a jumble and not understandable. These recordings were not recommended by those who had this ability. Commissioner Rentschler thought that kind of software had to be available and be much cheaper. Clerk Cantin told him it would definitely not be cheaper.

Mayor Galea asked the cost just for the digital recording material. City Clerk Cantin told her for the recorder and back-up recorder for meetings off site, such as the County has, it would be \$9,000. They would do set up and training and she thought it would be \$9,000 for the additional Agenda Quick software. This would allow the directors to enter their item and then she would do the routing, so the agendas would be more streamlined.

Mayor Galea asked if we are simply waiting for the contract to be approved, and Clerk Cantin agreed saying it is in this year's budget. Mayor Galea added the Commission had approved in our current budget an amount of \$7,500 for Alamogordolive.net in order to reach out to as much of the public as possible.

Commissioner Sikes asked about how long we are required to retain digitized minutes. The City Clerk told her according to state statute the recording could be erased after the minutes are approved. She noted we have kept cassette tape recordings for four years, but the Commission agreed at the last meeting to follow these state rules from now on.

Commissioner Rardin asked if the agreement was still on the City Attorney's desk and Clerk Cantin affirmed. He said he would like to wait until after the digitalized software was in place to switch methods of minute preparation. The Clerk said no action was needed at this point, but she and the Deputy Clerk could prepare two types of minutes for the next couple of meetings and the Commissioners could decide after that.

The Mayor directed staff to prepare exhaustive and summary minutes for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin agreed with Commissioner Rardin and felt we should continue as is until the new system is ready. He did not want people to perceive the Commission was trying to deny access to the public or were getting rid of things. He wanted any form of minutes to be accessible to the public for as long as they needed them to be.

Mr. Paul Sanchez came forward from the audience to speak. He said he appreciated Commissioner Baldwin's comments and felt there was a lot of merit in the discussion that just took place. He pointed out in tonight's Agenda Item #16, Mayor Galea stated that the City Clerk's office currently prepares exhaustive minutes and there is no need for these extensive minutes, sighting New Mexico statutes Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1G where it does define the minimum requirements for the minutes of each meeting. While he respectively disagreed, during the last year alone between the Plaza Pub and Juniper issues, we the people on numerous occasions have referred back to the exhaustive minutes to show you, our Commission, exactly what was said about that issue. The Mayor is completely correct that in Section 10-15-1G it shows exhaustive minutes are not required. That is 100 % correct, he said. The Open Meetings Act does not prohibit the minutes the way they are done now. Additionally, he said if you are going to refer to that specific statute you should take a moment to read it in its entirety, specifically in Section 10-15-1A it states, "in recognition of the fact that representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. It is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of governments and the official acts of those officers and employees representing them." Knowing that nothing prohibits exhaustive minutes, knowing that we have been doing the minutes this way for at least 40 years, and knowing that the public refers regularly to those minutes as they are done now, he believed changing to the summary minutes directly contradicts the stated intent of paragraph 1.A and is a direct attack on the access that we the people currently have to know what our government is up to. Stating the law permits this is one way to go about it, but if you are truly to have an open, fair, transparent government, why should we change what's not broke. He thanked the Commission.

17. Consider, and act upon, installation of a no parking zone on Juniper Drive from Aspen to Tenth Street. (Brian Cesar, Public Works Director)

Public Works Director Brian Cesar told the Commission the staff is requesting authorization to place eight (8) 'No Parking' signs (this corrected the agenda report that said 10 signs) be installed on the section of Juniper between 10th Street and roughly Aspen Drive with four (4) signs on each side. He said we would also paint the curb line yellow through this area. There are a number of the property

owners that have already removed their vehicles from the street in the area, and we will be coming back to Commission in July with the preliminary engineering that was requested by Commission before we moved any farther with the project. We wanted to take this opportunity to create the No Parking Zone to see how it impacted this area along with our traffic studies and other things we are doing. The cost of this for materials is under \$250.00.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if the Juniper homeowners would be notified prior to this. Public Works Director Cesar told him that if the Commission approves this tonight, he would notify the property owners and give them a two week notice that these signs would be going in. That would give us time to prep the signs and be ready to install when that period is up.

Commissioner Rardin asked if the signs would state 'No Parking Anytime' or only certain parts of the day. Public Works Director Cesar told him it would be no parking at all. Right now we have enough signs that restrict parking from 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or we could order any kind the Commission would like. Commissioner Rardin said with those signs they could park at night. He then asked what the highest traffic count was for that street, and the Public Works Director told him it was roughly between 7:30-9:30 a.m. and then again 4:30-6:30 p.m. Commissioner Rardin said the 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. wouldn't really catch the busy period. Mr. Cesar told him the signs they have now were really designed for downtown and other areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez clarified the materials would cost \$250.00 and the report stated the total cost would be \$250.00. He remarked they had been hit before because they didn't get the right numbers, so he wanted to clarify. Public Works Director Cesar said it was \$250.00 for materials and it did not include employees setting the signs and painting the curb line. He felt they were looking at a total of four to four and a half hours for two employees. Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez said the agenda report said 'The total cost of this proposal is \$250.00'. Public Works Director Cesar said that includes the painting of the curb line, the pole, the signs, and concrete, but does not include the four hours for employees. He said if you want a different type of sign, we would have to order them at a cost of \$4.92 each.

Mayor Galea asked him if special parking permits could be requested by the residents if they were having a party. Public Works Director Cesar said they could by going to the Clerk's office and obtaining Special Events permits. They would look at doing the same thing in the Juniper area, such as a garage sale or family reunion. It is done most often for residents having a roofing project or yard cleaning and needing a large garbage container on the road way.

Commissioner Rentschler moved to approve installation of a 'No Parking Zone' on Juniper Drive from Aspen to Tenth Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez seconded the motion.

Andrew Baker asked to speak to the Commission. He said he lived on the corner of Aspen and Juniper and this issue of making Juniper, between 10th St. and Aspen, a 'No Parking Zone' was discussed by the Commission in the December meeting when all the residents of the area were here to discuss the street widening project. He wondered why it took four months to start utilizing one of the ideas discussed then instead of going ahead with a second vote for the widening of a street that does not need to be widened. It felt it seemed backward instead of doing things logically. Mayor Galea thanked him and told him she would get back to him with an answer to his question within 48 hours.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

18. Discussion and possible action upon, the Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Alamogordo. (Marc A. South, City Planner)

Mayor Galea asked the City Planner if he could highlight some of the changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and she noted there would be a re-write of the Zoning by a P&Z consultant which would then go to the P&Z Commission. She asked Mr. South if this Commission would be able to see this by July.

City Planner South said that is his understanding. He said the re-write of the Zoning Code has been handled by the City's Legal Department and P&Z has not been involved. He told the Commission they had been given the most recent version of the Comprehensive Plan in late March.

Commissioner Rentschler asked if this had been emailed to each Commissioner and City Planner South answered that it had. Commissioner Rentschler didn't remember seeing it and Commissioner Rardin remarked he had not either. Some of the Commissioners received it and some did not.

City Planner South told them the point of tonight's presentation was they are getting ready to move forward with obtaining formal approval of the Plan. He said the Commissioners needed to let him know their comments so he could make any changes if need be. He didn't want to go through the large document page by page.

Commissioner Rentschler asked for this in a bound copy so he could go through it. City Planner South said it would be in their boxes tomorrow.

Mayor Galea noted the Budget Hearings were coming up on May 6th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (tentatively) and asked the Commissioners if they would like to name an additional date to go through this plan.

Commissioner Rentschler said if he had the Plan in front of him, it could be done fairly quickly. City Planner South said he would have a bound copy in the Commissioners boxes tomorrow. Commissioner Rardin said he didn't think we needed a special meeting. Mayor Galea said she would like to move forward with this so consultants could be hired by July for the re-write.

Assistant City Manager McNeile said the issue with the zoning rewrite is we will be using specifically Chapter 3 – Land Use Definitions. This would help us with the Zoning re-write, so please pay special attention to that chapter and get us any additions/subtractions. We will be going through Legal to get a consultant.

Commissioner Rardin asked when we do the zoning re-write, he would like to see the realtors, contractors, developers and others be involved in the process. Last time we did a re-write we had too much to handle, so we made it work for what we needed it to do at the time. He felt this time we need to involve the movers and shakers of the community who deal with this. Whenever we obtain a consultant on board, we need to have the hospital, realtors, builders, developers, CID and anyone else affected by the process. Assistant City Manager McNeile said we will make sure that's in the scope of the services. City Planner South told Commissioner Rardin that to the extent P&Z is involved, good professional planning practice is to do this from the bottom up and not the top down. We will do what we can to help facilitate that.

Mayor Galea asked for a motion. Commissioner Rardin said he hadn't read the Plan yet and City Planner South said there was not a form to be approved yet. Mayor Galea asked the Commission in what form they would like the Plan. City Clerk Cantin said if you want an electronic version where you can make comments on it, she could provide this.

Mayor Galea said the Commission would like a paper copy and City Planner South told her it would be in their boxes tomorrow.

19. Appointments to Boards & Committees. *(Susie Galea, Mayor)*

Mayor Galea announced the Boards and Committees with current vacancies and appointed Pete Desai to the Promotion Board. This will be his first term.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1) Assistant City Manager McNeile invited all to attend the Earth Day Celebration this Saturday at the

Alameda Park Zoo. It would begin at 8:00 a.m. and usually lasts until about 5:00 p.m. The White Sands Rotary Club will be donating and planting trees in Alameda Park before Earth Day. The trees will be a combination of globe willow and some cottonwoods.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Galea commented on the following:

- 1) Alamogordo/Sacramento Mountain Railway through the Lincoln National Forest will be receiving a Historic Preservation award for their work on the Trestle May 10th at 2:00 p.m. in Santa Fe. She will be unable to attend but extended her congratulations.
- 2) She also noted Earth Day was coming up.
- 3) Mayor Galea mentioned Public Works Director Cesar will be going to Santa Fe tomorrow for the Water Trust Board. She would also be attending. Public Works Director Cesar explained this would be part of the mobile desalination project of which the City has about \$2 million from DFA. The additional request would be to complete the project, hopefully making up for the water we lost from Bonita Lake. The plant is proposed to be constructed next to the La Luz filter plant and will produce one million gallons of potable water a day.
- 4) She asked the Commissioners if they would rather meet in the Commission Chambers or the Civic Center for the upcoming Budget Hearings. They asked to have them in the Commission Chambers. She asked the City Finance Staff to highlight any changes from last year's budget.

Commissioner Rentschler commented on the following:

- 1) He asked Public Works Director Cesar if Fairgrounds Road was open. Public Works Director Cesar told him there are three crosswalks that should be marked tomorrow. The company that is placing the markings got a late start and then the afternoon wind prevented them from completing. He said they should be done hopefully by the end of the day tomorrow.
- 2) Commissioner Rentschler said the presentation they saw on the Regional Air Service was a really big deal for the City. Mike Boyd and associates will begin tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. in Cloudcroft, 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. at the Chamber and the main meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at the First National Bank Atrium here in Alamogordo. There will be additional meetings HAFB. New Mexico's Secretary of Economic Development Barela will be attending and he hoped the other Commissioners would attend one of the meetings. He intended on going to all of the meetings and particularly the meeting at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote Required)

Adjourn into Closed Session in compliance with Section 10-15-1.H, NMSA 1978 (2010 Cumulative Supplement), to discuss:

- **Purchase of Real Property (Pecan/Washington Realignment Project)**
- **Purchase of Real Property (Section 16, T20S, R9E, NMPM)**
- **Purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property (150' x 50' tract in Section 30, T 16 S, R 10 E, NMPM)**
- **Limited Personnel Matters (Discussion of policies and procedures relating to the working relationship of the City Commission and the future City Manager)**

Commissioner Rentschler moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Purchase or Real Property (Pecan/Washington Realignment Project and Section 16, T20S, R9E, NMPM); and Purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property (150' x 50' tract in Section 30, T 16 S, R 10 E, NMPM); and Limited Personnel Matters (Discussion of policies and procedures relating to the working relationship of the City Commission and the future City Manager) at 9:12 p.m. Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT



ATTEST:

Renee L. Cantin

City Clerk Renee L. Cantin

Susie Galea

Mayor Susie Galea

(Prepared by Nancy Jacobs, Deputy Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2013..