

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

**SUSIE GALEA, MAYOR
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JENNY TURNBULL, COMMISSIONER
AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER**

**ROBERT RENTSCHLER, MAYOR PRO-TEM
DR. GEORGE STRAFACE, COMMISSIONER
JIM STAHLER, CITY MANAGER
STEPHEN THIES, CITY ATTORNEY
RENEE CANTIN, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler called the meeting to order. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Mayor Galea and Commissioner Straface were both absent. Clerk Cantin announced there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the addendum. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation related to the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan including the kick-off discussion for development of a new plan. (*Mikel Ward, Fire Chief*)**

Deputy Fire Chief, Jim LeClair addressed the commission and spoke about Hazard Mitigation Plans. He introduced Mitigation Planning Consultant Raymond López with International Consulting & Assoc., LTD., who has been hired by the City to help with our plan. Mr. López explained the process and why the City of Alamogordo needs an All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; Hazard Mitigation is a program that was developed by FEMA. He remarked this city is very progressive and has a good plan in place; it simply needs to be updated. Mr. López hoped to have this completed by July of next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Kevin Dodge, Mitigation Specialist with the NM State Homeland Security Department of Emergency Management introduced himself as the person who would be the City's contact in reference to the All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required for Items No. 5, 6, 7, & 8)

- 2. Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Alamogordo City Commission. (*Renee Cantin, City Clerk*)**
- 3. Approve the Lodger's Tax Expenditures for Tourism & Travel. (*Jan Wafful, CS Admin. Assistant*)**
- 4. Approve a Special Dispenser Permit Application and a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Dispenser's License for Mister A, Inc. d/b/a Jerry's Lounge/Kwik Stop for the Sunset Run Race on October 4th, 2014 at Granada Center. (*Renee Cantin, City Clerk*)**

5. **Approve Resolution No. 2014-45 requesting written approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance & Administration, State of New Mexico for the revised budget figures computed as of September 23, 2014. [Roll call vote required]** (*LeeAnn Nichols, Finance Director*)
6. **Approve Resolution No. 2014-52 to apply for a grant through the New Mexico Department of Transportation to complete the Master Plan for the Alamogordo White Sands Regional Airport. [Roll call vote required]** (*Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager*)
8. **Approve the final publication of Ordinance No. 1473 amending the official zoning map of the City of Alamogordo, changing the classification of Ridge View Lot 2 (2118 North Florida Avenue) from its present zoning district of C-3, Business District to MH-2, Manufactured Housing/ Recreational Vehicle Park District. (Case # Z-2014-0003(A)). [Roll call vote required]** (*Renee Cantin, City Clerk*)
9. **Approve the Agreements with Otero County for Senior Center, related to Transportation, Meals on Wheels/La Luz and RSVP Services.** (*Veronica Ortega, Senior Center Manager*)
10. **Approve the Intergovernmental Services Agreement between the Alamogordo Public School District and the City of Alamogordo regarding the reciprocal use of lands, facilities and equipment owned by each entity.** (*Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager*)
11. **Approve an Application for participation in the Fire Protection Fund Grant FY 2015 for the Alamogordo Fire Department for an amount up to \$100,000.** (*Mikel Ward, Fire Chief*)
12. **Approve the award of RFP No. 2014-006 for Uniformed, Unarmed Security Guard Services to Alamo Security.** (*Matt McNeile, Assistant City Manager*)
13. **Approve the Proposed Changes to Roadway Functional Classifications, per NMDOT Manual.** (*Nancy Beshaler, Project Manager*)
- A-1. **Consider and act upon a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 3818 ("AFSCME").**

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the consent agenda 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and A-1. Motion was amended to remove Item No. 7 for discussion. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken for Items No. 5, 6, & 8. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. **Approve Resolution No. 2014-53 approving a Grant Agreement between the City of Alamogordo and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service Collaborative Forest Restoration Planning Grant in the amount of \$445,629.00 to conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Study for the Westside Sacramento Mountains Planning Project. [Roll call vote required]** (*Ruben Segura, Grants Coordinator*)

Grants Coordinator Segura explained to the commission this was a planning grant agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler had concerns about passing the Resolution for this grant because of recent testimony of the NM State Engineer, and he wanted all commissioners to read this before making a decision. Concerns were the grant agreement was received from the USDA so late and going through another long environmental study.

Mr. Travis Mosley, Lincoln National Forest Supervisor and Mr. James Duran spoke in support of this agreement and explained what it would do.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to table this item until the document of testimony discussed was read. Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sikes discussed if we table it we lose the money, and we approved to move forward with this in January.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-3-0. Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Turnbull, and Commissioner Baldwin voted nay.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-53 approving a Grant Agreement between the City of Alamogordo and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service Collaborative Forest Restoration Planning Grant in the amount of \$445,629.00 to conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Study for the Westside Sacramento Mountains Planning Project. Commissioner Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2-0. Commissioner Hernandez and Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler voted nay.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. **Hold Public Hearing, consider, and act upon, Application No. A-911555 to grant a Transfer of Location for Retailer Liquor License #4020 Application No. A-911555 for Albertson's LLC d/b/a Albertson's #1053, located at 1300 Tenth St., Alamogordo, NM. (Renee Cantin, City Clerk)**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. **Consider, and act upon, a one (1) year extension of the Agreement between the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Zia Therapy Center, Inc. for Public Transportation Services in accordance with Section 3 of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$99,989.00 for the Fixed Route Services and \$10,000 for the Las Cruces Route Program. (Ruben Segura, Grants Coordinator)**

Mr. Joe Hardin, Director, Peggy O'Neal, CEO, and Sharon Gilsdorf, CFO of Zia Therapy Center, Inc., explained the Las Cruces Route Program. Power Point presentation is in the Agenda Book.

Some of the commissioners were concerned that they had budgeted \$10,000 in support of this program three years ago and had been told it would only be for one year to see if it would prove itself.

Public Comment included Harv Hamilton, Bill Dennis, Pam Laterno, Loretta Benavides, and Renee Cantin who all testified in support of this item.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve a one (1) year extension of the Agreement between the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Zia Therapy Center, Inc. for Public Transportation Services in accordance with Section 3 of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$99,989.00 for the Fixed Route Services and \$10,000 for the Las Cruces Route Program. Commissioner Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2-0. Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler and Commissioner Hernandez voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

16. Discussion, and possible action, related to the culverts located North of 24th Street in the Dry Canyon Arroyo. *(Jim Randall, Requestor)*

This item was withdrawn by the requestor.

17. Consider, and act upon, a request to release a utility lien filed in 2008 for the property located at 1408 Challenger Avenue. *(Stephen Thies, City Attorney)*

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve a request to release a utility lien filed in 2008 for the property located at 1408 Challenger Avenue. Commissioner Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

18. Notification of Boards & Committees Vacancies. *(Susie Galea, Mayor)*

There were no appointments made.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued if needed)

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1) City Manager Stahle thanked the Fire, Police, and Public Works Dept. for their hard work in the community during the flooding over the last several days. He also thanked Staff for putting sandbags at convenient locations. He made the comment we have a lot of work to do, especially on the north end of the City, to combat the drainage system problem.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

A) Mayor Pro Tem Rentschler also thanked all the City Staff for their work during the flooding.

B) He had gone around the city looking at various areas and noted the area at the old reservoir was a problem.

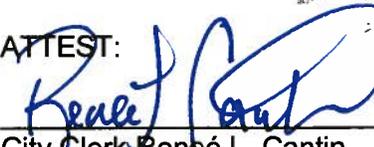
EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote Required)

- Purchase of Real Property (Lot 2B, Industry Center Subdivision, Replat B).

Commissioner Baldwin moved to Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the Purchase of Real Property (Lot 2B, Industry Center Subdivision, Replat B) at 9:01 p.m. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:


City Clerk Renee L. Cantin




Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Rentschler

(Prepared by Nancy Jacobs, Deputy Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2014.