

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL/BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES
CONFERENCE ROOM AT FIRE STATION #5
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR DON CARROLL
MAYOR PRO-TEM RON GRIGGS
COMMISSIONER INEZ MONCADA
COMMISSIONER DON COOPER
COMMISSIONER ED COLE**

**COMMISSIONER JOHN ROBERTSON
COMMISSIONER MARION LEDFORD
CITY MANAGER PAT McCOURT
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KAREN GROVES
FINANCE DIRECTOR LEEANN NICHOLS**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Other Staff members present were Ms. Virgie Romine, Accountant; Mr. Brian McGuire, Community Development Director; Mr. Matt McNeile, Community Services Director; Mr. Ken McDaniel, City Attorney; Chief Sam Trujillo, DPS Director; Ms. Betsy Kidwell, Personnel Manager/Safety Officer; Ms. Cheryl Town, Housing Authority Director; Ms. Mary Gilsdorf, DPS Administrative Manager; Ms. Fern Eckenberg, Administrative Specialist; Mr. Armando Ortega, Billing Clerk; and Mr. Brian Cesar, Utility Maintenance Manager.

Mr. Pat McCourt said he had a few items to discuss with the Commission. The first item had to do with HIDTA. Chief Trujillo referred to page 42, where there was currently an unfilled vacancy, and requested to keep that position opened. He explained that HIDTA had reduced funding to \$55,000.00, because they were cutting back slowly, and the City would be picking up the overtime. He mentioned that most cities were being cut and HIDTA funding might disappear in the next seven years. He briefly explained how he wanted to continue the program. There was some discussion on the funding and other jurisdictions getting involved.

Mayor Carroll asked if they would be having a conversation regarding funding if HIDTA had continued with funding 100%. Chief Trujillo replied that they would because he believed that the HIDTA was not working and explained how the City could go out on their own without the help of HIDTA. He said he wanted to start their own program and explained the three positions they had and where the funding was coming from.

Mr. McCourt said they had already discussed the second item he wanted to bring up and it was the refunding of the '96 Bond. He asked the Commission how they wanted to have the language written. Mr. McCourt said they wanted to get it done quickly because of the interest rates. It was noted that the language would be very broad.

Commissioner Robertson asked if they would be able to use it for the roads. Mr. McCourt replied that it could be used for the roads, waterlines or other areas where the Commission thought the bond would be useful.

Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs asked if they could refinance and get a term for twenty years. Mr. McCourt replied that they would do the projections.

Mr. McCourt said the Commission had discussed using the money for the clubhouse and the library. Mayor Carroll said he did not want to see all of the funds being used for one project. He suggested they make the language broad enough to use the money in other areas, but he was not interested in the bond being used for streets.

Mr. McCourt said the Community Development Director has several areas of responsibility and they all had separate funds. He wanted to consolidate them into Fund 32 and create a community umbrella. Ms. Nichols noted that the title would change to Community Services.

The meeting recessed at 3:25 and reconvened at 4:51 p.m.

Mr. McCourt explained the specific areas that they were looking at for annexation in the north side of town. He pointed out on the map where the area was and said it was prime commercial property; however, there would be a sewer problem and showed on the map where the line ran.

Commissioner Robertson asked if there was money in the budget for that. Mr. McCourt replied that there was not. They had the money for the water portion but not the sewer portion. He added that they would run out of fire response time as it developed and they were looking for an area where a fire station could be built.

Commissioner Moncada asked if there was only one owner. Mr. McCourt replied that there were other owners.

Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs stated that he remembered that Representative Pearce had a 5 million dollar road and right-a -way grant.

Mr. McCourt stated that one of the major problems was the water and sewer. Mayor Carroll asked how far west they would develop. He said the City did not want to interfere with the AICUZ plan. He said the further they added utilities the further development would be encouraged. Mr. McCourt replied they would end up with more control of the development.

Mr. McCourt said there was a second area they were looking at and it was the First Street route. The one owner of that property was ready to come in; however, the other owner was not ready for annexation. He pointed out on the map the area they wanted to bring into the relief route.

Mayor Carroll asked what the cost on that particular annexation would be. Mr. McCourt said there was \$20,000.00 in the planning budget for the paperwork. Mayor Carroll said that in addition to that there was the quid pro quo from Mr. Sheffield.

Mr. McCourt said that down to the south part of town they were thinking about closing it up and making an island around the county. He said most of the public did not want to come into the City and the Commission had granted their wishes.

Mr. McCourt requested permission from the Commission to look into those areas for annexation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs said that from the City perspective, it was better not to have an island because it would make it harder for DPS. Chief Trujillo said he was concerned about the area without water. Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs asked if the lines that the French Brothers had would work. Mr. McCourt replied that they had discussed those lines.

Commissioner Cole asked for a cost analysis. Mr. McCourt said they could do a cost analysis. He said they had \$20,000.00 to get started but needed permission. The decision was made to do more research and bring back information to the Commission. Mr. McCourt said the north side was a hot priority.

Mr. McCourt stated that they needed to go over the pay plan. Ms. Betsy Kidwell explained the personnel summary for 2004-2005. There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Carroll stated that he noticed the cost in personnel had gone up \$600,000.00. Ms. Kidwell replied that it was a preliminary figure and they were waiting for the health insurance, figures, which would be less.

Approve Budget Resolution No. 2004-11 adopting the fiscal year 2004-2005 Preliminary Budget. [Roll Call Vote Required]

Recommendation: Approve Budget Resolution

Commissioner Cole moved to approve Resolution 2004-11, adopting the Fiscal Year budget. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Approve Resolution No. 2004-21 adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) for FY 2005-2009.

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution [Roll Call Vote Required]

Commissioner Cole moved to approve Resolution 2004-21 adopting the ICIP. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Commissioner Ledford made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Moncada seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/Donald E. Carroll

Mayor Donald E. Carroll

ATTEST:

/s/Angie Rahn-Broyles

City Clerk Angie Rahn-Broyles
(SEAL)

(Prepared by Deputy Clerk Karen Groves)

Approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting of May 25, 2004.