

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
JANUARY 24, 2006**

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

**COMMISSIONER JOHN ROBERTSON
COMMISSIONER MARION LEDFORD
CITY MANAGER PAT McCOURT
CITY ATTORNEY KEN McDANIEL
CITY CLERK ANGIE RAHN-BROYLES**

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and all of the members of the Commission were present. The Invocation was given by Commissioner Ed Cole, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Don Cooper.

Mayor Carroll began the meeting by recognizing the passing away of Mr. George Abbott who was a life-long resident of Alamogordo and instrumental in founding First National Bank. He was a great supporter of the community and will surely be missed. He extended sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Abbott.

Mayor Carroll also took a moment to welcome the new Deputy City Clerk, Marsha Brady.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by Ms. Connie Adcock, 1-800-Flowers.com, and consider an amendment to the Project Agreement with 1-800-Flowers.com.

Recommendation: Approve the amendment.

Mayor Carroll said that the amendments to the Project Agreement are on the second paragraph. They change the date from November 20th to November 19th and also under Section One, the second sentence, "...whether capitalized or not..." has been added to more closely follow the language in the original agreement.

Ms. Connie Adcock thanked the Mayor and the City Commission for allowing her to make the presentation. She wanted to bring the City up to date on some of the great things happening at the Alamogordo 1-800-Flowers.com Center and also let them know how proud they are of the team that is there.

The Alamogordo Service Center is one of five that 1-800-Flowers.com has across the country, and it is one of the strongest performers of all of the centers. It always leads the way in attendance with 94% and handles the most call volume. Over half a million calls are handled every year, and in addition to that, another million or so calls are handled for the Choice Hotels partnership during the summer. She stated that they have a strong presence in Alamogordo that they count on a lot to be able to drive the business.

There is a strong performance of the core brands during the holiday and non-holiday business in part because of the strong performance in Alamogordo. The three big holidays are Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, and just to give some perspective, normally about 13,000 calls per day are handled for the flowers brand. On Valentine's Day, they expect to handle 250,000 calls. It's a huge ramp-up, and the Alamogordo call center always does a great job.

The shared workforce partnership is also handled with Choice Hotels. To be able to employ people year round, 1-800-Flowers.com partners with companies that have complementary peak seasons,

and the travel industry is a great opportunity because they are very busy during the summer whereas 1-800-Flowers.com is relatively slow during the summer. A great number of calls for the Choice Hotels brand are handled over the summer, and revenue is actually generated for both entities. Over the last two years 1-800-Flowers.com has made close to \$3 million as a result of that partnership.

They also have a partnership with Gardens Alive, which is a seed company, and that takes them through the spring so that people can remain employed between Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. In addition, 1-800-Flowers.com has a relationship marketing partnership with the Bank of America's Spirit Campaign. Something very interesting about that program is that it started out to be a temporary manual process, but because of the demeanor in which the calls were answered, Bank of America requested that the calls continue to be answered in Alamogordo because they were so pleased with the people and their great customer service skills. They didn't want to turn it into an automated process, which speaks well of the Alamogordo employees.

Ms. Adcock went on to say that they also offer off-hour support for 1-800-Flowers.com VIP customers. They are the top tier customers, and can be handled by the Alamogordo Call Center with the excellent customer service team that in addition handles the Spanish-speaking calls, Las Flores.

Ms. Adcock said that they are really proud of the Alamogordo team and the community spirit. She listed the community efforts that they have been involved in, which make them a valuable asset to the City of Alamogordo. As of January 22nd there are 455 active employees. Eighty-seven percent of those are full-time and thirteen percent part-time. There are 328 core employees, and 60% of eligible associates chose to participate in the company's medical plan. In addition, there are 127 holiday hires to help them get ready for the Valentine's Day holiday. There are 200 perennial club members, which are those people who because of their lifestyle and the choices they have in terms of the time they want to spend working, come back and work for them only during the holidays. They are extremely valuable to 1-800-Flowers.com, and it is a strong program. They will be starting up again February 6th to help make Valentine's Day successful.

Recently some money has been spent to upgrade the facility, and a beautiful paint job has been done on the exterior as well as the interior of the building, which makes it look fresh and new. It blends nicely into the desert landscape, and there is also work being done this month on the landscaping in the front and rear of the building to include a concrete pad and cover and places for individuals to eat lunch outside with a bridge going to the Family Dollar store. Last fall new tables and chairs were put in the employee outdoor and indoor break areas.

In addition, 1-800-Flowers.com has invested about \$10 million in infrastructure, which benefits not only the Alamogordo Center, but the whole enterprise. The workforce management system allows them to schedule the agents more efficiently but also gives them some very employee-friendly benefits. One is that they can view their schedule from home. They can go on the internet and check to see when their breaks are so if they need to make a call at break time or arrange for things with their families, they know ahead of time what hours they're going to be working and when they'll have a break. It also allows them a great deal of flexibility in scheduling because they can trade a schedule with an agent who is in Virginia, Westerville, New York, or one of the other centers, which gives them more opportunities if they need a day off to find someone to pick up their hours.

Ms. Adcock spoke also of the agent dashboard, which is a performance tracking application that gives them a real-time display of how well they're doing in all of the applications that they're working in so they can track their sales or their service calls or their progress toward the goals that earn them incentives. Recently they rolled out on-line training and testing, which allows them to push training right to their desktop. Although it cost \$400,000, it has paid for itself in the first six months, which has been very exciting as they tailor the training directly to individuals on the team. They are also in the next week rolling out a knowledge support system, which gives them at their fingertips all of the information they need to be able to answer any questions that customers might have, which is really

a big improvement in the customer service as it helps them gain more knowledge about the brands that are serviced.

Ms. Adcock said that they have invested in a universal order capture system. Right now all of the agents are working on three different systems for the seven brands that are served. This will put it all on one system and make the training costs lower while making it a lot easier for individuals undergoing new-hire training.

The ECHO system is an application that outsources the quality assurance to the customers because if someone is a customer of 1-800-Flowers, they can call and after the call the individual will be sent an e-mail and be asked to rate the agent. The agents are very excited to get feedback directly from the customers on how well they are doing.

Snow Fly is an incentive application that will allow them each to have their own website to earn points that they can turn in for cash, gas cards, TVs, or anything that they earn based on their performance that will be measured with some of the tools described above.

The universal customer service system is a new application that will allow them to track and categorize feedback from the customers, and 1-800-Flowers.com is also investing in a half a million dollar training program called MAGIC. It stands for Make a Great Impression on the Customer and will allow improvements to be made in customer relationship building skills. A lot of money has been put into the enterprise, and it's really the result of the strong performance particularly in the Alamogordo Center that allows the funds to be invested back into the very successful operation.

She stated that they are really appreciative of the time and effort that has been put into the recommendation for the changes to the contracts, and they appreciate the support in the community.

Mayor Carroll stated that the City certainly appreciates 1-800-Flowers.com being part of the community. They have not only obviously provided jobs for a great number of people, but they have also been very good corporate citizens. The City certainly appreciates that the company has gone above and beyond what they pledged to do for the community.

The changes basically just clarify some of the language in the original agreement. It will change the way that the hours are computed toward the incentive agreements.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the amendment to the Project Agreement with 1-800-Flowers.com. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

CALL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item Nos. 2, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, and 16 were on the Consent Calendar. Item No. 9 was removed at the request of Commissioner John Robertson.

MINUTES:

2. Minutes of January 10, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

8. Resolution No. 2006-09 providing notice of the candidates for office and the question on the ballot regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink on Sunday, designating the polling places, and appointing the Precinct Board Members for the March 7, 2006 election.

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution.

10. Resolution No. 2006-11 requesting the DFA, State of NM, approve revised budget figures for certain line items in the City's budget for FY 2005-2006.

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution.

12. Position papers for submittal to the U.S. Congressional Delegation.

Recommendation: Approve forwarding the documents.

Mayor Carroll said that in regards to this item, the last item in the Agenda Report where it said, "Opposing the proposal to install a 700-mile border fence," was removed from the position paper. The position paper basically says we encourage our legislative delegation to support increased border security and additional funding for additional border patrol agents. Mayor Carroll said that it was felt that the City probably shouldn't take a position one way or the other as to whether the fence is a good or bad idea. That will be left to the legislative delegation to work out.

13. Annual Reports from City Boards, Commissions, and Committees for 2005.

Recommendation: Accept the reports.

14. Warranty Deed from Tierra de Suenos, Inc. for the Las Alturas Park.

Recommendation: Accept the Warranty Deed.

15. Award of RFP and Bids.
A) RFP 2005-006, Banking Services for the City of Alamogordo.

Recommendation: Award to First National Bank.

- B) Bid No. 2006-01, Janitorial Services for the Department of Public Safety.

Recommendation: Award to Alamogordo Building Maintenance for a total of \$17,670.48.

16. Statement regarding the Executive Session of January 10, 2006.

Recommendation: Approve the statement.

Commissioner Cole asked for clarification regarding the third from the bottom issue where it talks about "water projects." He asked if that improved the flood control projects. Mayor Carroll asked if he was referring to Item #12. Commissioner Cooper said that he has no problem with the Item, but just wanted clarification on what is meant. City Manager Pat McCourt said that specific item is another potential source of funding for the desalinization project that the City is applying for. Commissioner Cole also asked if that was another project or was part of the project that is going on now. City Manager said that it would be another source of funding for the existing project.

Commissioner Cooper moved to accept items 2, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, and 16 on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Mayor Don Carroll, Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Griggs, Commissioner Inez Moncada, Commissioner Don Cooper, Commissioner Ed Cole, Commissioner John Robertson and Commissioner Marion Ledford voted "aye". The motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

PLANNING ITEMS:

3. Consider the final plat of Loma Vista Subdivision, Replat D, for three (3) lots located within the City of Alamogordo for Tool Box, LLC [Case S-05-0905(A), East of South Canyon Road, Loma Vista Drive and Palo Verde Drive].

Recommendation: Approve the final plat for Case S-05-0905(A) with variances on alleys, on a drainage report, and with pavement of Sierra Blanca Drive and Loma Vista Drive, with a twenty foot utility easement, with a Subdivider's Contract, with a Waiver of Protest Agreement, and with a release from the owner of Lot 4, Block 2, Loma Vista Subdivision.

Mayor Carroll said that it was his understanding that there was some discussion between the developer and staff on the paving of Sierra Blanca Drive and Loma Vista Drive, but the 20-foot utility easement has been agreed to and worked out.

City Manager McCourt said that the issue on the paving has also been resolved. The linear length of footage was agreeable to both parties, and staff is in agreement with the developer on that. Mayor Carroll said that the paving is in exchange for the vacation of various rights-of-ways that exist on the plat. Dean Hunt said those things are correct.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the final plat for Case S-05-0905(A) with variances on alleys, on a drainage report, and the paving of 650 linear feet of Sierra Blanca Drive and/or Loma Vista Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye." The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

4. Consider an eleven foot (11') rear setback variance for Sandra Young [Case V-05-0490(A), 2314 Union Avenue].

Recommendation: Approve a five-foot (5') rear yard variance for Case V-05-0490A).

Mayor Carroll explained that originally this was a request for a much larger variance, and it was worked out between staff, DPS and the petitioner that the five-foot rear yard variance is all that is now being requested. Commissioner Cooper asked then if Planning and Zoning is okay with this, and Mayor Carroll said that they are.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve a five-foot (5') rear yard variance for Case V-05-0490A. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

5. Consider the final plat of Hermosa El Sol Subdivision, Unit 2, for 59 lots located within the City of Alamogordo for Tool Box, LLC [Case S-05-0902(A), Hermosa El Sol].

Recommendation: Approve the final plat for Case S-05-0902(A), with a variance on alleys, with payment of cash for park development, and with a Subdivider's Contract.

Mayor Carroll said that it is his understanding that all outstanding issues had been addressed on this item. City Manager McCourt said that is correct.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the final plat for Case S-05-0902(A), with a variance on alleys, with payment of cash for park development, and with a Subdivider's Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Cooper. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

6. Consider the final plat of QUAIL HOLLOW SUBDIVISION for 138 lots located within the City of Alamogordo for Quail Hollow LLC [Case S-05-0904(A), Ocotillo Drive].

Recommendation: Approve the final plat of Case S-05-0904(A) with variances on installation and construction of interior alleys, with a Subdivider's Contract, with a Waiver of Protest Agreement, with a forty foot drainage easement, and with a twenty foot drainage easement.

Mayor Carroll said this was an item for which there had been discussion during planning and zoning, and an agreement was made to have two accesses onto Ocotillo from this subdivision. Commissioner Robertson asked if this was in the County the first time it was voted on and then was brought into the City limits. Mayor Carroll said that it is not, and he pointed out that on this item there is a parcel of land that is in between two parts of Quail Hollow Subdivision that access on to Ocotillo depending on how it is developed. That will need to be addressed at the appropriate time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Griggs asked whether there would be any alignment of streets to where there would be one intersection instead of perhaps different ones up the road. This question pertained to the subdivision being proposed by the French brothers across Ocotillo. City Manager said that isn't a particular question with this one. There is a slight problem further up where there are two entryways on to Ocotillo from the South that are pretty close. The City has worked with the developers of the next eastern portion of the land from Quail Hollow to make sure the streets are aligned so that they would match at that time.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the final plat of Quail Hollow Subdivision for 138 lots located within the City of Alamogordo for Quail Hollow LLC [Case S-05-0904(A), Ocotillo Drive]. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. All voted "aye." The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

7. Consider the final plat of Tierra De Vida Estates Subdivision for five (5) lots located outside the City of Alamogordo, but within its extra-territorial planning and platting jurisdiction, for Bruce Coble et al [Case S-05-0918(A), Gravel Pit Road].

Recommendation: Approve the final plat with variances on alleys, on public land dedication, and on the construction of streets and utilities to City standards.

Mayor Carroll explained that this is a subdivision that is well outside of the City of Alamogordo but that is within the extra-territorial planning and platting. It comes before the Commission for concurrent approval with the County.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to accept and approve the final plat with variances on alleys, on public land dedication, and on the construction of streets and utilities to City standards [Case S-05-0918(A), Gravel Pit Road]. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

9. Resolution No. 2006-10 accepting a grant offered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Division (NMEMNRD) for administration of a thinning project at Bonito Lake and to sign the Joint Powers Agreement.

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution and the Joint Powers Agreement.

Mayor Carroll explained that there were some questions raised about the Joint Powers Agreement in that the staff report says that there is no match required. Some of the language in the agreement was a bit ambiguous. That has been clarified, and no local match is required for that project.

Commissioner Robertson said that he likes the idea of getting the funding, but his concern is with the Joint Powers Agreement. He wanted to know if the City goes into an agreement such as this if that will restrict the City such that it has to abide by their rules and regulations. For example, if they come in and say it has to be shut down because of the owls, will the City have to shut it down?

Keith Kessler explained that it is his understanding that because this is private property, and this is funding through the federal government through the National Fire Plan, the City will follow environmental standards. If they know where a nesting owl exists, of course as good managers they are going to cater to that owl. However, the City does not fall under the same jurisdiction of the Endangered Species Act as it applies to public lands and its restrictions. Commissioner Robertson went on to ask if they can shut this down because public funds are being used. Mr. Kessler said that is not the case. Mayor Carroll said that with regard to any endangered species issues, the City would have to abide by the Endangered Species Act and would have to follow those rules and regulations. Mr. Kessler said that it had been explained to him that this would continue to fall under the category of being private land even though it will be owned by a governmental entity. Environmental guidelines are still followed, but on the City's property they are not followed under the same strict guidelines for NEPA as for public lands, national forests and BLM-type lands. In other words, a NEPA does not have to be conducted prior to doing any project work on the property.

Commissioner Robertson asked what the Joint Powers Agreement is for. Mr. Kessler stated that their concerns were that on two items in the Joint Powers Agreement there was no dollar amount indicating the \$475,000. There was also the language of matching funds. It was explained that this Joint Powers Agreement is more of a boilerplate-type agreement, which does not restrict the City six months from now from the ability to get more money using the same JPA. The only thing that would have to then be amended would be the Project Work Plan, which will eventually be attached to this JPA to extend the funds. Commissioner Robertson asked if under the agreement the City would be giving up any of its authority to go in and do the cleaning up or trying to get other funding. Mr. Kessler said that it would not. Mayor Carroll indicated that this would in fact give the City more flexibility. Mr. Kessler agreed with that, and pointed out that one thing that is a bit different than in most of the grants that are given out is that this work is being performed on lands in which a merchantable timber sale has already been conducted. Most of the time these are given out in situations where they are starting from scratch. Commissioner Robertson asked what the \$475,000 would actually be used for. Mr. Kessler said that the plan is to contract out the work to private contractors. Right now he is working with the State Forestry on the Work Plan, which will be in draft form and approved by the City Manager. The thought is that there will be more than one contractor to do thinning with a separate contractor to assist in marking trees not to cut but to actually sell.

Commissioner Robertson asked if the Forest Service has to go in and do that. City Manager said that would be on the City's private land. Essentially, the undergrowth would be thinned out and removed. The flammable material would be removed to reduce the fire risk throughout, and this is all on the City's land. None of it is on the Forest Service's land. Commissioner Robertson said that if the City is going to spend this money to pay a company to go in and do it, to him it seems that it would be awfully tempting for some of them to furnish sawdust and silage to different companies for firewood. The City could put it out on RFP for them to go in and do it without the City having to pay them. Mr. Kessler said that there will be areas where material will be chipped. There will be other areas where materials will be stockpiled. There will be some larger logs out of the thinning. The City can turn around and put those on the market to be purchased outside of this actual order.

Commissioner Robertson asked if the City had ever checked to see if a company could go in and do it for the materials and the logs that they kept. Mr. Kessler said that they would not do it. In a recent merchantable timber sale, the City received \$30/1,000 board foot. In 1999 the City received \$105/1,000 board foot. There has been a lot of thinning work done with the federal dollars, and you almost can't get someone to give you \$10 to pick a cord of wood off the ground. It's because most of the time it's treated like garbage or waste. It's just about like paying for trash disposal.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-10 to accept a grant offered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Division (NMEMNRD) for administration of a thinning project at Bonito Lake and to sign the Joint Powers Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Mayor Don Carroll, Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Griggs, Commissioner Inez Moncada, Commissioner Don Cooper, Commissioner Ed Cole, Commissioner John Robertson and Commissioner Marion Ledford voted "aye." The motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

11. Resolution No. 2006-12 establishing a time period during which the existing leaseholders at the Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport may convert their existing leases to the new land lease.

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution.

Mayor Carroll explained that this is an item that was discussed when the new land lease was approved at the last meeting. He suggested that action on this resolution be tabled until the Commission is able to get definitive guidance from the outside airport attorneys, the Modrall Law Firm, who the City has contracted with to resolve some of the issues with the FAA and the understanding or misunderstanding of the interpretation of some of the rules. While Mayor Carroll is comfortable and he feels the staff is comfortable that the resolution is okay, he would prefer that outside counsel be sought in an effort to be prudent.

Mr. Kevin Dunshee from the Airport User's Association agreed with the Mayor's suggestion to ensure that no additional problems come up. Commissioner Cooper asked if that would be a long, drawn out process. Mayor Carroll said that hopefully input would be received from the outside attorneys before the next meeting. City Attorney Ken McDaniel said that was a realistic expectation.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to table Resolution No. 2006-12. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

17. Appointments to Boards and Committees.

There is vacancy on the Mayor's Committee on Aging and a vacancy on the Community Development Advisory Committee. In addition there is one vacancy on the Cemetery Board, and there has been no other interest except by Ms. Mary Work. He reappointed Ms. Worth to an additional term on the Cemetery Board and asked that the Clerk notify her.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Griggs

Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Griggs pointed out that the legislature is considering a law called "Katie's Law", which is being put forward by the family of Katie Sepich who was killed in Las Cruces. It requests that a DNA sample be taken upon a felony arrest. For those that would support such a law, it would be good for them to contact the legislators and let them know that.

- B) City Manager Pat McCourt

City Manager McCourt reminded the Commission that on Thursday he has mandated training in Albuquerque. Mr. McNeile will also be there, and Director Sam Trujillo will be in charge in their absence.

The water report indicates that snow or rain is needed. It is predicted for later in the week mostly up North, but the weather reports have indicated that there may be some in the mountains. He requested that everyone pray for snow.

City Manager McCourt also said that he has been approached by the staff regarding confusion about the "Wall of Honor." At the last meeting it was understood that a committee would be set up to provide direction. City Manager McCourt said they are unclear at this time what steps staff should be taking. Mayor Carroll said that Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs, Commissioner Cooper and he had met with Dr. David Townsend last week. He indicated that he would be willing to set up a committee as a subcommittee of the Mayor's Committee on Historical Recognition to come up with some guidelines and procedures that might be utilized to recognize not only military honorees but honorees who would not necessarily qualify as military honorees but who have contributed to the community. It is his understanding that they would wait for the recommendations of that committee and then move forward. An agreement was reached that in next year's budget \$10,000 would be set aside to cover any expenses involved such as plaques or signs. That is not a commitment to necessarily spend any. Dr. Townsend did not have anything close to a number in mind, but it was just to let him know that the City is serious about wanting him and this committee to proceed. He did ask that that be set aside and considered at the budget hearings in May. Major Quinones and a representative from the VFW may also be included either as part of the committee or at least as resources for information. Mayor Carroll suggested that staff wait to hear back from Dr. Townsend before a dedication date is set up.

It was mentioned that one suggestion has been that for the first three or four years mass inductions be held because there will undoubtedly be a number of names brought forward initially both from the military side and the non-military side that should be recognized. One issue is trying to mix civilian and military recognition. At this time only three names have been brought forward. Mayor Pro-Tem Griggs said that he thought Dr. Townsend's idea was to not keep the military and civilian separate, but that will be brought before the Commission. Mayor Carroll said that it is his understanding again that Dr. Townsend would be trying to establish a committee of volunteers and would then come to the City Commission with a list of recommendations of how they think this program should be operated. It is everyone's desire to set this up in a credible fashion and to take politics out of the decision making, which is always a challenge.

C) Mayor Don Carroll

Mayor Carroll said he would be in Washington, D.C. the rest of the week and would be accepting the U.S. Conference of Mayors Innovative Water Conservation Award on behalf of the City of Alamogordo. It is one of two awards that will be presented at the 74th annual winter meeting. Along with that recognition there will be a check in the amount of \$5,000 for the City. He publicly thanked Maureen Schmittle for the excellent job that she did in preparing the application and guiding him through the process of getting to Washington to accept the award.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss threatened and/or pending litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted "aye". The motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

"The Governing Body of the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, hereby states that its regular meeting of January 24, 2006 was called into executive session and the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure."

/s/Donald E. Carroll

Mayor Donald E. Carroll

ATTEST:

/s/Angie Rahn-Broyles

City Clerk Angie J. Rahn-Broyles
(SEAL)

(Prepared by Trisha Ruckart, Ubiquis Reporting)

Approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting of February 14, 2006.