

Minutes
VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 24, 2020 AT 12:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 N. PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NM 87532

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier E. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

II. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The following are in attendance:

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| Mayor: | Javier E. Sanchez |
| Mayor Pro Tem: | Dennis Tim Salazar |
| Councilors: | Peggy Sue Martinez |
| | Justin Salazar Torrez |
| | John Ramon vigil |
| | Manuel J. Martinez |
| | John L. Ricci |
| | Denise D. Benavidez- absent |
| | Dorothy "DeeDee" Valdez- absent |

City Manager Xavier Martinez - *residing*
City Clerk Angelica M. Serrano – *residing*
Contract Attorney Jonas Nahoum – *residing*

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda as presented

~Begin~

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- IV. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. In Accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(7), Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Regarding Pending Litigation in which the City of Espanola is a participant or May Become a Participant, Including, but Not Limited to: *U.S v. City of Espanola*, 16CV0391 SWS/MLC-Settlement Conference (Gerald A. Coppler, Coppler Law
i. Firm, P.C)

V. ADJOURNMENT

~END~

Councilor Justin Salazar Torrez motioned to approve the March 24, 2021 Virtual Executive Session agenda; Second by John Ramon Vigil.

Mayor Javier E. Sanchez requested a Roll Call vote:

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| <i>Mayor Pro Tem:</i> | <i>Dennis Tim Salazar – in favor</i> |
| <i>Councilors:</i> | <i>Peggy Sue Martinez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>Justin Salazar Torrez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>John Ramon vigil – in favor</i> |
| | <i>Manuel J. Martinez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>John L. Ricci – in favor</i> |

Motion carried 6-0

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Councilor Justin Salazar Torrez motioned to enter into closed session; Second by Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez.

Mayor Javier E. Sanchez requested a roll call vote:

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| <i>Mayor Pro Tem:</i> | <i>Dennis Tim Salazar – in favor</i> |
| <i>Councilors:</i> | <i>Peggy Sue Martinez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>Justin Salazar Torrez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>John Ramon vigil – in favor</i> |
| | <i>Manuel J. Martinez – in favor</i> |
| | <i>John L. Ricci – in favor</i> |

Entered closed session at 12:45pm
Exited closed session at 4:28pm

Mayor Javier E. Sanchez stated that only the items within closed session were discussed and no decisions were made in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H)(7), Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Regarding Pending Litigation in which the City of Espanola is a participant or May Become a Participant, Including, but Not Limited to: U.S v. City of Espanola, 16CV0391 SWS/MLC-Settlement Conference (Gerald A. Coppler, Coppler Law Firm, P.C)

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez motioned to exit out of Closed Session; Second by Councilor Dennis Tim Salazar

Mayor Javier E. Sanchez requested a roll call vote:

***Mayor Pro Tem:
Councilors:***

***Dennis Tim Salazar – in favor
Peggy Sue Martinez – in favor
Justin Salazar Torrez – no answer
John Ramon Vigil – in favor
Manuel J. Martinez – in favor
John L. Ricci – in favor***

V. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:31pm.



Javier E. Sánchez, Mayor, City of Espanola

ATTEST:



Angelica M. Serrano, Interim City Clerk