

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 PASEO DE ONATE, ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO**

The Meeting was called to order on June 19, 2006 at 1:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Joseph Maestas
Mayor Pro Tem: Alice Lucero
Councilors: Helen Kain Salazar
Rosario "Chayo" Garcia
Eddie Maestas
Alfred Herrera
Danielle Duran
Cecilia Lujan
Dennis Tim Salazar

Interim City Manager: Jeff Condrey

City Clerk's Office: Veronica Martinez
Beverlee DeAgüero

Interim City Attorney: Kathleen Kentish-Lucero

Mayor Maestas led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Alice Lucero led the prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Joseph Maestas presented the agenda to the council.

Councilor Lujan made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Lucero; the motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Ordinance 2006-01 Approval of New Mexico Finance Authority Loan

Public hearing was held for the ordinance with no one speaking for or against the ordinance.

Councilor Lucero made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-01, Approving a NMFA Loan for the purposes of defraying the cost to construct, renovate and expand the City's wastewater system, seconded by Councilor Duran. Roll call vote: Councilor Salazar, for the motion, Councilor Lujan, for the motion, Councilor Duran, for the motion, Councilor Herrera, for the motion, Councilor Lucero, for the motion, Councilor Maestas, for the motion, Councilor Garcia, for the motion, Councilor Kane-Salazar, for the motion. Motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Matters from the Mayor:

Mayor Maestas stated that he would make nominations for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Housing Commission, Grievance Board, Youth Council, and Joint Projects Oversight Committee. Mayor Maestas explained the terms for planning and zoning officials, in that they are staggered. Nominees were as follows: Joseph Atencio for a term of two years, John Lucero for a term of two years, Anisa Martinez for a term of two years, Mr. Lupe Garcia for a term of one year, Lorie Koontz for a term of one year, Mr. Amrit Singh Khalsa for a term of one year and Mr. Earl Wright for a term of one year.

Councilor Lucero made the motion to ratify the Mayors appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by councilor Maestas; which passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mayor Maestas presented his nominees for the Housing Commission as follows: Mr. Andy Dominguez for a term of five years, Jim Whittington for a term of four years, Ken Suazo for a term of three years, Max Sanchez for two years, and Mrs. Dorothy Borrego for a term of one year.

Motion was made by Councilor Maestas to ratify the nominees of the Housing Commission, seconded by councilor Kain Salazar; motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mayor Maestas nominees for the Youth Council were Vanessa Johnson, Diego Lopez, Marcos Vigil, Angelica Seeds, Angelique Herrera, Brandon Carter, Magdalena Coronado, and Isaac Herrera.

Motion to ratify the nominees for Youth Council was made by Councilor Salazar, seconded by Councilor Herrera, motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

The nominees by Mayor Maestas for Grievance Board were Diana Candelaria, Geraldine Galvan and George Martinez.

Motion to ratify nominees for Grievance Board was made by Councilor Lucero, seconded by councilor Lujan; motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mayor Maestas explained the formation of the Joint Projects Oversight Committee that is with Ohkay Owingeh. The City's members will be Councilor Alfred Herrera, the City Manager, the City Attorney, Marvin Martinez as Water Services Director, and Louis Lujan as Wastewater Services Director. The committee would be charged with overseeing the feasibility, development and implementation of proposed projects outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Pueblo.

Motion was made by Councilor Duran to ratify the appointments to the Joint Projects Oversight Committee, Second by Councilor Kain Salazar and Councilor Alice Lucero; motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Executive Session:

Councilor Lujan made a motion to enter into executive session as authorized by the real property and water rights exception to discuss the sale of land, as authorized by section 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act; Councilor Duran seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilor Salazar, for the motion, Councilor Lujan, for the motion, Councilor Duran, for the motion, Councilor Herrera, for the motion, Councilor Lucero, for the motion, Councilor Maestas, for the motion, Councilor Garcia, for the motion, Councilor Kane-Salazar, for the motion. Motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

The governing body entered into closed session at 1:50 p.m.

Councilor Lucero made a motion to come out of executive session, stating that the only matter discussed was land acquisition and that no action was taken. Councilor Salazar seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilor Salazar, for the motion, Councilor Lujan, for the motion, Councilor Duran, for the motion, Councilor Herrera, for the motion, Councilor Lucero, for the motion, Councilor Maestas, for the motion, Councilor Garcia, for the motion, Councilor Kane-Salazar, for the motion. Motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

The governing body resumed its open meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Matters from the City Manager:

Mr. Condrey presented the revised contract between the City and Hutchinson, Shockey, & Erley (Leo Valdez) for work on the refunding of the 1999 series bonds. He noted that all changes requested by the council had been made.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Councilor Salazar. The motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mr. Condrey presented the preliminary budget. He stated that the budget is still in progress but a resolution will be brought to the board of finance on June 26, 2006. He provided a bulleted list to the council regarding the major changes that were made to the budget.

Discussion was held on the issues presented to the Council. Mr. Condrey stated that he and the finance department would work to balance the budget since it is currently still nearly \$1 million in deficit.

Mayor Maestas asked Mr. Condrey for a list of the budget priorities that were set at the initial budget workshop and to show how those priorities were reflected in the final budget. He also cautioned not to rely too much on revenues or reduced expenses that require the cooperation of other entities, such as the regionalization projects, and instead, if those projects work out then we would have a surplus. He recommended that the Council approve the preliminary budget but meet once more before June 30 to finalize the amended budget. Mayor Maestas also asked for other measures for cost savings, including reducing staff size.

Councilor Herrera suggested that the staff be asked for their input regarding their ideas for cost saving measures.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the preliminary budget subject to the budget resolution, seconded by Councilor Lucero and Councilor Duran. The motion passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mr. Condrey briefed the Council on the improvements that were in progress for the Council Chambers.

Councilor Lucero made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lujan, which passed with an 8/0 vote.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED AUGUST 14, 2006.

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