

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES, JULY 18, 2006
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers will the following present:

Mayor: Joseph M. Maestas
City Councilors: Alice Lucero-Mayor Pro Tem
Helen Kain-Salazar
Rosario Chayo Garcia-Absent
Edward Maestas
Alfred Herrera
Danielle Duran
Cecilia Lujan
Dennis Tim Salazar

Interim City Manager: Jeff Condrey

City Clerk's Office: Veronica Martinez
Beverlee DeAguero

City Attorney: Angela Spence Pacheco

Staff: Gene Aldaz
Richard Marquez
Christen Lopez
Josie Lujan
John Kitchen

Mayor Maestas led the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Mayor Maestas introduced and welcomed his son, Joey Maestas.

Appointment of City Manager:

Mayor Maestas stated he was pleased to announce his nomination for City Manager, Chris Rainwater. He introduced Mr. Rainwater and his wife Sandy, and stated that they are from Bremen, Georgia.

Mayor Maestas asked for a motion to ratify Mr. Chris Rainwater as our new City Manager for the City of Española.

Councilor Duran made a motion to ratify Mr. Chris Rainwater. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

Mr. Chris Rainwater stated that he and his wife were very excited for this opportunity, and very excited to be a part of the community.

Mayor Maestas went on to say that the Mayor, in partnership with the City Council, would develop goals for Mr. Rainwater on an annual basis, and will be considered at each fiscal year for a salary adjustment consideration. Mayor Maestas also stated that each fiscal year new goals would be established for the City Manager.

Councilor Herrera acknowledged Mr. Jeff Condrey for helping us move forward as our Interim City Manager.

Mayor Maestas thanked the Ad Hoc committee for all their help and also thanked Mr. Condrey for all he had done for the City.

Councilor Lujan also thanked Mr. Condrey for his efforts. She also welcomed Mr. Rainwater and stated that she looked forward to working with him. Councilor Duran also thanked Mr. Condrey and Mr. Rainwater, as well as the ADHOC committee for all their help in the selection and advisement process.

Councilor Salazar welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Rainwater, and stated that he looked forward to working with him. He also thanked Mr. Condrey for all his work.

Councilor Maestas expressed his heart-felt thanks to Mr. Condrey for helping us.

Councilor Kain- Salazar also thanked Mr. Condrey for all he had done and wished him well, as well as thanked Mr. & Mrs. Rainwater for being there.

The motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Chris Rainwater as the new City Manager passed with an 8/0 vote.

Appointment of Public Safety Chief:

Mayor Maestas stated that the same process was followed in selecting the Public Safety Chief. Mayor Maestas thanked the Ad Hoc committee for their work in the selection and advisement process. The position was offered to Mr. Robert H. Smith who was present at the meeting. Mayor Maestas welcomed Mr. Smith; he stated that Mr. Smith has a wonderful philosophy of law enforcement and stated that he has a very strong background to run the Public Safety position.

Councilor Salazar made a motion to ratify Mr. Robert H. Smith as Public Safety Chief. Councilor Lujan and Councilor Kain-Salazar seconded the motion.

Mr. Robert H. Smith stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be the Public Safety Chief and the confidence that the Mayor had expressed in his abilities. Mr. Smith also stated that he looked forward in serving with the men and women in the police and fire departments.

Councilor Duran asked Mr. Smith his views on drug addiction and incarceration verses rehabilitation.

Mr. Smith answered that drug addiction is a community problem and stated that there are two phases - supply and demand. What law enforcement does is go after supply, but if we really want to get rid of the problem that means going after the demand, which involves all of the community. As far as incarceration verses treatment, Mr. Smith stated that treatment works only if it is intense treatment and a desire on the part of the person being treated; incarceration keeps them out of circulation, but does nothing toward rehabilitation.

The motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Robert Smith as Public Safety Chief passed with an 8/0 vote.

Mayor Maestas stated that the next appointment of a new Housing Commission member was a follow up from a previous meeting. Because of HUD regulations, it is required that a resident from one of the Housing developments be on the board. Mr. Ken Suazo submitted his letter of resignation and Mayor Maestas appointed board member Julie Roybal.

Councilor Maestas made a motion to appoint Ms. Julie Roybal as a new Housing Board Member. Councilor Kain-Salazar seconded the motion; it passed with an 8/0 vote.

Announcements:

Councilor Herrera announced that each Council member got an invitation to the Feast Day in Santa Clara Pueblo on August 12, 2006.

Councilor Duran recommended that the members of the Youth Council sit in on our Council meetings.

Mayor Maestas agreed that was a good idea.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Duran seconded the motion.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED AUGUST 14, 2006.

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