

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Joseph M. Maestas

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

Interim City Manager: Jeff Condrey

City Attorney: Angela "Spence" Pacheco

City Clerk's Office: Veronica Martinez
Beverlee DeAgüero

Staff: Leroy Garcia
Ivan Guillen
Josie Lujan

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Maestas presented the agenda to the Council and asked for amendments or changes. Councilor Duran asked that Public Safety Committee report be moved to the first item of Committee Reports.

Councilor Lujan made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Maestas seconded the motion; it passed with a 5/0 vote.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilor Herrera made the motion to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2006, Councilor Duran seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Councilor Duran asked to make two grammatical changes to the minutes, as well as a spelling error. She also noted that her vote for Martha Archuleta's removal from the Planning and Zoning was incorrect, that she had voted against the motion, and asked for the minutes to accurately reflect her vote. Councilor Herrera asked for two spelling errors to be corrected. The Clerk noted the changes.

All amendments to the minutes were accepted as friendly amendments; the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Public Comments:

Mayor Maestas asked for comments from the floor. Mr. David St. Martin from JSEC presented information about the services they provide to the valley with respect to business owners and job seekers. They announced that they would be hosting a job fair October 4-5, and that they would appreciate working with the City toward a common goal of a more

fruitful workforce. Councilor Duran invited them to attend the next Economic Development Committee meeting.

Business with Visitors:

Mayor Maestas introduced Josette Lucero of the North Central Regional Transit District, who gave information regarding the progress that has been made by the organization since it formed. She thanked the Mayor for his appointment of Councilor Herrera to the NCRTD Board, and also for Ivan Guillen's involvement with the project. Both Ms. Lucero and Mr. Guillen spoke of the many benefits that this Regional Transit system would provide throughout the tri-county area.

Matters from the Mayor:

Mayor Maestas stated that since the last meeting where he appointed the Housing Commission members, it had come to his attention that there was a HUD regulation not found in New Mexico Statutes that requires one of the Board members to be a resident-member, and as such, he wished to replace one of the previously appointed members. He stated that Ms. Julie Roybal, who resides in the Pajarito subdivision, was his nominee to replace Mr. Ken Suazo.

Councilor Maestas made a motion to accept the Mayor's nomination for Julie Roybal to replace Ken Suazo on the Housing Commission, seconded by Councilor Kane-Salazar and Councilor Lujan.

Under discussion, a question was raised as to the legality of appointing the member as a replacement without a resignation from the previous member. Ms. Angela Pacheco advised that it would be better if they obtained a letter of resignation from Mr. Suazo first.

Councilor Maestas withdrew his motion.

Approval Items:

Emery Maez of the Lodger's Tax Board presented information to the Council about how they intended to spend Lodger's Tax funds on advertising. He stated that there are two major ads that they would like to do, and stated that they intend to draw business to the area with these ads that will appear in the New Mexico Magazine and the New Mexico Vacation Guide, as well as ads in Houston, Texas, and in Southern Colorado. Mr. Maez advised the Council that the Board plans on spending 40% of the tax collected on advertising Española, in accordance with State Statute.

Resolutions:

Mayor Maestas presented Resolution 2006-21. Ms. Olivia Martinez and Mr. Leroy Garcia explained the importance of this Resolution and stated that it was required as part of an application that was made for Española to obtain a Start Up designation from the Mainstreet Organization.

Discussion was held and revisions were made to the Resolution to more clearly define the City's commitment to the project.

Councilor Duran made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-21 A Resolution of Commitment to the Mainstreet Project, seconded by Councilor Lujan. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Committee Reports:

Public Utilities: No report

Public Safety: Acting Police Chief Matt Tafoya gave a report of the policy changes that were being implemented in the Police Department. He also reported that Fiestas had gone well and thanked those that helped to organize the efforts. Mr. Tafoya also stated that many of the

issues that needed to be addressed had been put on hold pending the City Attorney's arrival, and expressed gratitude that those issue could now be dealt with. Chief Tafoya also stated that the Public Safety Committee had discussed the possibility of a cell-phone ban similar to the City of Santa Fe, as well as the changes required through legislation on the fines and signage of handicap parking spaces.

Community Services: Councilor Kane-Salazar stated that though the Senior Center roof had been repaired, but it was still leaking. Councilor Maestas reported that he was very pleased with the Fiestas and asked that the City send thank all those employees that participated and helped during the weekend. Councilor Kane-Salazar asked that thanks to the youth of Hands Across Cultures for their art on the Band Stand also be included. Councilor Lujan also asked to send a thank you to the Garcia's for their contribution of hosting the Pre-Fiesta Party.

Economic Development: Councilor Duran announced that their regularly scheduled meeting would be postponed until July 26, 2006 due to probable lack of a quorum.

Public Works: Councilor Herrera stated that the Public Works committee had met and discussed the roof issue, which was well underway.

Councilor Lucero made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Garcia seconded the motion.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED AUGUST 14, 2006.

Electronic copy – signatures on file.