



**City Council
of the
City of Las Cruces**

Regular Meeting

**July 20, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Miyagishima
Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
Councillor Dolores Connor, District 2
Councillor Dolores C. Archuleta, District 3
Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
Councillor Gil Jones, District 5
Councillor Sharon Thomas, District 6

STAFF:

Terrence Moore, City Manager
Fermin Rubio, City Attorney
Esther Martinez, City Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Miyagishima called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Councillor Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation/Proclamations.

Mayor Miyagishima and Laura Loos presented the Pet of the Week.

Councillor Connor presented a Proclamation to Rob Richardson, Sr and declared July 20, 2009 as Bohannan Huston Appreciation Day.

Terrence Moore, City Manager introduced Robert Scaling as the new City Treasurer.

Kenneth Murray gave a presentation on the Shot-Spotter Gun Fire Location System.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY BY MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY LCMC SECTION 2-27(E)(2). *At the opening of each council meeting, the chairperson shall ask*

if any member of the city council, city manager, or any member of the city staff has any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

Mayor Miyagishima asked if anyone had any conflicts with anything on the agenda?

None given.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Anaya, Member of the Public said I am an advocate for Americans with Disabilities and I am concerned with the lack of disability access in this town. I am considering moving down here in December and I would like to meet with Mr. Moore and work with him on the ADA situation.

I think that the shooting system is a very expensive piece of technology and I would recommend that they place that system in the high crime areas.

Terrence Moore, City Manager said I will be offering an update concerning the ADA issues during the City Manager's Comments.

Councillor Thomas introduced the Hansens which are her family friends that are visiting from Denmark.

Mayor Miyagishima presented the Hansens family with a key to the City.

Russ Warner, Member of the Public said I would like to congratulate you on holding a work session meeting regarding the situation with our local contractors and them getting City contracts.

Deanna Bustamante, Director of the Colonia Development Council said I would like to invite all of you to our showing of a film at the Fountain Theater this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: THOSE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE VOTED ON BY ONE MOTION.

Mayor Miyagishima said Items 5, 6, 8 and 13 need to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Councillor Connor Moved to approve the Agenda as Amended and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to accept the Agenda as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

V. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

* (1) Regular Meeting of June 15, 2009

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR CONSENT AGENDA

* (2) Resolution No. 10-024: A Resolution to Accept a Grant Award From New Mexico Arts, a Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs in the Amount of \$5,812 to Support Lecture and Musical Performance Programs and Adjust the City FY 2009/2010 Budget.

* (3) Resolution No. 10-025: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept Grant Funds in the Amount of \$31,950 for the Las Cruces Police Department's Victims Assistance Unit From the State of New Mexico, Crime Victims Reparation Commission. Additionally to Ratify the City Manager's Signature to Accept the Award Within the Grant Terms and to Adjust the FY 2010 Budget.

* (4) Resolution No. 10-026: A Resolution to Accept Grant Funding in the Amount of \$10,000 From the New Mexico Environment Department's New Mexico Recycling and Illegal Dumping Alliance Grant Program, to Ratify the City Manager's Prior Approval to Meet Grant Acceptance Deadlines, and to Adjust the FY 2010 Budget.

* (7) Resolution No. 10-029: A Resolution Approving Exceptions to the Home Rehabilitation Handbook, Including Paying Off a Second Mortgage, for a Home Rehabilitation Project on a Residence Located at 1400 Paxton.

* (9) Resolution No. 10-031: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept a State-Funded Senior Employment Program Contract From the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging for

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the Amount of \$8,846, and to Adjust the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 City Budget.

- *(10) Resolution No. 10-032: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept a State-Funded Senior Employment Program Contract Amendment from the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 in the Amount of \$1,238.
- *(11) Resolution No. 10-033: A Resolution Approving a Bus Service Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and New Mexico State University Doña Ana Community College for the Term of August 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.
- *(12) Resolution No. 10-034: A Resolution Authorizing Allocation of \$14,900 From Fiscal Year 2010 Fund Balance to Complete Procurement of Draperies for the Auditorium and Stage at Mesilla Park Community Center and to Amend and Adjust the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

- *(5) Resolution No. 10-027: A Resolution Approving an Adjustment to the TSB Enforcement Fund Budget for FY 09-10 and to Adjust the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 City Budget.

Councillor Archuleta Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-027 and Councillor Silva Seconded the motion.

Councillor Silva said I received an email regarding this item and they wanted to know how much was received from the TSB and what was the amount of the interest? I would also like to know how much the Beast Unit cost?

Harry Romero, Police Chief said the TSB is the Traffic Safety Board and there is no interest received on this.

Councillor Silva asked is the \$75,000 the cost of the Beast?

Chief Romero said the Beast Unit is used for our DWI check points and it will cost \$78,622.00.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-027 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

*(6) Resolution No. 10-028: A Resolution Rescinding and Repealing Resolution No. 09-288, Adopted June 1, 2009 and Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Continue to Act as the Fiscal Agent for the Mesilla Valley Safety Council and to Submit an Application for a Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,091 to the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Councillor Silva Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-028 and Councillor Connor Seconded the motion.

Councillor Silva said it sounds to me like the units were separated from the County and I wanted to know how this will be restructured?

Fermin Rubio, City Attorney said the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department opted to pursue part of this grant; therefore, since we had already adopted an agreement with them, it turns out that they aren't going to participate and that created the need for this resolution.

Harry Romero, Police Chief said the Sheriff's Department decided to break away from the Mesilla Valley Traffic Safety Board and set up a task force in the southern part of the County. This will be spent on overtime cost to conduct DWI checkpoints, underage drinking enforcement etc.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-028 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

*(8) Resolution No. 10-030: A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 to the Contract Between the City of Las Cruces and Bauer Construction for the Construction of North Las Cruces Park, as Approved by City Council, Under Resolution Number 07-08-114, Authorizing an Increase in the Amount of \$746.16; Plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax of \$55.50; for a Total Change Order Authorization of \$801.66; and to Adjust the FY 2010 Budget by \$9,533.00.

Councillor Archuleta Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-030 and Councillor Silva Seconded the motion.

Councillor Silva said I think there needs to be a correction in the title. It states that we are going to adjust the budget by \$9,000 and I think it should read that it will be adjusted up to \$9,000.

Eric Martin, Project Management Administrator said that is correct.

Councillor Silva Moved to Amend Resolution No. 10-030 to state that the budget will be adjusted up to \$9,000 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Mark Sutter, Finance Director said we are adjusting both the expenditures and the revenues by about \$9,500 so the action is to adjust the budget by that amount.

Councillor Silva withdrew his Motion to Amend Resolution No. 10-030 to state that the budget will be adjusted up to \$9,000 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-030 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

*(13) Resolution No. 10-035: A Resolution Accepting a Grant From the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Local Government Road Fund Program, Fiscal Year 2009/2010 in the Amount of \$49,000.00 For the Solano Drive A.D.A. Improvements Project From Spruce Avenue to Cactus Street and to Amend the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget.

Councillor Archuleta Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-035 and Councillor Connor Seconded the motion.

Mike Johnson, Public Works Director gave a presentation and said this will reconstruct and replace any cracked sidewalks and reconstruct all curb ramps and driveways on Solano to make it ADA compliant.

Councillor Connor said there have been numerous projects done within the City to make it ADA compliant.

Mayor Miyagishima asked will this be for both sides of the street?

Mike Johnson said yes, it will be for both sides.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-035 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

(14) Resolution No. 10-036: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Designate a Voting Delegate and an Alternate to Attend the Annual Business Meeting of the 52nd Annual Conference of the New Mexico Municipal League on September 3, 2009.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-036 and Councillor Silva Seconded the motion.

Esther Martinez, City Clerk said I was asked to bring this resolution forward by the New Mexico Municipal League; they need you to select a voting delegate and an alternate to attend the Annual Business Meeting on September 3, 2009.

Councillor Silva Moved to Amend Resolution No. 10-036 to appoint Councillor Connor as the Voting Delegate and Councillor Jones Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 10-036 to appoint Councillor Connor as the Voting Delegate and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Councillor Connor Moved to Amend Resolution No. 10-036 to appoint Councillor Thomas as the Alternate and Councillor Archuleta Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 10-036 to appoint Councillor Thomas as the Alternate and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-036 as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

(15) Resolution No. 10-037: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Sign an Agreement With SER, Jobs for Progress, Inc., to Provide Administration and Placement of "At-Risk" Youths in a City-Funded Summer Jobs Program With Funding Not to Exceed \$52,000.00.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-037 and Councillor Archuleta Seconded the motion.

Councillor Archuleta Moved to Suspend the Rules and discuss Items 15 and 16 concurrently and Councillor Connor Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Mark Johnston, Parks Administrator gave a presentation on the youth programs.

Rob Caldwell said Item 15 deals with an 8 week job program for at-risk teens and it has been in effect for about 17 years.

Councillor Archuleta asked who hires these children?

Rob Caldwell said the hiring and recruiting is done by SER.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-037 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

- (16) Resolution No. 10-038: A Resolution to Approve an Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and SER de New Mexico, Jobs for Progress, Inc., to Continue Placement Services, Counseling of Youth, and Administration of the "At-Risk" Employment Program for High School Youth in the Parks and Recreation Section. Total Reimbursement to SER for the Program Will Not Exceed \$42,876.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-038 and Councillor Silva Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-038 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

- (17) Resolution No. 10-039: A Resolution Approving a Home Program Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation for Direct Down Payment Assistance of Affordable Housing Units.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-039 and Councillor Jones Seconded the motion.

David Dollahon, Neighborhood Services Administrator gave a presentation and said this would help to serve eleven clients with direct down payment assistance to help them purchase a home.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-039 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

- (18) Resolution No. 10-040: A Resolution Approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Agreements Between the City of Las Cruces and Various Non-Profit Agencies for Program Year 2009 (City Fiscal Year 2010). The Resolution Further Authorizes the City Manager to Execute the Agreements on the City's Behalf.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-040 and Councillor Jones Seconded the motion.

David Dollahon, Neighborhood Services Administrator gave a presentation and said this is our standard CDBG service agreement for outside agencies.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-040 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

- (19) Council Bill No. 10-001; Ordinance No. 2530: An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Municipal Code to Allow for Government Agencies to Promote Animal Adoptions at Events Held on City Property.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-001; Ordinance No. 2530 and Councillor Jones Seconded the motion.

Christine Logan, Economic Development Administrator gave a presentation and said this will allow animal adoptions on City property and specifically adoptions from the shelter at the Farmer's Market in the Downtown Mall area.

Councillor Archuleta asked is that adoption process the same as it is at the shelter?

Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, Mesilla Valley Animal Services Director said yes.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-001; Ordinance No. 2530 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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- (20) ****Resolution No. 10-041****: A Resolution Adopting a Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Mainstreet Program, and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and Authorizing Payment of \$ _____ to Fund the MOU for the First Year.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-041 and Councillor Jones Seconded the motion.

Christine Logan, Economic Development Administrator gave a presentation and said our previous MOU expired last fiscal year and this is to authorize another two year agreement. We need Council to select a funding amount and source for this agreement.

Greg Smith, President of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership said we are, as a Mainstreet community, required to provide through our City's partnership, a certain amount and in the past, that amount has been \$45,000 but it has changed to \$50,000 this year.

Cindy Fargo, Downtown Las Cruces said we provided a package to Council and the last three pages of that packet explain the State of New Mexico's intention with regard to the initiatives with the communities of New Mexico.

Gary Sandler, Board of Directors said the amount that is required to move forward is returned to the City in about \$200,000 worth of services.

Mayor Miyagishima said I think we should approve the \$50,000 with the contingency that we receive something from the state by October 31st.

Cindy Fargo said we could work with that suggestion.

Councillor Connor said if the State doesn't come up with something by that time then it will pretty much tie your hands and I'm sure you have already set your budget. I would recommend that we just allocate the \$50,000 without restricting it.

Fermin Rubio, City Attorney said I don't think we can give them the money without a signed agreement from all the parties.

Christine Logan said this is a three way agreement and the State isn't ready to sign it yet which is why they wanted a two month extension. It seems problematic to me for us to be able to turn over the funds without the State signing the agreement. We can have an agreement with only the Downtown Partnership and be able to give them the \$50,000.

Cindy Fargo said I don't anticipate any changes in the MOU when it comes back from the State.

Mayor Miyagishima asked would you be OK with the commitment of \$50,000 but for no more than \$25,000 to be expended until the State signs the agreement which would be by October 31st?

Cindy Fargo said it is very difficult to plan a full year with only half of your funding but I do understand the situation.

Councillor Small said I agree with allowing the extension until October 31st and even though you have projects that you have to plan; we can't commit the entire funding until the contract is signed.

Councillor Silva said the services we receive from you is much higher than the amount of money we give you. Is the agreement between the City and Downtown already in place and funded?

Cindy Fargo said the agreement is an MOU and it expires in 2011. It is for a particular set of tasks that we agreed to accomplish. This is a three way agreement between the City, State and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

Councillor Silva said I think now is the time that we need to invest in Downtown and I am in support of just doing the \$50,000 and move forward because I'm sure the State won't back out of this agreement.

Mayor Miyagishima said I am in support of the full \$50,000 but I only want to commit to \$25,000 now and the other \$25,000 will be done by October 31st if the State has signed the agreement.

Councillor Jones said this resolution states that the City is entering in an MOU and the payment is to be authorized for the first year so if we give you the \$50,000 and the State doesn't sign the MOU then you would owe us \$50,000. I would suggest that we move forward and fund the full \$50,000 with the understanding that if the MOU isn't signed then that amount would be our receivable.

Terrence Moore said legally, funds can't be expended unless there is an agreement in place and this is a three party agreement so we can't cut a check until this three party agreement is signed by everyone.

Cindy Fargo said we are in this position because of an oversight regarding the budgetary process that we weren't aware of until July 6th. In which case, all of our planning, including major events with contracts, have to be executed or cancelled. We spoke with Mr. Moore a few weeks ago regarding this issue and he did explain to us that a funding of \$20,000 may be available instead of the full amount. The funding stream is essential and we were expecting a \$46,000 or \$50,000 lump sum; this puts us in a very difficult position.

— Mayor Miyagishima said we may be able to amend the agreement between the Downtown and the City for an additional \$25,000; then wait on this agreement until it is signed.

Christine Logan said we can bring that MOU amendment forward at the next meeting.

Cindy Fargo said we will need some kind of agreement that you are willing to extend this contract so we can move forward with our applications for capital outlay funding which are due by August 20th.

Mayor Miyagishima said I think we should move forward with this resolution because there won't be any funding until it is signed by all parties and then bring back a resolution to amend our other agreement at our next meeting.

Councillor Silva Moved to Amend Resolution No. 10-041 to insert the amount of \$50,000 to fund this MOU and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

— Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 10-041 to insert the amount of \$50,000 to fund this MOU and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-041 as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Miyagishima appointed Mary Slavik to the RSVP Advisory Board.

Councillor Jones Moved to Approve the Board Appointment and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

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Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Board Appointment and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

IX. REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)

None

X. STATUS/UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECT LIST

1. **Strategic Plan** - *(Meetings held with Elected Officials and executive staff. Draft report should be submitted by 6/22/09)*
2. **Sustainability Officer** - *(Recruitment is in process. Preliminary phases of selection process have been undertaken, interviews to be scheduled shortly.)*
3. **Las Cruces Center** - *(Status report provided monthly on second, Regular City Council Meeting)*
4. **Downtown** - *(The project design is ongoing with Bohann-Huston, Inc. Work session with City Council regarding Farmer's Market Representatives - Downtown Design Process was held on July 13, 2009.)*
5. **Impact Fees** - *(A change order to revise the draft impact fee capital improvements plan (IFCIP) document, to add additional consultant trips, and to add a time and expense budget to cover the cost for implementation assistance was approved by City Council on June 15, 2009. We anticipate that the new draft of the IFCIP will be submitted to the City the first week of August 2009.)*
6. **Aquatics Center** - *(Status report provided monthly on first, Regular City Council Meeting)*
7. **Vision 2040** - *(The consultants have completed preliminary drafts of the CLC Comprehensive Plan and DAC Comprehensive Plan. Both preliminary drafts are being reviewed by city and county staff. The consultants are working to complete the preliminary draft of the Vision 2040 Regional Plan.)*
8. **Grants/ARRA Status** - *(Matrix.)*

XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Mayor

Mayor Miyagishima said I want to commend the newspaper for their editorial in today's paper about the ADA issues with the Downtown.

2. City Council

Councillor Archuleta said I am having a meeting for District 3 on August 18th at 6:00 in the Sierra Middle School cafeteria regarding neighborhood watch groups.

I want to commend the Morning Star United Methodist Church; they brought in children with containers of homemade cookies for the Council.

Councillor Thomas passed.

Councillor Jones said the Quality of Life Tax question has been pulled back but we still need to look into what we can do in getting funding for more ball parks.

Mayor Miyagishima said we can save some money by entering into a purchase power agreement with El Paso Electric for a solar system for the new City Hall which will save us money on our electrical cost.

Terrence Moore said we have a meeting scheduled tentatively for August 5th to meet with El Paso Electric and discuss these issues.

Councillor Small passed.

Councillor Connor said last year, Woodman of the World donated a flag pole for Club Fusion and they met with me last week to present us with a new flag. They offered to donate new flag poles for the new City Hall and I suggest that we take them up on their offer.

We were contacted last week by Playful Cities to inform us that the City of Las Cruces has been chosen to be a playful city which is the first one for the State of New Mexico. There will be an event in September and a proclamation will be given to us.

We were contacted about resolutions regarding the operation of bicycles and apparently you need a license but the LCPD only has about thirty registered bicycles in their database. We need to get this information out to the public and we need to start enforcing it.

I would suggest that we go back to having City leagues for children twelve years old and younger because it would be good for the City and it would be more economical for parents.

Mayor Miyagishima said I would suggest that we have flag poles and fly the flags for our military branches.

Councillor Silva asked what is the status of the police report from SSI?

Terrence Moore said we are in the process of wrapping that up and we will have an update at the August 10th work session.

Councillor Silva said it was reported in the newspaper that there was a recent settlement between the Detention Center and the City.

Fermin Rubio said the settlement doesn't involve the Detention Center; it was between the City and the plaintiffs.

Councillor Silva said there have been emails going around concerning the Sierra Norte area and the new Golf Club; I was wondering if we could get an update from the DRC on these issues?

Terrence Moore said I would be happy to provide some updates on those issues in this week's information letter.

Councillor Silva said I want to thank all the City staff for their help with the Home Builders anniversary celebration at Klein's Park.

The Peace Lutheran organization is having a community clean up event on July 31st and August 1st and if anyone would like their house cleaned or yard cleaned up, you call David Chavez at 526-9458 or call me at 640-5934 to schedule a time to have your house or yard cleaned up.

At 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Eastside Center, the City will be hosting a design review meeting regarding the Hadley Manzanita Gateway.

3. City Manager
 - D. Americans with Disability Act Advisory Board Update.

Andre Moquin, HR Director gave a presentation and said this board is intended to represent the diversity of individuals with disabilities within our community. The board will be made up with a majority of its members as individuals with disabilities but we haven't had that much interest in it.

Councillor Connor said I had two individuals who applied for this board in January and they are still available for appointment to this board.

- F. Progress Regarding Strategic Plan Update.

Andre Moquin, HR Director gave a presentation and said there is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm and Ranch Museum to go over the draft goals and objectives from our consultant.

A. Update Regarding Development and Construction of New City Hall.

Eric Martin, Project Management Administrator gave a presentation and said we are currently moving forward with the parking deck and finishing work on the building.

B. Update Regarding Development and Construction of New Las Cruces Convention Center.

Eric Martin, Project Management Administrator gave a presentation and said the contractor is on site and working with the various utilities to get those marked and installed and continuing to work on the general site preparation.

Ken Mompellier, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a presentation and said Global Spectrum has been on board for several months and they are still working on the FFE for the building.

E. Sister Cities Board Recruitment Process.

Lori Grumet, Public Services Director gave a presentation and said the last time this board met was in 1995 and we have been advertising for applicants to serve on this board but there hasn't been much interest expressed for this board so far. We would like to give the Council two options concerning this issue; one is to revise the ordinance and eliminate this board or continuing trying to recreate this board and appoint a staff member as a board liaison to give us annual updates for the Sister City Foundation.

Councillor Archuleta said I don't think this advisory board is working and I would recommend that we eliminate it.

Councillor Connor said the CVB provides \$10,000 to the foundation and if we don't restructure the board then they wouldn't be able to receive that funding. I would agree with eliminating the advisory board and reorganizing the foundation board with those that are there.

Lori Grumet said the agreement with the foundation isn't necessarily ran through our advisory board so any funding that goes to them is a separate issue. I would recommend that there is a staff member or a member of Council that is appointed to be the liaison for that board and help align it back up with the foundation.

Councillor Connor said I would like to see more participation from the community.

Mayor Miyagishima said I agree with what has been said and I think whatever we need to do to get it motivated and reorganized is what we should do.

C. Update Concerning Revenue Forecast and Projections.

Dick Gebhart, Budget Director gave a presentation and said this is the fourth quarter revenue update and the GRT came in at 2.6% better than anticipated for the past seven months. There are still a lot of uncertainties out there but hopefully FY10 will be a recovering period.

Councillor Silva asked would it be possible to get us a monthly report of expenditures?

Dick Gebhart said we can look into generating a monthly report of expenditures.

G. Other Items - Information Only

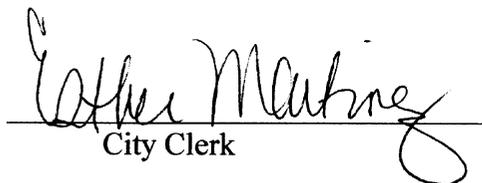
None given.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Gebhart", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

ATTEST:


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Catherine Manning", is written over a horizontal line.
City Clerk

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