

Regular Meeting
January 25, 2010



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

Regular Meeting

**January 25, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

STAFF:

- 14 Mayor Ken Miyagishima
- 15 Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
- 16 Councillor Dolores Connor, District 2
- 17 Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 3
- 18 Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
- 19 Councillor Gill Sorg, District 5
- 20 Councillor Sharon Thomas, District 6

- 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 Sorg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation/Proclamations.

Mayor Miyagishima introduced one of the Mayor's Top Teens guest Danielle Lucero.

Mayor Miyagishima and Jordan Simons presented the Pet of the Week.

Councillor Sorg presented a Proclamation to Catherine Brenner and Cherie Gamboa and declared February 2010 as For the Love of Art Month.

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.*

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

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3 Councillor Small said regarding Item 3, my brother has traveled on the El Paso Limousine Bus
4 Service but I have no financial interest or anything else with them.

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8 Mayor Miyagishima read a closed meeting statement and said the Las Cruces City Council met in
9 a closed session at 4:02 p.m. on January 25, 2010. The following members were in attendance:
10 Mayor Miyagishima, Councillor Silva, Councillor Connor, Councillor Pedroza, Councillor Small,
11 Councillor Sorg, Councillor Thomas and City Manager Terrence Moore. Only the items listed on
12 the posted notice were discussed which were personnel matters relating to City Manager Terrence
13 Moore. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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17 **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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19 Davin Lopez, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance said we would like to get your
20 support for a grant application that we are pursuing for an extended stay processing facility for illegal
21 immigrants. It would have a campus type setting and it would house mainly women and children.
22 This facility would be run by the Health and Human Services and it would create about 100 jobs here
23 in Las Cruces.

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25 Mayor Miyagishima said we can set it up for a presentation at our February 16th meeting.

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27 Robert Green, Member of the Public said there is going to be a meeting at Loma Heights Elementary
28 regarding the inmate crews on Thursday and we found out about it in a round about way. We need
29 to be more informed of these meetings and staff should send out an email to everyone regarding
30 public meetings.

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32 Mayor Miyagishima said we do notify everyone of our District meetings and the topics to be
33 discussed and this is just the beginning of several meetings to be held.

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35 Mike Johnson, Public Works Director said we have sent letters to property owners in that area and
36 we've advertised the public meeting in the newspaper.

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38 Ron Camunez, Member of the Public said I read over the weekend that our City Attorney Fermin
39 Rubio is leaving the City to pursue a Military opportunity. He will be missed and it is our loss but
40 El Paso's gain.

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1 Penny Bagwell, Member of the Public said I want to address the Madrid Extension Project; I sent
2 Mike Johnson an email with specific questions but I still haven't received any answers. One of my
3 questions was "where on the website is this notification?"

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5 Don Bustamante, IT Director said that information is listed on the Public Meetings section of our
6 website.

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8 Penny Bagwell asked has the design already been completed?

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10 Mayor Miyagishima said at this point, we are getting the public's input before we go further with
11 this project.

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

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19 Mayor Miyagishima said Items 2 and 3 need to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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23 Councillor Connor Moved to approve the Agenda as Amended and Councillor Thomas Seconded
24 the motion.

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

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33 **V. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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35 *(1) Regular Meeting of December 7, 2009

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39 **VI. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

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1 **VII. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION**

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3 *(2) Council Bill No. 10-023; Ordinance No. 2552: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
 4 From A-1 and A-2 (Flood Control and Rural Agriculture, 1981 Zoning Code) to R-1A
 5 (Single-Family Medium Density), OS-NC (Open Space-Natural Conservation), and C-3C
 6 (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 23.45 ± Acres of Property Located East of Del
 7 Rey Boulevard and South of Tucson Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to
 8 Facilitate a Single-Family Residential and Commercial Master-Planned Development Known
 9 as Desert Isles as Well as Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning
 10 Code, as Amended. Submitted by Pillar Engineering for Jean Wright Martin Irrevocable
 11 Trust. (Case Z2788).

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13 Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-023; Ordinance No. 2552 and Councillor
 14 Small Seconded the motion.

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18 Cheryl Rodriguez, Development Services Administrator gave an overhead presentation and said the
 19 purpose of this zone change request is to facilitate a single-family residential and commercial master
 20 planned development known as the Desert Isles and the commercial zoning area will face Del Rey
 21 Boulevard. There will be two phases for this project which phase one would be the residential area
 22 and phase two would be the commercial area. The City of Las Cruces would be the gas and sewer
 23 provider and Moongate would be the water provider. There are no development plans to date to
 24 extend Roadrunner Parkway to Tucson Avenue.

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26 Councillor Sorg said I have concerns with the access to this area and the improvements that need to
 27 be done on Tucson Avenue. Has there been a traffic analysis done for this area?

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29 Cheryl Rodriguez said yes; as part of the master plan review, Dan Soriano, our traffic engineer, did
 30 review the traffic impact analysis and approved it.

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32 Councillor Sorg asked when will Del Rey be completed?

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34 Mike Johnson, Public Works Director said I wish I knew; the completion is fueled by the
 35 development of this area.

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37 Councillor Thomas said our Comprehensive Plan states that there won't be any leap frog
 38 developments; we need to be able to see the entire area and not just one by one subdivisions. This
 39 doesn't show how they are connecting the commercial area with this and the surrounding residential
 40 areas. There needs to be connectivity and I hope there will a variety of lot sizes for this subdivision.

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1 Councillor Connor said we are only considering a zone change today and when the master plan is
2 brought before us, we do need to be able to see the entire ratios of this area. Can you explain why
3 this is only a zone change?

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5 Cheryl Rodriguez said the zone change request and the master plan request were brought to the
6 Planning and Zoning Commission in October and the zone change request was approved upon the
7 approval of Council.

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9 Councillor Connor asked can you explain the Technical Water Report; why it's not included and
10 what is your staff going to be doing to meet the Fire Code?

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12 Jorge Garcia, Utilities Director said that report is a hydraulic analysis of the guarantee fire protection
13 and I believe that'll be submitted at a later time.

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15 Councillor Connor asked how do they plan on connecting to the sewer and meeting the Fire Code?

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17 Marty Pillar, Engineer said this development had a Technical Water Report done that shows they
18 will meet the fire requirements. We are looking at tying into the same system that's providing the
19 fire requirements for Del Rey Estates. There will be a Technical Water Report submitted at the time
20 of the plat stating the capacity of the Moongate Water System.

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22 Councillor Thomas said I think it's time that we look at changing this process because we need to
23 get more information up front instead of just a zone change request.

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25 Councillor Sorg asked is the secondary access for the Fire Department going to go through the
26 commercial area?

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28 Travis Brown, LCFD Chief said the Fire Code issue comes more into play once we get structures
29 in that area. We put comments in at this point to let the owner know that those issues will have to
30 be addressed at that point. We have discussed access to the area with the owner and I believe they
31 are proposing having two access points off of Tucson Avenue.

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33 Councillor Sorg asked if this zoning is done now, would that be effected by possible changes in the
34 impact fees?

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36 Robert Garza, Assistant City Manager said no, it would not have an effect on it because of the time
37 line.

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39 Councillor Silva asked do you feel comfortable with the second access point and the water flow?

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41 Travis Brown said when they get to the point of construction then we can address those issues. They
42 have to meet the Fire Code and they will be required to have enough water flow.

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2 Councillor Small asked when are you going to begin building this project?

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4 Marty Pillar said at this point, the owner is getting the zoning but they are holding off construction
5 until there are improvements in the fair market conditions.

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9 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-023; Ordinance
10 No. 2552 and it was APPROVED. 4-3 Councillor Silva, Councillor Connor, Councillor Pedroza and
11 Mayor Miyagishima voted Aye. Councillor Small, Councillor Sorg and Councillor Thomas voted
12 Nay.

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16 *(3) Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance No. 2553: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
17 From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional)
18 for 4.080 +/- Acres Located at 1886 W. Picacho Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change
19 is to Allow the Use of a Bus Terminal on the Subject Property. The Zone Change Will Bring
20 the Property Into Compliance With the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by
21 Fiesta Properties on Behalf of Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, Property Owner. (Z2801).

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23 Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance No. 2553 and Councillor
24 Silva Seconded the motion.

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28 Cheryl Rodriguez, Development Services Administrator gave an overhead presentation and said the
29 subject property is approximately four acres and there are six different buildings on the property. The
30 applicant is seeking a zone change to allow for a bus terminal on the property which would bring the
31 property into compliance with the current zoning code. There is a site plan of the subject property
32 and one of the conditions placed on the zoning; which I am going to ask Council to amend the
33 Ordinance and remove, is that the property needs to be replated. Our records indicated that there
34 were two parcels but that was a mapping error on the Dona Ana County's GIS System. We have
35 received a lot of public opposition and support for this item which we have submitted to you.

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37 Steve Lohman, Applicant Representative said this zone change would bring the property into
38 compliance with the current zoning code. There are people who are concerned with the zone change
39 to C-3C and for the most part, they are residential property owners within a commercial zoned area.
40 Our interest is to bring this property into compliance to allow the bus terminal on the property.

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1 Rochelle Ponder, Member of the Public said my family owns the property directly across from this
2 property and we have a business on our property that has been in place since 1968. My parents
3 selected this property because there was a lot of traffic and it was a good place for an auto store.
4 Over the years, West Picacho has deteriorated but over the past five years there has been a lot of new
5 development that has revived the area. The owner of the subject property has cleaned up the area and
6 has been a great benefit to this area. I am in favor of this zone change.

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8 Bonnie Mando, Member of the Public gave an overhead presentation and said I am representing 24
9 people in the Picacho neighborhood, businesses and property owners. I have a petition that they have
10 all signed in opposition of this zone change. I agree that they have cleaned up the property and it
11 does look much better; however, that is just superficial. There is petroleum-based dirt deep down
12 on that property and it is sitting right under that bus station. There is definitely soil contamination
13 and there may be water contamination as well. The environmental issues need to be addressed before
14 any zone changes are approved. There are also issues with crime and safety issues at bus terminals
15 that need to be thought through prior to allowing it.

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17 Councillor Small asked has staff done any work regarding the clean up issue for this property?

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19 Cheryl Rodriguez said no but we did receive a letter dated January 15, 2010 from Sadder, Miller and
20 Associates stating that they are currently working with the property owner with the clean up of the
21 property.

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23 Councillor Small said there are still some issues with dangerous behaviors on Picacho but there has
24 been some positive development in that area as well. Usually, people are moving in and out of bus
25 stations so they aren't there very long.

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27 Tim Marshall, Owner/Operator of the Bus Station said we ask that our customers check in about 30
28 minutes prior to the departure time and they are usually there for less than an hour before they are
29 loaded onto the bus.

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31 Councillor Connor asked is there sufficient room on the property for the buses to turn around?

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33 Tim Marshall said yes.

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35 Councillor Connor asked have you already started the soil clean up?

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37 Steve Lohman said they have recently installed a vapor furnace but it hasn't been fired up yet.

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39 Councillor Silva asked what are the hours of operation?

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41 Tim Marshall said 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and on Sunday, we're open from
42 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1 Councillor Silva asked how many signatures are on the petition?

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3 Bonnie Mando said there are 24 signatures.

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5 Councillor Silva asked did you remove the five people who asked to have their names removed from
6 the petition?

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8 Bonnie Mando said I wasn't aware of five people that wanted their names removed; I was aware that
9 Holguin Electric wanted to be removed but that's the only one.

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11 Councillor Silva said the ones that wanted their names removed stated they wanted to be removed
12 because they were misled about what the petition was for.

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14 Bonnie Mando said they read the attached petition so they couldn't have been misinformed.

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16 Councillor Pedroza asked did you approach some of the people who signed the petition?

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18 Steve Lohman said yes, we spoke with about 12 of the people who signed the petition. All but one
19 of people we spoke with said they were misinformed about the petition.

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21 Councillor Pedroza asked how long has this particular bus station been in operation?

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23 Tim Marshall said it opened in October.

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25 Councillor Small said I think we should state in this meeting that we would want a report back on
26 the remediation efforts.

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28 Steve Lohman said I would be happy to have the engineer include you on any correspondence.

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30 Terrence Moore said Mike Johnson will get with you to set that up.

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32 Councillor Small said we do need to address the safety issues. Is there anything that we can do for
33 it?

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35 Cheryl Rodriguez said in terms of any fencing or other requirements; right now, the only thing we
36 could of had was the buffer metrics but since the surrounding areas are commercial and the way the
37 site is, there is no additional requirement for buffers. The applicant has met all the site requirements
38 for the zoning code.

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1 Councillor Sorg Moved to Amend Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance No. 2553 to strike the replat
2 condition and have the zoning as C-3 with no conditions and Councillor Pedroza Seconded the
3 motion.

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7 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance
8 No. 2553 to strike the replat condition and have the zoning as C-3 with no conditions and it was
9 Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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13 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-024; Ordinance
14 No. 2553 as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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18 (4) Council Bill No. 10-025; Ordinance No. 2554: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
19 From M-1/M-2 (Industrial Standard) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 0.7494 +/-
20 Acres Located at 250 N. Telshor Boulevard. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Allow
21 the Use of a Furniture Store. Submitted by Scott H. Achen, Tir Na Draiochta Properties,
22 LLC, Property Owner. (Z2802).

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24 Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-025; Ordinance No. 2554 and Councillor
25 Silva Seconded the motion.

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29 Gary Hembree, Development Services Senior Planner gave an overhead presentation and said the
30 purpose of this zone change is to allow a furniture store on this property. There is an existing
31 building on the property and it does facilitate parking.

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33 Councillor Thomas asked what is surrounding this property?

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35 Gary Hembree said the south side is vacant and the other side is commercial.

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39 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-025; Ordinance
40 No. 2554 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(5) Council Bill No. 10-026; Ordinance No. 2555: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to O-2 (Office, Professional-Limited Retail Service) for 0.576 +/- Acres Located at 2145 El Paseo Road. The Purpose of the Zone Change is to Allow the Use of the Existing Home as a Professional Mental Health Office. Submitted by Stuart S. Kelter & Leora R. Zeitlin, Property Owners. (Z2804).

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-026; Ordinance No. 2555 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the motion.

Gary Hembree, Development Services Senior Planner gave an overhead presentation and said the purpose of this zone change is to allow the use of a professional mental health office for the existing single family dwelling located on the property.

Councillor Connor asked is the front of the building going to be paved?

Stuart Kelter, Applicant said yes and there will be a ponding area to the south of the property.

Kerry (?), Member of the Public said I think this is a good use for this property and it will benefit this area.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 10-026; Ordinance No. 2555 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Pedroza appointed Ron Camunez to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

IX. REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)

(6) Council Bill No. 10-032; Ordinance No. 2561: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From H (Holding) to R-3C (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density-Conditional) for 9.00 +/- Acres Designated as Parcel No. 1 and a Request for a Zone Change From H (Holding) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 8.225 +/- Acres Designated as Parcel No. 2

1 Each Located North of Peachtree Hills Road and West of Jornada Road. The Properties are
2 Part of the Peachtree Hills Master Planned Area. Submitted by Summit Engineering on
3 Behalf of Ernesto Uranga, Property Owner. (Z2807).

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5 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.

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7 (7) Council Bill No. 10-033; Ordinance No. 2562: An Ordinance Approving a Major
8 Amendment to Both the Los Contentos Concept Plan and Final Site Plan and a Request for
9 a Zone Change From C-2C (Commercial Medium-Intensity) and R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High
10 Density & Limited Retail Office) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for 3.15 ± Acres of
11 Property. The Purpose of the Major Amendment is to Change the Land Use From Single-
12 Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential, Limit the Maximum Number of Dwelling
13 Units to 80, and Modify the Rear Yard Setback to 7-Feet. The Major Amendment is Limited
14 to Phase IV of the Original Los Contentos PUD. The Subject Property is Located West of
15 Del Rey Boulevard and North of Mar Avenue. Submitted by Lilley Engineering for Thomas
16 Test (PUD-09-01).

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18 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.

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20 (8) Council Bill No. 10-034; Ordinance No. 2563: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
21 Request from C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) and R-4 (Multi-Dwelling
22 High Density & Limited Retail Office) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for 10 ± Acres
23 for the Development Known as Los Contentos. The Subject Property is Located West of Del
24 Rey Boulevard and North of Mars Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request is to
25 Bring the Property Into Compliance With the PUD District as Set Forth in the 2001 Zoning
26 Code, As Amended. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (PUD-09-01ZC).

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28 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.

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32 **X. STATUS/UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECT LIST**

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34 1. **State Legislative Fall Back**

35 2. **Strategic Plan** - *(Implementation documents being prepared, finalizing plan for council
36 review and consideration.)*

37 3. **Las Cruces Convention Center** - *(Foundation preparation and plumbing rough-in is
38 near complete to allow for the pouring of floor slabs in December. Additional concrete
39 work for the exterior portions of the facility continues on schedule.)*

40 4. **Downtown** - *(The project design is ongoing with Bohannan-Huston, Inc. Bohannan-
41 Huston has completed the design for the north end portion of the project. The City is
42 currently in the process of receiving final prices for the northern portion and should be*

1 going to Council for approval in January 2010. Bohannon-Huston has begun the design
2 of the southern portion of the project)

- 3 5. **Impact Fees** - (The project is on-going. Staff is currently reviewing the latest draft of
4 the Impact Fee Capital Improvements Plan (IFCIP) with the Consultant. Before the new
5 draft IFCIP is finalized, the Consultant prepared a summary of the options discussed by
6 the City Council during the Work Sessions held in March, April, and May of this
7 year. The summary is a separate document and includes a table listing the actions that
8 will have to be taken in order to move forward with each option (e.g., Do the land use
9 assumption have to be revised?, etc.). The purpose of this summary is to provide
10 information in a concise format for the CIAC and City Council to use in making their
11 decision on which option to use in the IFCIP document to calculate the impact
12 fees. Staff presented the summary document to the CIAC for the first time on November
13 19, 2009. The CIAC further discussed the options presented in the summary document
14 and made a recommendation of Option 3: "'Growth Area' Impact Fees only" at
15 their meeting on December 17, 2009. This recommendation will be taken forward to the
16 January 11, 2010 City Council Work Session for discussion and concurrence.)

- 17 6. **Vision 2040** – (The current drafts are posted on the Vision 2040 website
18 (<http://vision2040.nmsu.edu>) and are available on CD and in print upon request. Staff is
19 compiling the comments from the public input meetings held during the week of October
20 19th and the written comments received. The formal public comment period concluded on
21 November 7, 2009. However, staff will continue to accept further written comments.
22 These comments will be used to evaluate and revise the current drafts.)

- 23 7. **Citywide Swimming Pool Enhancement Program** – (Structural steel installation for
24 the entrance area of the facility and the second floor continues, including completion of
25 the roof for these areas. EIFS work progresses with color coat soon to be completed;
26 electrical, HVAC and plumbing construction continues as well. A pool permit is in the
27 process of being issued allowing the pool contractor to proceed with construction.)
28 (The design consultants for the future planned Natatorium have started the project with a
29 series of meetings with interested groups such as swimming clubs to solicit input. A
30 public hearing was also held for the purposes of collecting ideas on a proposed design of
31 the planned facility. Additional input is expected prior to finalization of schematic
32 design.)

- 33 8. **Development and Construction of New City Hall** – (The contractor has removed the
34 temporary flooring in the council chambers in order to complete the necessary finishes in
35 the room. Interior finishes in other parts of the building continue with punch list items
36 being completed in order to conduct scheduled inspections within the next month.
37 Commissioning of the building continues including start up of the back up generator as
38 well as continued construction in site improvements. Finalization of furnishing needs
39 completed and procurement in process.)

- 40 9. **Development and Construction of the Intermodal Facility** – (Finalization of the RFP
41 complete for architectural and engineering services, currently in the process of being
42 advertized and reviewed by the Selection Advisory Committee.)

1 10. **Bicycle Facilities Planning**

2 11. **EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program (SGIA)** - *(The Phase One*
3 *initial site visit by the EPA staff is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010. The*
4 *purpose of the visit is to familiarize the EPA with the El Paseo area and bring together*
5 *City staff, policy makers and the growing network of stakeholders. The agenda includes a*
6 *group tour of the El Paseo area and meetings with city staff, policy makers, and*
7 *stakeholders. The primary outcome of this visit will be a refined Scope of Work for the*
8 *project, titled: Making Redevelopment Work for the Neighbors: The El Paseo Project.*
9 *This is an on-going project for one year from October 2009 to October 2010. The main*
10 *purpose of the project is to develop a robust public participation model that includes a*
11 *deliberative planning and visioning process. Regular conference calls occur on Tuesday*
12 *from 1:00-2:00 PM in Room 101 of the City Office Center, 575 Alameda Blvd.)*

13 12. **New City Web Site** – *(New web site is on track for deployment in Spring 2010. Public*
14 *input on new web site has been obtained, and will be presented to Council. Departmental*
15 *stakeholders (who will be responsible for authoring content) have been involved in a*
16 *number of meetings to provide inputs on the new web site as well. The new site will*
17 *support greater citizen engagement by providing citizens the ability to receive*
18 *information via RSS feeds, newsletters, and alerts, as well as providing new content and*
19 *capabilities. The next phase in the project will involve training departmental authors in*
20 *the use of the content management system editor, authoring methods, and pertinent*
21 *standards, guidelines, and laws.)*

22 13. **Downtown Revitalization Activities**

23 14. **Grants/ARRA Status** - (Matrix.)
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27 **XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION**28
29 1. **MAYOR**

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31 Mayor Miyagishima said I won't be here for the meeting next Tuesday so Mayor Pro-tem Thomas,
32 you're on and I think we have designated March 16, 17 and the 29th for our District meetings.
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35 2. **CITY COUNCIL**

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37 Councillor Sorg passed.
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39 Councillor Small said there has been some discussion regarding the removal of old signs and I
40 wanted to propose that the City use these signs for some type of advertisement with the approval of
41 the owners.
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1 Councillor Pedroza said we are moving forward with a meeting regarding the streets in my district
2 and I am continuing to learn more about our budget. We are still moving along with the school
3 gardening project and I would like to continue to get feedback from my district on how we can
4 improve this project.

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6 Councillor Connor passed.

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8 Councillor Silva said I want to thank everyone who participated in our workshop on Saturday and
9 I thought it was very productive.

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11 I think we need to follow up on looking at the Downtown plan and we need to keep the
12 communication open between us and the people in the Downtown area. I think we need to form an
13 ad-hoc committee to include three Councillors and they would review the plan.

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15 Mayor Miyagishima said we are checking the availability of Chambers for March 16th to have a
16 meeting for the Downtown as well as a District meeting.

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18 Councillor Silva said we need to look and see how we can bring the public into the selection process
19 for the Police Auditor.

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21 It has been brought to my attention by several residents that maybe we should bring back the old rule
22 of limiting the public comments to three minutes per person per item.

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24 On the corner of Mesquite and Spruce, the streets need to be painted and the crosswalks need to be
25 repainted as well.

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27 I have been asked, "when will the public be able to get a tour of the new City Hall" and at some point
28 we need to set up a date for that tour.

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30 Terrence Moore, City Manager said tentatively, we are looking at an open public tour on Saturday,
31 April 3rd.

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33 Councillor Connor said I just want to mention that we are a week away from the school bond vote
34 and I wanted to remind everyone to get out and vote.

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36 Councillor Sorg asked have we started to put up the signage informing everyone of the cell phone
37 ban in the City limits?

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39 Mike Johnson said we are working with the NMDOT to see where we can place that signage.

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41 Councillor Thomas said I would be interested in creating an ad-hoc committee to review the
42 Downtown plans.

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2 There is going to be a meeting regarding the Madrid Exchange at Loma Heights Elementary School
3 on Thursday night from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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5 I want to mention that Dr. Gilbert is doing another free dentistry clinic on Friday, February 12th from
6 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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8 I thought the meeting we had on Saturday was very productive and one thing that kept coming up
9 was how can we do ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our capital assets? Is it possible to separate
10 our two different types of capital outlay? I would like for us to look at what is the ongoing
11 maintenance needs and what kind of funding sources we have before we look at more capital outlay.

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13 Robert Garza, Assistant City Manager said we will be creating those types of list for you and we are
14 looking at having a presentation to Council on February 22nd.

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18 3. CITY MANAGER

19 A. Other Items - Information Only

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21 Terrence Moore said regarding Sonoma Ranch North, we have provided some explanation via
22 the January 15th information report regarding the general bond financing capacity as well as some
23 specific transaction questions that had come up since that time. I would like to get direction on
24 whether we need to have a follow up meeting.

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26 Councillor Thomas said I would prefer that we get another opportunity to discuss that project in a
27 public meeting.

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29 Terrence Moore said we can list that as a discussion item for our February 8th work session.

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33 **Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**