City Council
of the
City of Las Cruces

Regular Meeting

July 19, 2010
1:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ken Miyagishima
Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
Councillor Dolores Connor, District 2
Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 3
Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
Councillor Gill Sorg, District 5
Councillor Sharon Thomas, District 6

STAFF:

Terrence Moore, City Manager
Harry (Pete) Connelly, Interim City Attorney
Esther Martinez, City Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation/Proclamations.

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

Mayor Miyagishima presented a Medal of Honor to WWII Veteran Ray Sage.

Councillor Sorg showed a video regarding Dust Control.

Robert Kyle gave an overhead presentation regarding Erosion Control and said staff is working on revisions to our current Wind Erosion Ordinance.

Robert Caldwell gave an overhead presentation regarding the role and function of the Community Relations Coordinator.

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.

Mayor Miyagishima read a Closed Meeting Statement and said the Las Cruces City Council met in a Closed Session at 11:35 a.m. on July 12, 2010. The following members were in attendance: Mayor Miyagishima, Councillor Pedroza, Councillor Small, Councillor Sorg, Councillor Thomas, Interim City Attorney Harry (Pete) Connelly, Interim Deputy City Attorney Jared Abrams, City Manager Terrence Moore and Assistant City Manager Robert Garza. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and only the items that were stated in the posted notice were discussed which was the threatening or pending litigation regarding Natalia Contreras.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eddie Binns, Member of the Public said I would like to ask Councillor Sorg to expand his request for a test plot to Del Rey Boulevard, where the new bridge is going in. I support the City moving forward with the revisions to the Dust Ordinance but I suggest they proceed in a reasonable manner.

John Moscato, Member of the Public said I'm encouraged to hear that there will be numerous Work Sessions scheduled to discuss the revisions for the Dust Control Ordinance because there will be a significant economic impact on contractors.

Russ Warner, Member of the Public said regarding the Dust Ordinance, the City should be held to the same standards as private property owners and Council needs to be sure to word this document so that it can be enforced.

Ryan Dailey, Member of the Pubic said the City Charter states that the Council does have some power regarding the Municipal Court, they can appoint a judge during a vacancy and the Municipal Court building is a City building. I think the Municipal Court can do a better job with handling people who need to see the judge. I believe that the City Council can appoint another judge to help with the large amount of cases that are currently being heard at the Municipal Court which could make it easier on the citizens.

Mayor Miyagishima said we are scheduling a Work Session to discuss some of the issues relating to the Municipal Court.

Councillor Connor said I believe it is going to be scheduled on August 18, 2010 and arrangements are being made for Council to take a tour of the Municipal Court building.

Ben Whitner, Member of the Public said I want to thank everyone for their work on Transport 2040 which I think is an excellent document but we still need to fix Roadrunner Parkway. There is a temporary stop light at the intersection of Roadrunner and Golf Club that looks awful and doesn't have a crosswalk which is needed for that area. I believe there is warrant to have a permanent light and a crosswalk at that intersection. We also need to address the speeding issues and the lack of bike lanes on Roadrunner as well.

Mayor Miyagishima said I personally feel that Roadrunner Parkway is a dangerous road and our goal is to be a bike friendly city but I think it will be very difficult to have a bike lane on that street.

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 4 and 8 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 28, 2010

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR CONSENT AGENDA

*(2) Resolution No. 11-013: A Resolution Adopting Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and La Casa, Inc. and Ratifying the Assistant City Manager's Approval to Meet Legislative Appropriation Deadlines.

*(3) Resolution No. 11-014: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), State Energy Program and Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program, 2009 Clean Energy Demonstration Program Grant With No Match Requirement for the City, and Ratify the City Manager's Execution of the Contract.

*(5) Resolution No. 11-016: A Resolution Authorizing the Community Development Department to Apply to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for Two Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) to the Conducted for the El Paseo Corridor and for the City Office Center.

*(6) Resolution No. 11-017: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept a Grant Award Modification in the Amount of $15,000.00 From the Office of National Drug Control Policy and to Adjust the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

*(7) Resolution No. 11-018: A Resolution That Will Allow the City of Las Cruces Fire Department (City) to Accept Various Emergency Preparedness Equipment Valued at $16,878.48 Pursuant to a Grant Funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness Through the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management and the Dona Ana County / City of Las Cruces Office of Emergency Management for FY 2006 Grant.

*(9) Resolution No. 10-11-315: A Resolution Approving the Award of a Contract for Design Through Bidding Phase Services for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway "A" at the Las Cruces International Airport to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the Amount of $366,372 Plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax in the Amount of $25,800 for a Total of $392,172, and Adjusting the City of Las Cruces Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget in the Amount of $392,172.

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

*(4) Resolution No. 11-015: A Resolution Authorizing the Las Cruces Sustainability Program to Accept the New Mexico Environment Department's "New Mexico Recycling and Illegal

Dumping Alliance" Grant Award in an Amount Up to $5,000.00, With a Voluntary In-Kind Match of $3,340.00, to Rafity the City Manager's Signatures on the Letter of Acceptance and Grant Agreement, and Adjust the FY 2011 Budget.

Councillor Small Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-015 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Councillor Silva said this is to apply for a $5,000 grant but the containers cost $14,000; where are we going to get the funds to cover the other $9,000?

Tom Schuster, Sustainability Officer said the original grant is for $14,000 from the State which is for three units. Each unit cost $5,000, that's not the grant amount. We are planning on using these bins for recycling collection.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-015 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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*(8) Resolution No. 11-019: A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Local Government Road Fund Program, Fiscal Year 2010/2011 in the Amount of $40,500.00 for the Union Avenue/Stern Drive Intersection Improvements Project and to Amend the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget. A $13,500.00 City Match Is Required.

Councillor Thomas Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-019 and Councillor Connor Seconded the motion.

Councillor Thomas said I don't understand the bottom of the first page which states that the City would be required to fund the difference of the total project amount of $54,000 and the total construction cost.

Mike Johnson, Public Works Director said in order to accept the grant, DOT has provided us $40,500 which is 75% of the grant and we must match 25% which is $13,500. The estimated cost of the whole project is $101,000 so NMDOT would fund $40,500 and the City would fund the remaining $60,500.

Councillor Thomas asked do we have the funds available to cover it?

Mike Johnson said yes.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-019 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(10) **BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION NO. 11-020; A PUBLIC HEARING MUST BE HELD:**

Mayor Miyagishima said this item is now open for a Public Hearing. Is there anyone who wishes to speak against this item?

None given.

Mayor Miyagishima closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 11-020: A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Ownership and Location of Liquor License No. 652 From T. D. Industries, Inc. To Pic Quik Stores, Inc. D/B/A Pic Quik Store #3, to be Located at 1501 East Amador, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Councillor Silva Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-020 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-020 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(11) Resolution No. 10-11-331: A Resolution Authorizing Adjustment of the Budget and the Purchase of Furnishings for the Las Cruces Convention Center in the Amount Not to Exceed $1,100,000.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 10-11-331 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Lori Grumet, Public Services Director gave an overhead presentation and said this is for the purchase of the furnishings and goods needed for the opening and operation of the Convention Center. There will be no General Fund allocation for these purchases; the funds are coming out of the CVB.

Councillor Sorg asked did you go out to bid for the furniture?

Lori Grumet said that falls under the Construction Associates Contract that is already in place with the same contractor that furnished this building.

Councillor Sorg asked how do we know we are getting the best buy for our buck?

Lori Grumet said we do have the expertise of Global Spectrum and they go for the bottom price.

Mark Sutter, Finance Director said the existing contract is in place by an RFP that went out for furnishings for City Hall, the Convention Center and the new Aquatic Center. We don't necessary want the cheapest; we want good quality, and the vendors are also selected by the amount of the discount they give us off of the catalog price.

Councillor Silva asked was the $500,000 that was set aside, the original amount for the furnishings?

Lori Grumet said that was the amount that we had available to set aside at the time. Our original cost estimates have changed because that estimate was over a year ago and cost have risen since then and there have been changes in the scope of the project. The $1.1 million is a not to exceed amount and we don't plan on using the full amount.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 10-11-331 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(12) Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-4 Penalty Assessment Misdemeanor; Definition; Schedule of Assessments to Add Certain Violations of Las Cruces Municipal Code to this Ordinance and Thereby Convert Them into Penalty Assessments and Further Establishing the Amount of Those Penalty Assessments.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Councillor Sorg Moved to Suspend the Rules and discuss Items 12 and 13 concurrently and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and discuss Items 12 and 13 concurrently and it was APPROVED. 6-0 Councillor Silva was Absent.

Deputy Chief Miller, LCPD gave an overhead presentation and said the current amended Cell Phone Ordinance requires violators of this ordinance to appear in court and there is a tier schedule for the fines. Council has expressed a desire for violators to have the option of mailing in the fine in lieu of appearing in court which would require making this a penalty assessment ordinance. The fines for our other penalty assessments are between $56 and $276 and each fine has an additional $36 added to it as a mandatory State of New Mexico fee. A penalty assessment of $126 would keep this ordinance in line with the other more serious moving violations, while maintaining a distinction between it and the more serious offense of Careless Driving. It is necessary to amend the "Schedule of Assessments" in order to provide a penalty assessment.

Mayor Miyagishima asked can we reduce the fine amount?

Deputy Chief Miller said yes, but it would have to be done for 12 and 13.

Councillor Connor said staff recommended $126 because it is a more serious offense.

Deputy Chief Miller said yes, but it's not as serious as reckless driving which mandates a court appearance and possible jail time. Currently, there is a spread between the $56 fine and $500 fine so staff tried to set it in between those amounts.

Councillor Connor said I think $126 plus the $36 fee is an excessive amount.

Mayor Miyagishima said I would suggest that we change it to either $56 or $76 plus the $36 fee.

Councillor Small said I think the $76 fine would be a good selection. How is the enforcement going for this, currently?

Deputy Chief Miller said the law came into affect in February and from that time to the end of June, we have issued 175 citations.

Esther Martinez, City Clerk said I want to mention that if Council wishes to make a motion to amend this ordinance, you will first need to table it, then adopt and amend Ordinance 2582, then come back to Ordinance 2581, remove it from the table and then you can amend it.

Councillor Pedroza said I also think that the $126 fine is excessive.

Mayor Miyagishima asked if we change the cell phone fine to $76 then we will also need to change that item in the other one; correct?

Deputy Chief Miller said correct.

Councillor Connor Moved to Table Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 until after a vote is done for Ordinance 2582 and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Table Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 until after a vote is done for Ordinance 2582 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(13) Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2558, Which Concerns the Use of a Mobile (Cell) Telephone While Driving, to Make this Offense a Penalty Assessment Under Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-4.

Councillor Connor Moved to Adopt Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582 and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Councillor Connor Moved to Amended Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582 to change the cell phone penalty to $56.00 and Councillor Pedroza Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582 to change the cell phone penalty to $56.00 and it was APPROVED. 5-2 Councillor Silva, Councillor Connor, Councillor Pedroza, Councillor Sorg and Councillor Thomas voted Aye. Councillor Small and Mayor Miyagishima voted Nay.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 11-002; Ordinance No. 2582 as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

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(12) Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-14-4 Penalty Assessment Misdemeanor; Definition; Schedule of Assessments to Add Certain Violations of Las Cruces Municipal Code to this Ordinance and Thereby Convert Them into Penalty Assessments and Further Establishing the Amount of Those Penalty Assessments.

Councillor Connor Moved to Remove Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 from the Table and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Remove Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 from the Table and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Esther Martinez, City Clerk said we need to have clarification on where the change needs to be within this ordinance.

Deputy Chief Miller said it needs to be listed under "Prohibited Activities while Driving" on page 2 of 3.

Esther Martinez said it's on page 258 of the packet, under attachment one.

Councillor Connor Moved to Amend Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 to change the Prohibited Activities while Driving penalty to $56.00 and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Councillor Pedroza said I would like to add the words "cell phone" to the amendment, behind the words "prohibited activities while driving."

Deputy Chief Miller said if you include that wording then it would prohibit the penalty for the other activities that are covered by this ordinance.

Councillor Pedroza said okay, I withdraw that suggestion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 to change the Prohibited Activities while Driving penalty to $56.00 and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Council Bill No. 11-001; Ordinance No. 2581 as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Miyagishima appointed Ismael L. Camacho to the Housing Authority.

Mayor Miyagishima appointed Eddie R. Padilla to the Mesquite Street Neighborhood Weed & Seed Advisory Committee, Marsha Anne Burr and Donald W. Ettinger to the Senior Programs Advisory Board.

Councillor Small Moved to Approve the Mayor's Board Appointments of Eddie R. Padilla to the Mesquite Street Neighborhood Weed & Seed Advisory Committee, Marsha Anne Burr and Donald W. Ettinger to the Senior Programs Advisory Board and Councillor Connor Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Mayor's Board Appointments of Eddie R. Padilla to the Mesquite Street Neighborhood Weed & Seed Advisory Committee, Marsha Anne Burr and Donald W. Ettinger to the Senior Programs Advisory Board and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

IX. REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)

(14) Council Bill No. 11-004; Ordinance No. 2584: A Supplemental Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of $_____ City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Joint Utility Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, to Be Issued to Refund, Refinance, Prepay and Discharge the City's Outstanding New Mexico Finance Authority Utility System Loans; Establishing the Maturity Dates, Interest Rates, Redemption Provisions and Other Details of the Bonds; Approving the Execution of Certain Documents Relating to the Bonds; Ratifying Certain Actions Previously Taken in Connection with the Bonds; Repealing All Action Inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Mark Sutter, Finance Director gave an overhead presentation and said we can bring this item back for adoption at a Special Meeting to be held on August 11, 2010.

Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.

X. STATUS/UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECT LIST

1. **Strategic Plan** - *(Implementation documents being prepared, finalizing plan for council review and consideration.)*
2. **Las Cruces Convention Center** – *(Building exterior near complete; most construction is interior with limited site work at this time. Parking lot grading and other site work to begin later in July. Construction completion remains on schedule at this time with the facility being operational by an anticipated December, 2010 time frame.)*
3. **Downtown Main Street Construction** - *(Construction of Main Street Plaza - Phase II North was awarded by Council to Jaynes Corporation on May 03, 2010. Construction begin with the installation of safety fencing on July 1st. Existing trees, plants, and bricks on Main Street are being removed with some of the salvageable items being transported to the City yard between Motel Blvd. and Westgate.)*
4. **Impact Fees** –*(The project is on-going and is in Phase II - Development of the Impact Fee Capital Improvements Plan (IFCIP). City Council solidified their direction to staff to proceed with exempting the "In-fill" area of the city; keeping the Public Safety fee as a city-wide fee; and, to consider excluding or showing the West Mesa Industrial Park separately by approving the change order to the contract with James Duncan and Associates on May 17, 2010. Staff will work with the consultant to modify the LUA and the draft IFCIP and to bring them forward for review and approval through the appropriate process.)*
5. **Vision 2040** – *(Staff has taken over the Vision 2040 project from the consultant and is moving ahead with the action plan reviewed by the elected officials on April 15, 2010. Staff is preparing a vision statement for endorsement in May and a working draft of the regional vision document using the Table of Contents presented. Staff is restructuring the*

Advisory Committee to add stakeholders and define responsibilities, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled in the first part of June. The Advisory Committee will review updated versions of the working draft in sections over the next several months with regular updates to the elected officials. Information and draft documents on Vision 2040 are available online at http://vision2040.nmsu.edu*.)*

6. **Regional Recreational & Aquatic Center** – *(Most interior work is complete with tube slide installed and water in the pool. Clean up work and minor details remain to be completed. Most work devoted to site completion. Parking lot constructed, landscaping in process among other amenities. Anticipation of a Certificate of Occupancy during the month of July with the opening of the facility towards the end of summer.)*

7. **Las Cruces Intermodal Facility** *-(Contract award complete and finalizing paperwork, primarily related to DBE in order begin the project.)*

8. **Bicycle Facilities Planning** - *(May is National Bicycling Month. The Education and Encouragement Work Group of the Bicycle Friendly Community Task Force (BFC) is working on several ideas for events in May. The proposals include a series of neighborhood bicycle rides, a series of articles promoting bicycling in Las Cruces, Bike to Work Day on May 21st, the Ride of Silence on May 19th, and a proclamation declaring May as National Bicycle Month.)*

9. **EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program (SGIA)** - *(This project, known on our application for the EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program as Making Redevelopment Work for the Neighbors: The El Paseo Project, now has an identity more suitable for its purpose which is to engage people in planning their community. Welcome:* ***Picturing El Paseo—Share Your Vision for the Corridor****. A 'soft' outreach campaign has begun in the area along and within walking distance of El Paseo Road between Downtown and the University District. The team is promoting events like Coffee Hour at popular spots such as International Delights, Mountain View Coop, Grandy's and Si Bistro when people can stop and talk with staff. The City and partners are producing the* ***Green Infrastructure Conference*** *on August 26th, a 3-day* ***Road Safety Audit*** *September 30th through October 2nd, and a* ***Visioning Charrette*** *November 18-20. The EPA staff team and federal partners from the Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are collaborating with City staff from multiple departments, policy makers, residents and businesses. Las Cruces staff is continuously reaching out to a diverse set of public and stakeholders in the El Paseo area, and is available to discuss this project with any interested parties or individuals. Regular conference calls occur on Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 PM in Room 1158, City Hall, 700 Main Street.)*

10. **New City Web Site** – *(The new web site is scheduled to go live in the July-August time frame. Content from the current web site is being migrated to the new site. Some significant re-work of content is required to provide a unified design and user interface functionality, and to upgrade existing content to ADA and Section 508 standards. Departmental stakeholders (who will be responsible for authoring content) have been involved in a number of meetings to provide inputs on the new web site as well. The new*

site will support greater citizen engagement by providing citizens the ability to receive information via RSS feeds, newsletters, and alerts, as well as providing new content and capabilities. The next phase in the project will involve training departmental authors in the use of the content management system editor, authoring methods, and pertinent standards, guidelines, and laws.)

11. **Downtown Revitalization Activities** - *(Construction on La Placita has started and is expected to take 9 months. City staff is in the process of forming a Downtown Revitalization Plan Ad Hoc Committee.)*

12. **Grants/ARRA Status** - (Matrix.)

Councillor Silva said I would like to have the starting budgeted amounts and the final cost included for the Convention Center Project.

Terrence Moore, City Manager said we will be bringing a presentation forward within the next several weeks regarding that issue.

Councillor Thomas asked can we also include an update regarding the Bicycle Facilities Plan?

Terrence Moore said yes.

Councillor Connor asked what is the status of La Placita because I haven't seen any construction going on?

Brian Denmark, Facilities Director said that project is still going on but the contractor is also working on several of our other projects so there are times when they get pulled off that job to handle another one.

Councillor Connor asked has the issue with the rest rooms for the Farmers Market been addressed?

Robert Garza, Assistant City Manager said I have given staff direction to order and install additional port-a- potties.

XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. MAYOR

Mayor Miyagishima said I would like to have a future Work Session to discuss what the City can do for our residents with impairments.

I would like to ask for a consensus for the City to take the lead on forming a community meeting regarding the child abuse situations that have recently been happening within our community.

2. **CITY COUNCIL**

Councillor Thomas said I attended a meeting regarding the Camino Rail between here and El Paso and there was a presentation given that included some very helpful information. I want to mention that the Transportation Summit will be held on September 9th, here at City Hall.

There will be a District 6 meeting on August 25th at 6:30 p.m. at University Terrace Good Samaritan Village.

We recently approved a liquor license for Pic Quik and I wanted to know that since it is a new building, will they have to comply with the Lighting Ordinance? In the past, they have been very good with the light but the past few buildings they constructed, they have not done a full cut off.

David Weir, Community Development Director said they do have to comply with our current ordinance.

Councillor Thomas said regarding Beyond the Bottle, I sent those articles to everyone last week and I wanted to know if anyone had an interest for it?

Mayor Miyagishima said I wouldn't vote for it because I think it would be very difficult to do.

Councillor Sorg said I attended a meet with Congressman Teague this past weekend and there were discussions regarding funding for the temporary Police and Sheriff Substation in the East Mesa area. Congressman Teague was very optimistic that we will receive funding for that purpose. There were also discussions regarding the MVRDA 911 Call Center but unfortunately the Congressman wasn't as optimistic for that funding and he stated that it was shot down in the committee. He suggested that we look into using some type of bonds for some of these types of projects so I would like to have an update on our bond situation to see if it would be possible to use them for some of our projects.

Councillor Small said we will be having a meeting in the MacArthur area in August and I would like to thank Dan Soriano for addressing some of the traffic issues that we've had in that area.

I want to remind people to empty any containers that are holding rain water to help with the mosquito problems.

Councillor Pedroza said I attended an Energy in the Southwest Conference last week in Santa Fe and it was a very good conference.

I want to remind everyone that I am walking around Young Park Monday thru Friday at 7:00 a.m. and anyone is welcome to join me.

Councillor Connor said I received an inquiry from a constituent asking if the meals will stop being served to the kids next year at the City's recreation sites?

Brian Denmark, Facilities Director said there have been questions asked about the benefits of the City having these lunch programs but there have not been any decisions made regarding next year's summer programs.

Councillor Connor said a constituent brought to our attention that there is a trailer park on McClure and it is in bad condition; it is hidden behind a lot of trees and it doesn't feel very safe. The people are living in substandard conditions and I was wondering if our Community Development Department could look into how we stop allowing landlords to rent out any type of housing.

Mayor Miyagishima said I went out to that area and there are a few homes that should be boarded up and the trailers are definitely old but there was a lot of ownership pride. It wasn't top notch but I have definitely seen worse.

Councillor Connor said there were two trailers that had no glass in the windows and one that didn't have a front door. They might not be violating any codes but this is something that I feel we need to address. I am just asking for direction to be given to staff to look into all non-conforming trailer parks to see how we can come to some kind of common ground with the landlords.

Councillor Silva said I received an invitation for us to join the Climate Cities for Sustainability and I would like to encourage my colleagues to join it because I think it would benefit the City and our Sustainability Coordinator.

In the City Manager's Information Letter, he mentioned something about the Police reorganization but I couldn't decipher what his point was; I just want to encourage our new Police Chief to continue with his review and reorganizing of our Police Department. I also want to suggest that there continue to be more community meetings with our citizens and our Police Officers.

Last week, I was in Seattle and rode their bus system; when I returned home, I rode our bus system and I really want to commend our bus system and our friendly bus drivers.

3. **CITY MANAGER**

A. Update Concerning Revenues Forecasts and Projections.

Dick Gebhart, Budget Director gave an overhead presentation regarding the revenue forecast and projections.

B. Role and Function of Community Relations Coordinator.

Given during the Opening Ceremonies portion of the meeting.

C. Other Items - Information Only.

None given.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:28 p.m.