

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2011



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

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1:00 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

- Robert Garza, City Manager
- Harry (Pete) Connelly, City Attorney
- Esther Martinez, City Clerk

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I. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation/Proclamations.

Mayor Miyagishima and a representative from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley presented the Pet of the Week.

Rebecca Wiggins-Reinhard and Cristina Dominguez Eshelman gave a presentation regarding the La Semilla Food Center.

Mayor Miyagishima read a Closed Meeting Statement and said the Las Cruces City Council met in Closed Session at 1:10 p.m. on November 15, 2011. The following members were in attendance: Mayor Miyagishima, Councillor Pedroza, Councillor Sorg, Councillor Thomas, City Manager Robert Garza, Assistant City Manager Brian Denmark, Pat Degman, Audrey Evins, Melissa Nelson, Maria Villa, REDW/The Rogoff Firm: Bruce Bleakman, Javier Machuca and Michele Ziegler. The meeting

1 adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and only the limited items stated in the posted notice were discussed which
2 was to conduct an Audit Exit Conference for the City of Las Cruces.

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4 Mayor Miyagishima read a Closed Meeting Statement and said the Las Cruces City Council met in
5 Closed Session at 1:03 p.m. on November 16, 2011. The following members were in attendance:
6 Mayor Miyagishima, Councillor Silva, Councillor Connor, Councillor Pedroza, Councillor Small,
7 Councillor Sorg, Councillor Thomas, City Manager Robert Garza, Deputy City Attorney Rusty
8 Babington, Assistant City Manager Brian Denmark, HR Director Andre Moquin and Assistant City
9 Manager Mark Winson. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m. and only the limited items stated in the
10 posted notice were discussed which was to discuss pending or threatened litigation in a Workers
11 Compensation Case.

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15 **II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY BY MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY LCMC**
16 **SECTION 2-27(E)(2).** *At the opening of each council meeting, the chairperson shall ask*
17 *if any member of the city council, city manager, or any member of the city staff has any*
18 *known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.*

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

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22 Councillor Sorg said I have a disclosure to make regarding Item 2, I have had communications with
23 the applicant Mr. Gilbert; several months ago he asked me what he should do about the horses on
24 his property and I referred him to staff.

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28 **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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30 Russ Warner, Member of the Public said I want to congratulate the winners of the election and I want
31 to say that Councillor Connor will be missed. The people who didn't vote should be ashamed of
32 themselves because so many people fought for them to have that right.

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34 Laurie Meeks, Member of the Public passed out pictures and said I live in the Historic Mesquite
35 District and a lot of us feel this is not a safe area. There have been four houses set on fire in our area
36 and I am turning in a petition to request Police Officers be on foot or on bicycles to patrol this area.

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38 Mayor Miyagishima said the police are patrolling that area and they are determined to get whoever
39 is starting these fires.

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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.

Councillor Connor Moved to Approve the Agenda and Councillor Sorg Seconded the motion.

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

V. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

* (1) Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011

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VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSENT AGENDA

* (2) Council Bill No. 12-018; Ordinance No. 2640: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to REM-C (Single-Family Residential Estate Mobile-Conditional) for 0.98 ± Acres of Land Located at 5452 Santa Cruz Avenue. Submitted by Bob Steven Gilbert, Property Owner (Z2843).

* (3) Council Bill No. 12-019; Ordinance No. 2641: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-3/C-2 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density/Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) for 0.464± Acres of Land Located at 130 Madrid Avenue. Submitted by Summit Engineering on Behalf of 1732, LLC, Property Owner (Z2844).

VII. CLOSING CEREMONIES

Councillor Silva said I have been sitting next to Councillor Connor for the past four years and she will be greatly missed.

Councillor Pedroza said I have relished the opportunity of working with Councillor Connor and I doubt this will be the last time she will be in Council Chambers.

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2 Councillor Small said it has been an honor knowing Councillor Connor and she has been pointed
3 out as a leader of our community.

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5 Councillor Sorg said I'd like to thank Councillor Connor for her eight years of service to our City.

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7 Councillor Thomas said I have learned a great deal from Councillor Connor and she has been a great
8 mentor in many areas.

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10 Mayor Miyagishima said I also want to thank Councillor Connor for all her years of service and I
11 appreciate all her help with this Council.

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13 Councillor Connor read a statement and said I want to thank everyone for all the nice comments and
14 it has been such an honor to serve my community. I will say that I am not retiring and I will find
15 something else to do. I want to congratulate everyone on the election and I want to thank the
16 residents of District 2 because they have been a blast to work for and I have made many life-long
17 friends. I want to thank all of our staff and thank them for all that they do for our community. During
18 the past eight years I have only missed four Council meetings which one was due to the loss of my
19 brother and one was due to the loss of my mother. I am humbled by my experience with this Council
20 as a Councillor and as a Mayor Pro-Tem. I will never forget this experience.

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24 **VIII. RECESS OF OLD COUNCIL**

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26 **Meeting recessed at 1:52 p.m.**

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31 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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- 33 Mayor Ken Miyagishima
- 34 Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
- 35 Councillor Gregory Smith, District 2
- 36 Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 3
- 37 Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
- 38 Councillor Gill Sorg, District 5
- 39 Councillor Sharon Thomas, District 6

- Robert Garza, City Manager
- Harry (Pete) Connelly, City Attorney
- Esther Martinez, City Clerk

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42 Mayor Miyagishima called the meeting to order at approximately 2:08 p.m.

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(7) **OPENING CEREMONIES**

- A. Administration of Oath of Office to Presiding Municipal Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes
- B. Administration of Oath of Office to Councillor Miguel G. Silva
- C. Administration of Oath of Office to Councillor Gregory Z. Smith
- D. Administration of Oath of Office to Councillor Nathan P. Small
- E. Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor Ken Miyagishima

(8) **ORGANIZATIONAL CEREMONIES**

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Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem from among Council.

Councillor Small Moved to Approve the Selection of Councillor Thomas as the Mayor Pro-Tem and Councillor Silva Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Selection of Councillor Thomas as the Mayor Pro-Tem and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

XI. 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.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 Councillor Sorg said I have a conflict with Item 7 because I am an employee of Zia Engineering so
2 I will not be voting on that item.

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4 Bob Butler, Member of the Public said I want to congratulate everyone for the election but it is now
5 time to readjust our priorities. I wrote a letter to the Las Cruces Sun News that states our priority
6 should be that we need to stop euthanizing pets and make our shelter a no-kill shelter.

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8 Liz Caul, Member of the Public said I teach at the Las Cruces Academy and I am submitting
9 petitions from my students. They collected signatures to try to save the big tree that is in front of
10 White's Music Box in the Downtown Mall.

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12 Mayor Miyagishima said we did look into saving that tree but it would cost us about \$40,000 and
13 they were only giving a 25% survival rate.

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15 Robert Garza, City Manager said we have tried everything to keep the tree but due to its location it
16 will be impossible to keep it. We are going to be planting dozens of trees in place of that one tree.

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18 Ryan Dailey, Member of the Public said I have spoken to this Council before regarding signs and
19 there are still business signs up long after the business has closed down. I also want to mention that
20 I hope this Council will select a judge for the vacant position and I hope you will allow the public
21 to have the opportunity to give their input.

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23 Jim Harbison, Member of the Public said I want to congratulate all of you on the election. I just want
24 to mention that 80% of the registered voters did not vote because they just don't care so I hope this
25 Council will take action to increase the involvement of the public in what goes on.

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27 Mayor Miyagishima said I'll have to disagree with you because most of the time when there is a
28 large amount of voters it is usually because there is a need for a change.

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

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36 Mayor Miyagishima said Items 5 and 7 need to be removed from the Consent Agenda for
37 discussion.

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41 Councillor Thomas Moved to Approve the Agenda as Amended and Councillor Small Seconded the
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Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to accept the Agenda as Amended and it was Unanimously APPROVED. 7-0

XIV. RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSENT AGENDA

*** (4) Resolution No. 12-081: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces, on Behalf of the Police Department, to Accept Grant Funding From the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 11 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the Amount of \$15,000.00, Ratify the City Manager's Acceptance of Grant Funds and to Adjust the FY 12 Budget.**

*** (6) Resolution No. 11-12-308: A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Molzen-Corbin & Associates for the Preparation of a Project Development and Management Manual (RFP 11-12-308) in the Amount of \$134,811.00 Plus \$10,195.08 (NMGRT) and an Allowance of \$6,740.55 for a Total Amount of \$151,746.63; and to Amend the FY 2011-2012 Budget.**

*** (8) Resolution No. 11-12-399: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Replacement 2012 Custom Pierce Impel Pumpers for the Fire Department From Martin Apparatus Inc of Denton, TX in the Amount of \$946,913.00 and to Adjust the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.**

XV. RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR DISCUSSION

*** (5) Resolution No. 12-082: A Resolution Approving the Bruins Lane Construction and Donation Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Public School (LCPS) District in Exchange for the Bruins Lane Right-of-Way and Property Adjacent to Sierra Middle School, Both Currently Owned by LCPS.**

Councillor Small Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 12-082 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the motion.

Councillor Small said I strongly support this but I am hoping you will be able to speed up the time-frame so it can be completed prior to the estimated three years.

1 Mike Johnson, Public Works Director said the goal is to start this project at the time of the
2 completion of the Valley Drive Project which is being done by the New Mexico Department of
3 Transportation so it'll probably be around the summer time of 2012. We don't want two projects
4 going on at the same time.

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8 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12-082 and it was
9 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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13 *(7) Resolution No. 11-12-319: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Enter Into
14 an Indefinite Cost, Indefinite Quantity Price Agreement with Blanchard Engineering, Inc.;
15 Bohannah-Huston, Inc.; Soude, Miller & Associates; Summit Engineering, LLC; Zia
16 Engineering/Environmental Consultants, LLC; and Wilson & Company, Inc. To Provide On-
17 Call Surveying Services in an Amount Not to Exceed Approved City Council Budgets.

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19 Councillor Sorg Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-319 and Councillor Small Seconded the
20 motion.

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24 Councillor Smith said I'm not familiar with the term "indefinite" cost.

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26 Bill Hamm, Land Management Administrator said it is project specific based on the City's budget
27 so when the project is identified it will be solicited to those firms that are on the list.

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29 Robert Garza, City Manager said the two indefinites are basically because we don't know when and
30 we don't know what they are going to do. We have preselected firms that are willing, able and ready
31 to do our work with prescribe time and costs that are already there.

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33 Councillor Silva said these are capital projects; correct?

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35 Bill Hamm said that is correct.

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39 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-319 and it was
40 Approved. 6-0-1 Councillor Sorg Abstained.

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2 (9) **BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION NO. 12-083;**
3 **A PUBLIC HEARING MUST BE HELD:**

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5 Mayor Miyagishima said the Public Hearing for Resolution 12-083 is now open. Is there any member
6 of the public who wishes to speak against this resolution?

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8 None given.

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10 Mayor Miyagishima closed the Public Hearing.

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12 Resolution No. 12-083: A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Location of State Liquor
13 License #2539 to OM-Hotel Partners, LLC D/B/A Saratoga Room, Located at 1763-A
14 University Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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16 Councillor Small Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 12-083 and Councillor Pedroza Seconded the
17 motion.

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21 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12-083 and it was
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26 (10) Resolution No. 12-084: A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of a 45.833-Acre
27 Perpetual Mineral Easement From Burn Construction Company, Inc., in the Amount of One
28 Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), in Accordance with the Design and
29 Implementation of a Plan 4 of the Las Cruces Dam Restoration Study, Section 1135 Project,
30 in Conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

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32 Councillor Thomas Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 12-084 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the
33 motion.

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37 Loretta Reyes, Engineering Services Administrator gave an overhead presentation and said
38 Resolution 11-095 which was approved by Council on October 18, 2010, authorized staff to proceed
39 with the design and implementation of Plan 4 of the Las Cruces Dam Restoration Study. The
40 implementation included decreasing the wind and water erosion from disturbed sites, restoring the
41 arroyo riparian habitat and looking at recreational and educational opportunities. The perpetual
42 mineral easement is located directly behind the Dam and the City desires to assume ownership and
43 control of the mineral easement to protect the 45.83 acres from future removal of materials.

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2 Councillor Thomas said I am happy to see this project moving forward. Does this go all the way to
3 Roadrunner?

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5 Loretta Reyes said yes.

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7 Councillor Thomas asked will that be a point of access to the Dam?

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9 Loretta Reyes said since that property comes to a point, we might not have enough area in that
10 location for an access point but there is access along Lohman Avenue.

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12 Councillor Thomas said can you look into it because that would be a good location for access?

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14 Loretta Reyes said we'll take a look at it.

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16 Councillor Sorg asked have we measured the amount of minerals that are there?

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18 Robert Garza, City Manager said we're not really trying to buy the minerals to put them to use. The
19 benefit of what we are trying to do is to have complete control of the real estate so we can move the
20 earth around to shape it as recommended.

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24 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12-084 and it was
25 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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29 (11) Resolution No. 11-12-302: A Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Main Street Plaza Phase
30 II South Project to Smith & Aguirre Construction Co., Inc, in the Amount of \$1,300,347.97
31 Plus \$98,338.82 for New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax. The City Manager Is Authorized to
32 Approve Change Orders in an Amount Not to Exceed \$74,005.80, for a Total Project
33 Authorization of \$1,472,692.59 and to Amend FY 2011-2012 Budget.

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35 Councillor Small Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-302 and Councillor Thomas Seconded the
36 motion.

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40 Mike Johnson, Public Works Director gave an overhead presentation and said this is to award the
41 contract for the Main Street Plaza South Project to Smith & Aguirre Construction. This will include
42 two-lane traffic through the Downtown with on-street parking, wide sidewalks, concrete crosswalks,

1 storm drainage, utilities, water, sewer, decorative street lighting, bollards, signs, landscaping, street
2 furniture and shade structures. We're looking at funding of approximately \$1,788,000 that is
3 available which includes two Federal Appropriation Grants. We received six bids and our estimate
4 for the bid was approximately \$1.6 million but the lowest bid which was from Smith and Aguirre
5 was for \$1.3 million and the contract duration is for 180 working days.

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7 Councillor Smith said I am pleased to see this project moving forward but I have people asking me
8 if this funding could have been used somewhere else?

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10 Mike Johnson said we had to spend this funding for this area only and it would be very difficult to
11 change anything within this project.

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13 Councillor Silva asked what is the realistic timeline for the construction of the second roundabout?

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15 Mike Johnson said I'm not quite sure. We still lack the right of way from three property owners but
16 we are continuing our discussions with them.

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20 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-302 and it was
21 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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25 (12) Resolution No. 11-12-312: A Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Multi-Use Path Facility
26 Project to Burn Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$997,169.40 Plus \$75,410.94 for New
27 Mexico Gross Receipts Tax. The City Manager Is Authorized to Approve Change Orders in
28 an Amount Not to Exceed \$49,858.47, for a Total Project Authorization of \$1,122,438.81
29 and to Amend the FY 2011-2012 Budget.

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31 Councillor Thomas Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-312 and Councillor Smith Seconded the
32 motion.

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36 Mike Johnson, Public Works Director gave an overhead presentation and said this trail will be a 4.25
37 mile east-west bicycle and pedestrian facility that would bridge the north end of the Triviz multi-use
38 pathway with the north end of the La Llorona multi-purpose pathway at the Rio Grande. The Las
39 Cruces Outfall Channel Trail Project falls under three goals on the City of Las Cruces Strategic Plan
40 and the trail was included in the Transport 2040 Plan. The project will consist of 10 foot wide
41 asphalt surface, erosion control, striping, signage, bollards, crosswalks and it will accommodate both
42 pedestrian and bicycle traffic. We received seven bids and the lowest bid of \$997,169.40 came from

1 Burn Construction. The contract duration will be 120 working days. There are matching funds
2 required in the amount of \$252,806 which funding is available from previously completed projects
3 with remaining balances.

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5 Councillor Thomas said I understood that there were some issues with connecting to La Llorona.

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7 Mike Johnson said there was an issue at the railroad tracks but we are going to put signage and
8 suggested detour routes.

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10 Councillor Silva said there have been a lot of questions with crossover on North Main, will this
11 address some of those questions.

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13 Mike Johnson said we will be able to go under US 70 and there will be adequate clearance.

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15 Councillor Silva asked will we be putting lighting under there?

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17 Mike Johnson said more than likely there will be some type of lighting.

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21 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 11-12-312 and it was
22 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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26 **XVI. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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28 Mayor Miyagishima appointed Tina Hancock to the Health and Human Services Advisory Board.
29 (To finish up the remaining term of Kevin Kay which expires in March and then be appointed to a
30 new term).

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34 Councillor Thomas Moved to Approve the Mayor's board appointment of Tina Hancock to the
35 Health and Human Services Advisory Board and Councillor Sorg Seconded the motion.

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39 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Mayor's board appointment
40 of Tina Hancock to the Health and Human Services Advisory Board and it was Unanimously
41 Approved. 7-0

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3 **XVII. REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)**

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9 **XVIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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13 Mayor Miyagishima said there is a District Meeting tonight for District 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dona
14 Ana County Auditorium, then one at 7:00 p.m. at Sunrise Elementary.

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16 Also, Robert, when would you like to look at appointing a city judge?

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18 Robert Garza, City Manager said first, we need to receive a memo from the current presiding judge
19 stating that they need the help. Once we receive that then the Mayor could appoint three members
20 of the Council to interview applicants and then make a recommendation.

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22 Mayor Miyagishima said I would like to add a discussion item to the December 14th meeting
23 concerning false alarms.

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27 2. City Council

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29 Councillor Thomas said I'd like to give an update on the National League of Cities Conference that
30 I and Councillor Silva attended, at the next Council meeting.

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32 We've talked about a Neighborhood Summit and I'd like to bring it up again because I have some
33 people in District 6 that are interested in helping to put it together.

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35 TEXT 21 will be here on December 7th as part of the MPO Quarterly Meeting.

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37 I'd like to thank Udell, Robert and Rob Caldwell and everyone else who helped us on Friday with
38 the Press Conference that was held this morning to announce that we received an HUD grant.

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42 Councillor Sorg said I attended a meeting with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority and

1 they explained what financing is available for businesses.

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3 We are planning some Centennial events and currently the Farm and Ranch Museum has a
4 Centennial Exhibit on display.

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6 I was going over my notes from when I first became Councillor and I think we have accomplished
7 a lot over the past two years but there is still a lot more that we need to do, like continuing to
8 improve our City's infrastructure.

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12 Councillor Small said Burn Lake received almost a \$125,000 grant from the Water Trust Board.

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14 I'd like to thank the Mayor and Chief Williams for their focus and help with the Neighborhood
15 Watch program.

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17 I think we need to take an interest in the issue of foreclosure because it is affecting residents
18 throughout our community.

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20 Regarding the Airport, it is a very big part of our economic development and it needs to keep moving
21 forward and I believe it will be part of a discussion at an upcoming work session.

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23 Robert Garza, City Manager said the Airport is not currently on our work session schedule but we
24 can add it to either January or February's schedule.

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26 Councillor Small said the weather is now changing so it is very important that we keep our eye on
27 the situation with the Community of Hope.

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29 We can now turn our attention to next year's budget and priorities and street maintenance continues
30 to be a very important so we should make it one of top priorities and increase its funding.

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34 Councillor Pedroza said I want to congratulate everyone on the election.

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36 I think the meetings that the Mayor is spearheading are very good because they work on engaging
37 the community.

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39 I want to congratulate everyone for the HUD grant and it will help get participation from everyone
40 involved with it.

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42 I'm thankful that the homeless situation at the Community of Hope is being addressed.

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2 I want to thank Brian Denmark and David Dollahon for their assistance with my new weatherization
3 project.

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5 I think it is very important that the Pros Ranch opened in District 3 because they have fantastic prices
6 and it brought new jobs to our City.

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10 Councillor Smith said Lonnie Cline is working with a composer to do a symphony for the Centennial
11 celebration and the first performance is scheduled for October 2012.

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13 I'd like to thank my friends and family for their support.

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17 Councillor Silva said I appreciate the neighborhood meetings with the Mayor and I want to mention
18 that myself and District 2 are very interested in the Neighborhood Summit.

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20 I received many phone calls regarding some of the polling places and I think that is something that
21 we need to address. I think some of the issues had to do with the redistricting which changed some
22 of the voters regular polling sites.

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24 On average there are about sixty foreclosures a month in this area and I think it is a big concern on
25 how we will address this issue.

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27 Regarding the Municipal Judge position, if we form a committee I would like to be a part of it.

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29 Regarding impact fees, there are still a lot of loose ends that need to be tied up so I think the Mayor
30 should create a task force to address some of the issues with it and have an annual economic summit.

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32 Regarding having a Veteran Liaison, I would be more than happy to take that position.

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34 Regarding the Centennial Committee, Henry Melendrez who is the great-great-great grandson of the
35 founder of our community, is going to be in Las Cruces and I would like for us to do a resolution
36 acknowledging the Melendrez family.

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40 3. City Manager

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42 Robert Garza, City Manager said I'd like to congratulate everyone on the election.

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1 Mike Johnson is retiring after 27 years of service and he will be greatly missed.

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3 Mike Johnson said I want to thank all of you and it has been a pleasure to work with you.

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7 **Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**

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