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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 14 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-036 Council District:

For Meeting of July 20, 2009

(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO DESIGNATE A VOTING DELEGATE AND AN ALTERNATE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE 52ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To designate a voting delegate and an alternate to represent the City of Las Cruces during the New Mexico Municipal League's Annual Business Meeting to be held September 3, 2009.

Name of Drafter: Esther Martinez <i>EM</i>		Department: Legal/City Clerk		Phone: 541-2115	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Originating Department			Budget	<i>Richard [unclear]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2070

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The New Mexico Municipal League is requesting that all municipalities in good standing select a voting delegate and an alternate at its next official governing body meeting. Each member municipality shall be entitled to one delegate vote in electing officers, deciding municipal policy and voting upon all other questions at the Annual Business Meeting.

The voting delegate will cast a vote on behalf of the municipality during the Annual Business Meeting which will be held at Albuquerque, NM on September 3, 2009.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution/Ordinance.
2. Exhibit "A".
3. Attachment "A".

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Amend and Approve the Resolution – This action amends and approves the resolution by appointing a voting delegate and an alternate to represent the City of Las Cruces during the NMML Annual Business Meeting.
2. Disapprove the Resolution – The City of Las Cruces would not have a voting delegate and an alternate to represent the City of Las Cruces during the NMML Annual Business Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-036

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces is currently a member of the New Mexico Municipal League, and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Municipal League provides elected officials the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders statewide, to get the information and answers necessary for sound decisions, and to become active in shaping policies that will determine the success of our communities in the future, and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has been a New Mexico Municipal League member for several years; attending various Conferences sponsored by New Mexico Municipal League; and bringing back valuable information, and

WHEREAS, membership in the New Mexico Municipal League provides the City of Las Cruces with an opportunity to attend their annual business meeting and provide for a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate, and

WHEREAS, _____ will represent the City of Las Cruces as the voting delegate and _____ will represent the City as the alternate delegate.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall provide representation at the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Business Meeting to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 3, 2009.

(II)

THAT _____ and _____ will serve as the Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate at the New Mexico Municipal Annual Business Meeting.

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of July, 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Archuleta: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Jones: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney



MUNICIPAL CLERKS: PLEASE ²⁰⁰⁹DISTRIBUTE COPIES TO YOUR ENTIRE GOVERNING BODY

TO: MAYORS/ GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS
FROM: William F. Fulginiti, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATES
DATE: July 2, 2009

The 52nd Annual Conference of the NM Municipal League will be held September 2nd through the 4th in Albuquerque.

At the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, a President (if no President Elect is currently holding office), President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors-at-Large will be elected. Also, the *Annual Statement of Municipal Policy* and *Annual Conference Resolutions* will be adopted.

Each member municipality in good standing that is registered and attending the Annual Conference shall be entitled to one delegate vote in electing officers, deciding municipal policy and voting upon all other questions at the Annual Business Meeting. A municipality in good standing means that at least one-half of the municipality's current League annual dues must have been paid prior to the Conference. The vote of the municipality is cast by the Voting Delegate (or in her/his absence, the Alternate) who is selected by the governing body of the municipality.

The Annual Business Meeting will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised, and the Annual Business Meeting Rules and Procedures, which shall govern the actions and deliberations of the League membership assembled in convention. Enclosed for your information are the *Policy Process Outline and the Annual Business Meeting Rules and Procedures*.

Please place the selection of a Voting Delegate and Alternate on the agenda of your next official governing body meeting. **The Voting Delegate and Alternate must be persons planning to attend the Conference.** Once they are selected, please enter the names and titles of the Voting Delegate and Alternate for your municipality and **return this form to the League Office no later than Monday, August 28, 2009.**

Please note that this is **not** an official registration form for the Annual Conference for either the Voting Delegate or the Alternate. Delegates must register for the Conference on the form provided in the Conference information you have already received.

Voting Delegates and Alternates must check in with the Credential's Desk at Conference Registration.



Municipality: _____
Voting Delegate: _____ Title: _____
Alternate: _____ Title: _____
Approved By: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY OR BEFORE AUGUST 28, 2009

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**POLICY PROCESS
OUTLINE
&
ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING RULES
& PROCEDURES**

**52nd Annual Conference
September 3, 2009
Albuquerque, NM**

POLICY PROCESS OUTLINE

PRIOR TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. Policy Committees meet to review previous year's conference Resolutions and Statement of Municipal Policy, as well as newly submitted Resolutions and statements to be added to Policy. Proposed Resolutions or proposed Policy Statement amendments may be submitted by Committee members, member municipalities or League subsections. Committee makes necessary amendments and adopts, rejects, refers to appropriate other committee or (if resolution is not germane to coming session) refers to following year's committee, all by simple majority of votes cast.

Committee prioritizes all Resolutions it adopts (including those staff is directed to draft) as "High," "Medium" or "Low" priority. Committee then ranks all "High" priority Resolutions in descending order, with "1" as highest rank.

Policy Committee recommendations go to the Resolutions Committee.

2. Resolutions Committee meets and reviews proposed Resolutions and proposed Statement of Municipal Policy amendments as submitted by Policy Committees. Additional proposed Resolutions or proposed Policy Statement amendments may be submitted by Committee members, member municipalities or League subsections. Resolutions Committee makes necessary amendments and adopts or rejects by simple majority of votes cast.

Resolutions Committee recommendations, adopted by simple majority of votes cast, go to Annual Business Meeting unless further amended at the Resolutions Committee meeting at the Annual Conference.

LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

3. Resolutions Committee meets to consider additional proposed Resolutions or proposed Policy Statement amendments which have not been considered at its pre-conference meeting. Such proposals may be submitted by Committee members, member municipalities or League subsections. Resolutions Committee makes necessary amendments and adopts or rejects by simple majority of votes cast.

Resolutions Committee recommendations go to Annual Business Meeting.

4. The Annual Business Meeting reviews proposed Resolutions and proposed Statement of Municipal Policy amendments submitted by Resolutions Committee. The Annual Business Meeting makes necessary amendments and adopts or rejects by simple majority of votes cast. Proposed Resolutions or Policy Statement amendments which have failed to be approved by the Resolutions Committee may be re-introduced on the floor by a voting delegate, but require a two-thirds majority of votes cast to be adopted.

New proposed Resolutions or Policy Statement amendments which have not been considered by the Resolutions Committee may be introduced on the floor by a voting delegate provided that:

- a. such new proposal has been submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer not less than one-half hour before the Call to Order of the Annual Business Meeting; and
- b. the written proposal has been signed by at least 7 voting delegates present and voting.

Adoption of such new proposed Resolutions or Policy Statement amendments requires a two-thirds majority of votes cast.

Conference Resolutions and the Statement of Municipal Policy adopted by the Annual Business Meeting become the League's official documents for the year ending with the next Annual Business Meeting.

5. At a Fall meeting of the League Board of Directors, the Board reviews the Conference Resolutions and prioritizes them as "High," "Medium" or "Low" priority for action in the upcoming legislative session. The Board then selects its top priorities to become the League's primary legislative agenda.

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In addition, at a joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of the League and the New Mexico Association of Counties, the two boards select those resolutions of the two associations which they jointly agree deserve joint association support in the legislative session.

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
RULES AND PROCEDURES

1.0 **PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Presiding Officer of the Annual Business Meeting shall be the President who shall call the business meeting to order. If the President is absent from the meeting, the presiding officer will be determined in the following order:

- President-Elect
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- A member of the Board of Directors selected by the Board.

2.0 **FLOOR RULES.** The Presiding Officer shall control the conduct of the meeting and all floor actions, subject to challenge from delegates or the parliamentarian, if any. The Presiding Officer will take motions and seconds from the floor on matters of business, will recognize the call for the question and ask for the official vote from voting delegates. The Presiding Officer will recognize those parties wishing to address the voting delegates.

The business on the floor shall be directed by the following requirements and guidelines:

2.1 **Quorum.** The presence of credentialed delegates representing a majority of the member cities registered at the Annual Conference shall constitute a quorum.

2.2 **Rules of Order.** Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the conduct of the Business Meeting unless otherwise specified in the New Mexico Municipal League By-Laws or these official rules and procedures.

2.3 **Parliamentarian.** A qualified parliamentarian will be appointed to assist the Presiding Officer and delegates on matters of procedure at all times during the Annual Business Meeting.

3.0 **ACCESS TO THE FLOOR - GENERAL RULES.** Access to the Annual Business Meeting shall be governed by these rules:

3.1 **Separation of Floor From Gallery.** The site of the business meeting shall be divided into a floor section and a gallery section. The floor section shall be further separated into a rostrum and a section for voting delegates and alternates. No one shall be given access to the voting delegates section except as provided by these rules.

3.2 **Delegate and Staff Access to the Floor.** To gain access to the floor, voting delegates and alternates must wear a registration name tag bearing a Delegate or Alternate sticker. Only those staff necessary for conducting the meeting shall be permitted on the floor.

3.3 **News Media Access to the Floor.** Members of the news media may be allowed on the floor at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

3.4 **Committee Access to the Floor.** Policy committee, task force, or special committee chairpersons and vice-chairpersons, not certified to vote, may be allowed on the floor and may be recognized to speak at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

3.5 **Delegates, Guests and Observers.** Any Conference delegate will have access to the gallery. Guests and observers may have access to the gallery at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. Conference delegates, guests and observers may be recognized to speak at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

4.0 **VOTING.** Voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be governed by the following rules:

4.1 **Credentials Committee.** The Credentials Committee shall have the power to determine the right of any municipality to be represented at the Annual Business Meeting of the League, as well as the right or qualification of any person to act for, or on behalf of, a qualified member municipality.

4.2 **Entitlement to Vote.** Each member municipality in good standing, as determined by the Credentials Committee, registered and attending the Annual Conference shall be entitled to one vote by its delegate appointed by its governing body. **Voting by proxy is prohibited. The delegate must be present to cast a vote.**

4.3 **Method of Voting.** Where there is more than one nominee for office, the voting shall be only by written, printed or typed ballot, and shall be counted by the Canvassing Committee. All other voting shall be by a show of hands or voice vote, except that upon request of one-third of the delegates present, a roll call shall be called upon any question. Upon any vote, a majority of the delegates present and voting shall prevail, except upon questions which require more than a majority vote under any of the provisions of the By-Laws.

5.0 **ELECTIONS.** Elections for officers of the Municipal League and its Board of Directors shall be governed by these rules: Elections for the following positions shall take place at the Annual Business Meeting: President, (if no President-Elect is currently holding office), President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer and expired At-Large Board of Directors seats.

5.1 **Nominating Committee.** In the absence of any declaration of candidacy for a particular office or directorship, the League President shall appoint a Nominating Committee not less than fifty-nine (59) days before the Annual Convention and written notice of such appointment shall be given to all member municipalities. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, who shall serve as chair, and two persons from each of the League Districts. No declared candidate for any office or for directorship shall be a member of the Nominating Committee.

5.2 **Nominating Committee Meeting.** When necessary, the Nominating Committee will meet not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Convention to recommend a candidate for any undeclared office. The Nominating Committee Report shall be sent to all members within five (5) days after the finalization of the Committee Report.

5.3 **Nominations from the Floor.** At the Annual Business Meeting, nominations from the floor may be made by any certified voting delegate in attendance, for any office or directorship to be filled.

5.4 **Election of Officers and Directors.** Voting shall be conducted as set out in Procedures 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. The nominee(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

6.0 **ADOPTION OF THE STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICY & RESOLUTIONS**

Adoption of the Statement of Municipal Policy and Resolutions as outlined in the Annual Business Meeting preface of this document shall be by a majority of votes cast by the certified voting delegates present and voting.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

After the Presiding Officer has determined all business has been concluded, the Annual Business Meeting shall be closed by a motion from the floor. A motion to adjourn requires approval by a voice vote of a majority of those voting delegates present and voting.

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