



City Council
of the
City of Las Cruces

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2014
1:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

STAFF:

- 14 Mayor Ken Miyagishima
- 15 Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
- 16 Councillor Greg Smith, District 2
- 17 Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 3
- 18 Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
- 19 Councillor Gill Sorg, District 5
- 20 Councillor Ceil Levatino, District 6

- Jorge Garcia, Utilities Director
- Harry (Pete) Connelly, City Attorney
- Esther Martinez-Carrillo, City Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

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

31 Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Sorg presented a Mayor's Citation for Community Service to
32 Susan DeMar.

34 Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Sorg along with Robert Kerlin and Hans Thomas Volkhausen
35 recognized two teachers and seventeen students from Albert-Schweitzer-Schule in Nienburg,
36 Germany via the Las Cruces Sister Cities Foundation.

38 Councillor Sorg presented a Proclamation to Richard Weaver and declared October 26, 2014 as the
39 Friends of the Community Candy Drop Day.

1 Mr. John Harris, CEO, MMC, and Ms. Twyla Anderson, RN, gave a presentation regarding Ebola
2 preparation methods update.

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4 Battalion Chief Kristen Anderson gave a presentation regarding the Ebola overview in conjunction
5 with the Las Cruces Fire Department and the local health care providers.

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7 Pleddie Baker, Chairman gave a presentation regarding the Senior Programs Advisory Board update.

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

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

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18 There were no conflicts mentioned.

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22 **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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24 Bishop Oscar Cantu, Member of the Public said regarding the Whole Women's Health Clinic, this
25 clinic is coming to us from Texas where they closed shop temporarily due to litigation. We should
26 all be concerned because 80% of their abortion doctors have experienced problems with abortions
27 and have complaints filed against them. Also, 20% of their abortionists have had women die as a
28 result of an abortion that they performed. They have five centers and all five were found guilty of
29 illegal disposal of medical waste which included remains of aborted babies. They have been brought
30 before the Texas State Medical Board for several violations which include violations of inform
31 consent laws, violations of the 24 hour waiting period, coaching minors to cross state lines to obtain
32 abortions without parental notification, ignoring cases of child sex abuse, illegal disposal of private
33 client information and illegal disposal of aborted baby remains. I question if this is an operation that
34 is truly safe for the women involved and I question if this is the type of business we want operating
35 in our city.

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37 Mayor Miyagishima said I can only speak for myself but I don't like it and I don't want to see it here
38 but unfortunately we have no rules or laws to prohibit it.

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1 Bishop Oscar Cantu said but we do have codes so a business with the track record of dumping
2 hazardous waste; I think that is something to keep our eyes on.

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4 Alice Anderson, Member of the Public said you are scheduled to vote on a revision to our Animal
5 Control Ordinance on November 3rd and one of the issues is regarding stray cats. Animal activists
6 have said that they have a plan that will eliminate cat colonies. I don't think their plan will work but
7 I do agree with their goal of eliminating cat colonies. When you vote on November 3rd, please ask
8 yourselves "how does this ordinance affect the number of stray cats?"

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10 Theodore Montoya, Member of the Public said I would like to know why my street is not finished?
11 I have lived on that street for about 40 years and nothing has been done to it. They did come and
12 pave the road but they only did about 3/4 of it. I came here and asked them why they didn't finish
13 the street and they told me that there wasn't enough money to do it.

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15 Mayor Miyagishima said we have a road maintenance fund that brings in about \$6 million a year but
16 there are a lot of streets in the city. We are looking at having a road impact fee which would help
17 build up our roads. I don't know exactly why your street wasn't paved all the way but we will get
18 you an answer with the next several days.

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20 Robert Garza, City Manager said we will look into it and contact Mr. Montoya.

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22 Councillor Pedroza said Mr. Montoya is in my district and I did look into this with Jamie's help and
23 I understand that there were good reasons for why they didn't complete it but he was very insistent
24 so I invited him to come before us today.

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26 Belinda Lopez, Member of the Public said regarding mental health awareness, I didn't realize that
27 New Mexico has the highest rate in the nation for suicides and my son is part of those statistics. They
28 have yellow ribbons to recognize suicide and green ribbons to recognize mental health so it would
29 be great to see those colors during Mental Health Awareness Month. I would like to ask you to help
30 me and maybe create a task force from people in the community to have a partnership with them and
31 get information out regarding mental health issues.

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33 Councillor Smith said I want to say that I am sorry for your loss and it is good that you want to use
34 that for the benefit of the community. My question is, is this not something that NAMI or some other
35 group is already undertaking?

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37 Belinda Lopez said I did call them but no one got back with me. This is all new to me so I didn't
38 even know personally that this was even out there. It would be great if Las Cruces could get out there
39 and have our suicide rates go down.

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1 Councillor Smith said I think this is a good idea; it's just that sometimes we have different groups
2 that replicate each other's efforts. I would appreciate it if you continue to try to contact NAMI and
3 try to work with them because that is probably a good place to start.

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5 Councillor Silva said I would support having a Mayor's Task Force and I think this is something that
6 we need to address and have awareness out there. I did speak with Ron Gurley and he did say he
7 would be willing to have another session regarding mental health at the Rio Grande Theater.

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9 Councillor Small said I would also lend my support to having a Mayor's Task Force.

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11 Councillor Sorg said City Council is very open to this and I would suggest that we do have some
12 kind of task force but I would also suggest that you keep trying to contact NAMI.

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14 Mayor Miyagishima said at the end of our council meeting, I will ask Esther what it would take for
15 us to start a Mayor's Advisory Board for mental health.

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17 Alfonso Archuleta, Member of the Public said they dug up my road off of Wilt Road and left a hole
18 so it floods with the rains. They did throw some asphalt on it but it didn't do a whole lot of good.
19 I would like for them to at least put it back to the way it was before they tore it up.

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21 Mayor Miyagishima said email me your contact information and we will find out what is going on
22 in the next couple of days.

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

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30 Councillor Silva Moved to Approve the Agenda and Councillor Smith Seconded the motion.

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34 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Agenda and it was
35 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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39 **V. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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1 *(1) Regular City Council Meeting of September 15, 2014

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5 **VI. RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSENT AGENDA**

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7 *(2) Resolution No. 15-056: A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Records that Have
8 Satisfied Their Legal Retention Period.

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10 *(3) Resolution No. 15-057: A Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Waiver of the
11 Church/School Distance Restriction to the New Mexico Brewers Guild for the Public
12 Celebration Permit Applications Submitted for Dia de La Cerveza to be Held on Main Street
13 on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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15 *(4) Resolution No. 15-058: A Resolution Authorizing Abbey Brewing Co. to Continue With the
16 Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted and
17 Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New Mexico Brewers
18 Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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20 *(5) Resolution No. 15-059: A Resolution Authorizing Bosque Brewing Co. to Continue With
21 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
22 and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New Mexico
23 Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.
24 to 5:00 p.m.

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26 *(6) Resolution No. 15-060: A Resolution Authorizing Comanche Creek Brewing Company to
27 Continue With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within
28 a Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New
29 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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32 *(7) Resolution No. 15-061: A Resolution Authorizing High Desert Brewing Company to
33 Continue With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within
34 a Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New
35 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
36 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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38 *(8) Resolution No. 15-062: A Resolution Authorizing La Cumbre Brewing Co. to Continue
39 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
40 Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New

- 1 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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- 4 *(9) Resolution No. 15-063: A Resolution Authorizing Little Toad Creek Brewery to Continue
5 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
6 Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New
7 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
8 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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- 10 *(10) Resolution No. 15-064: A Resolution Authorizing Little Toad Creek Distillery to Continue
11 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Spirituous Liquors
12 Within a Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the
13 New Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from
14 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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- 16 *(11) Resolution No. 15-065: A Resolution Authorizing Santa Fe Brewing Co. to Continue With
17 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
18 and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New Mexico
19 Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.
20 to 5:00 p.m.
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- 22 *(12) Resolution No. 15-066: A Resolution Authorizing Second Street Brewery to Continue With
23 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
24 and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New Mexico
25 Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.
26 to 5:00 p.m.
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- 28 *(13) Resolution No. 15-067: A Resolution Authorizing Taos Mesa Brewing to Continue With
29 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
30 and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New Mexico
31 Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.
32 to 5:00 p.m.
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- 34 *(14) Resolution No. 15-068: A Resolution Authorizing Tractor Brewing Company to Continue
35 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
36 Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New
37 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
38 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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1 *(15) Resolution No. 15-069: A Resolution Authorizing Turtle Mountain Brewing Company to
 2 Continue With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within
 3 a Restricted and Secured Area During Dia de La Cerveza, an Event Sponsored by the New
 4 Mexico Brewers Guild, to be Held on Main Street on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from 12:00
 5 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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7 *(16) Resolution No. 15-070: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces, on Behalf of Its
 8 Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) Program to Accept a Grant Award in the Amount of
 9 \$29,000.00 From the New Mexico Tourism Department, for the FY 2015 New Mexico Clean
 10 and Beautiful Grant Program, Ratify the City Manager's Signature on the Grant Agreement,
 11 and to Adjust the FY 2015 Budget.
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13 *(17) Resolution No. 15-071: A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between
 14 the City of Las Cruces, on Behalf of Its Police Department, and Doña Ana County to Award
 15 Grant Funding to the City in the Amount of \$42,303.36 From the New Mexico Department
 16 of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Through Doña Ana County, to Ratify
 17 the City Manager's Signature on the Memorandum of Agreement and to Approve an
 18 Adjustment to the FY 2015 Budget.
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20 *(18) Resolution No. 14-15-070: A Resolution for the Purchase of 89 Self-Contained Breathing
 21 Apparatuses, for Use by the Las Cruces Fire Department, in the Amount of \$430,226.00; as
 22 Approved Under Grant Number EMW-FO-06439 FY 2013 Federal Emergency Management
 23 Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award.
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27 **VII. RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR DISCUSSION**
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29 (19) Resolution No. 15-072: A Resolution Designating a Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) to
 30 Attend the Annual Business Meeting of the National League of Cities on Saturday,
 31 November 22, 2014, in Austin, Texas.
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33 Councillor Sorg Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-072 and Councillor Small Seconded the
 34 motion.
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38 Councillor Smith said I have been the Voting Delegate the last couple of times and I would be happy
 39 to do it again but there are four of us going this time so someone else could be the Voting Delegate
 40 and the rest of us could be the Alternates.

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2 Councillor Silva said since this is the first time for Councillor Sorg and Levatino, I'm okay with not
3 being either one.

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5 Councillor Smith said one of us could be the delegate and the rest of us can be the alternates. I would
6 nominate Councillor Sorg and have the rest of us be alternates.

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10 Councillor Smith Moved to Amend Resolution No. 15-072 to designate Councillor Sorg as the
11 Voting Delegate and Councillor Silva, Councillor Levatino, and Councillor Smith as the Alternates
12 and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

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16 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 15-072 to designate
17 Councillor Sorg as the Voting Delegate and Councillor Silva, Councillor Levatino, and Councillor
18 Smith as the Alternates and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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22 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-072 as
23 Amended and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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27 (20) Resolution No. 15-073: A Resolution to Adjust the Adopted Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget
28 Allowing for Acquisition and Debt Service Payments for a 2014 NMFA Fire Apparatus
29 Loan.

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31 Councillor Smith Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-073 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the
32 motion.

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36 Mark Winson, Assistant City Manager said this resolution would approve us making an adjustment
37 to the budget for the purchase of a new fire engine for Station 7. We will be receiving grants to help
38 with the funding but we need to make this budget adjustment so we can move forward.

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40 Councillor Smith asked is this a standard point where we would retire one piece of equipment and
41 pick up another?

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2 Mark Winson said for that type of equipment, this is an appropriate time to retire it.

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4 Chief Brown, Fire Department said when we opened up Fire Station 7, we moved an existing unit
5 up there which was one of our reserve engines. The unit that is being purchased will go to Station
6 7 and it will be the first new unit for that station. The 1989 unit is being replaced based on its years
7 in service, mileage, cost per mile; it's a formula that our Fleet Department uses for units. The old
8 unit will go back into a reserve status so we will keep it for a few more years.

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12 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-073 and it was
13 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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17 (21) Resolution No. 15-074: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept
18 Legislative Appropriation Funding in the Amount of \$2,000,000.00 From the State of New
19 Mexico Environment Department Under 2014 Legislative Grant Agreement No. 14-1737-
20 STB and to Adjust the FY 15 Budget.

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22 Councillor Sorg Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-074 and Councillor Small Seconded the
23 motion.

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27 Jorge Garcia, Utilities Director gave an overhead presentation and said this will allow us to accept
28 funds from the state for water related projects which we will use it for three water well replacements.
29 This will also authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement and it designates the Utilities
30 Director or Finance Director as official project representatives.

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34 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-074 and it was
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39 (22) Resolution No. 15-075: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept
40 Legislative Appropriation Funding in the Amount of \$2,250,000.00 From the Sate of New
41 Mexico Environment Department Under 2014 Legislative Grant Agreement No. 14-1624-
42 STB and to Adjust the FY 15 Budget.

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2 Councillor Sorg Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-075 and Councillor Smith Seconded the
3 motion.

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7 Jorge Garcia, Utilities Director gave an overhead presentation and said this is another grant from the
8 state that will be used for septic system replacements. This resolution will also authorize the City
9 Manager to sign the agreement and it designates the Utilities Director or Finance Director as official
10 project representatives. We had a study done several years ago regarding septic systems in the city
11 and that is what we used to show our project priorities to the state.

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13 Councillor Smith said I want to thank you for the background work and being ready to go in that area
14 in District 2.

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16 Councillor Levatino said I have had people tell me that they will be required to hook up to our septic
17 system as soon as it is ready; is that true?

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19 Jorge Garcia said no, our current ordinance only requires that if their current septic system fails.

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21 Councillor Sorg said I continue to be impressed with our Utilities Department and I want to say a
22 big "thank you" to our staff.

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26 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-075 and it was
27 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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31 **VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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33 Mayor Miyagishima (for Councillor Pedroza) appointed Andrianna Natsoulas (District 3) to the
34 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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38 **IX. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S) ----- 1.) *There will be no public discussion.***
39 **2.) *A councillor may ask staff for clarification on the proposed ordinance(s).***

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1 (23) Council Bill No. 15-012; Ordinance No. 2731: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
2 From A-2 (Rural Agriculture) to M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) Designation for a 34.6 Acre
3 Site Consisting of Parcels 02-02576 and 02-00506 Located at 2035 W. Amador Avenue.
4 Submitted by the Property Owner, Trinity Properties, LLC/Three Saints, LLC. (Z2878)
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6 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.
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8 (24) Council Bill No. 15-013; Ordinance No. 2732: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
9 From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on 11.314
10 ± Acres of Land Located at 1240 El Paseo Road. Submitted by Zoe Development IV, LLC.
11 on Behalf of Norton S. Karno, Property Owner (Z2879).
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13 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.
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15 (25) Council Bill No. 15-014; Ordinance No. 2733: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change
16 From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on 0.795 ±
17 Acres of Land Located at 1311 Avenida de Mesilla. Submitted by Borderland Engineers and
18 Surveyors, LLC. on Behalf of Central Park West NY, LLC, Property Owners (Z2880).
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20 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.
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22 (26) Council Bill No. 15-015; Ordinance No. 2734: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and
23 Delivery of a \$443,325 Loan Agreement to Purchase a New Fire Pumper Truck and to Be
24 Secured by State-Shared Gross Receipts Tax Revenues.
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26 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.
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28 (27) Council Bill No. 15-016; Ordinance No. 2735: An Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of City
29 Owned Property (Lot 5 & Lot 9) at the West Mesa Industrial Park for an Economic
30 Development Project.
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32 Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.
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36 **X. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BOARD REPORTS**
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38 Councillor Small gave an overhead presentation regarding the Outdoor Industry Trade Show.
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XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

b.) City Council

Councillor Silva said I want to apologize to the Council and to my colleagues; at the last Council meeting you requested a point of order and I didn't respond so I apologize that I continued. These continued attacks on Councillor Smith regarding a conflict of interest; it was hard to continue to be quiet about that issue. I think it is very unprofessional and when we have councillors on this dais that collected petition signatures and participated in rallies in front of City Hall and may have participated in some of the planning meetings; that's calling the kettle black. I think they need to let their conscience be their guide in this situation. I suggest that we move forward and seek that community based solution which has been my intent from the very beginning.

Councillor Small mentioned that the GRT funds are discretionary funds. I was the only one who voted no on that funding and I voted no because these funds were not attached to a specific project. I figured we would start looking at it as discretionary funding and we're talking about millions of dollars of taxpayers money that is being collected and are not attached to a specific project so I have a problem with that and to me, that is an overtax.

I would like to say "thank you" to the Police Department for saving my friend's life. I received a call from my friend and he asked me not to call the Police Department but on my way there, I did call 911 and they stayed on the phone with me until the police arrived at my friend's house. Two officers arrived and talked him out of the house and he was able to get the proper care that he needed.

I also want to thank the Police Department for monitoring the Mesquite historic neighborhood.

I want to thank Oscar Andrade with Pic Quik for his support of the Movies in the Park event. They were able to run eight movies in a row and the movies were fairly new movies.

Councillor Sorg said that before Halloween, he would go into the Amador House for 24 hours with all the ghosts so I think we should encourage him to do so.

Councillor Pedroza said I would like to ask Mr. Garza or Mr. Connelly to give us information on the difference between when there is a conflict of interest and the collection of signatures for a group. I would like to see if you could do that next week.

1 Harry (Pete) Connelly, City Attorney said sure, I can do it next week.

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3 Councillor Pedroza said there was an event that took place last week at the Downtown Mall called
4 the Urban Agricultural Event. I think it was a very successful event and people who attended it had
5 the option of adopting a planter.

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7 This coming up Thursday, there is a candidate forum held by the NAACP and it will be here, in
8 Council Chambers, at 6:00 p.m.

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10 When discussing minimum wage, the common response is that raising it will kill jobs. I came across
11 a recent article that includes a graph and it shows that most of the states that raised their minimum
12 wage actually had an increase in jobs.

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16 Councillor Small said this weekend is the Start-up Weekend which begins on Friday and runs
17 through Sunday.

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19 I want to make sure that everyone knows that the Southwest Consolidated Sportsman is celebrating
20 their 27th annual banquet and they have tickets available for the event.

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22 In past years, there were funds left over from department's budgets so we could also look at those
23 funds as a funding source for road projects in our community.

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27 Councillor Sorg said Councillor Small gave a speech in Albuquerque regarding wilderness and it was
28 really awesome.

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32 Councillor Levatino said I would like to thank the Mayor for bringing together the Consulate of
33 Mexico and having the wonderful performance of the Latino Americano Quartet.

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37 Councillor Smith said State Senator Mary Kay Papen has been talking with our director of the local
38 symphony orchestra in doing a pops concert on Main Street and he is shooting for next year if all the
39 different pieces can be brought together. They are talking about having different sponsors to make
40 this less expensive for people to attend. I hope this is something that this council and our city

1 government can look forward to and find a way to work together with our symphony orchestra to
2 make this happen on Main Street.

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4 This weekend, some folks from the Utilities Department came out because we had been experiencing
5 some bad taste in our water and we didn't realize that our water pressure had been restricted for some
6 time. So now we can take a shower and flush the toilet at the same time and the folks who were
7 working on that were very pleasant and we appreciate it.

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9 I want to express our condolences to the Duttie family for there loss this weekend.

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13 a.) Mayor

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15 Mayor Miyagishima said so, if we wanted to start a Mayor's Advisory Board for Mental Health, what
16 are the procedures?

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18 Esther Martinez-Carrillo, City Clerk said if this is going to be an ad-hoc committee, we would need
19 to set a time period for it and each councillor could select their own appointment and we would do
20 it through a resolution. If it were a standard board then it would have to be done by ordinance. So
21 it depends on what route you would want to take but I can get you some more information on it.

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23 Mayor Miyagishima said since there is more and more awareness of mental health, I think that it is
24 time to make it a standard committee.

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26 How does one add another member to the Veterans Advisory Board?

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28 Chief Brown, LCFD and staff liaison for the Veterans Advisory Board said in order to add another
29 member to the board there would have to be a change in the ordinance. In April, we amended it to
30 allow the board members of the Veterans Advisory Board to select a Veteran organization to be
31 represented on the board.

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33 Mayor Miyagishima said the reason I brought that up is because there was an article alleging that the
34 City wasn't being fair. That gentlemen felt that the women's organization that excludes men was
35 somehow wrong. I will bring something up sometime in the future.

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37 Councillor Smith said it would seem that in certain time periods there were only male members so
38 there is a gender situation in some time periods.

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40 Mayor Miyagishima said I think that was only during World War I but I may be mistaken.

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4 c.) City Manager

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6 Robert Garza, City Manager said regarding minimum wage, we are wrapping up the council
7 transmittal packet for next Monday's meeting and we will be doing a staff presentation. We will only
8 be discussing the second ordinance and we plan on recommending that you repeal the first one.
9 There will not be any public participation at this work session so staff and council can work through
10 it and if anyone has any information that they would like to include in the packet, please get it to me
11 by noon on Wednesday.

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15 Councillor Sorg Moved to Adjourn and Councillor Smith Seconded the motion.

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17 Mayor Miyagishima said all of those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

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19 Council said "Aye."

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21 **Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 p.m.**