



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

Regular Meeting

**April 6, 2015
1:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

STAFF:

Mayor Ken Miyagishima
Councillor Miguel Silva, District 1
Councillor Greg Smith, District 2
Councillor Olga Pedroza, District 3
Councillor Nathan Small, District 4
Councillor Gill Sorg, District 5
Councillor Ceil Levatino, District 6

Robert Garza, City Manager
Rusty Babington, City Attorney
Linda Lewis, Deputy City Clerk

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I. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Doug Brandt sang the National Anthem.

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

Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Silva presented the Mayor's Distinguished Service Award to Bonnie Burns.

Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Silva presented the Mayor's Citation for Community Service to George Maya, Head Coach of the Lady Trojan Basketball Team.

Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Silva presented the Mayor's Citation of Community Service to Sophia Sanchez-Maes.

Mayor Miyagishima and Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Sophia Sanchez-Maes and declared April 6, 2015 as Sophia Sanchez-Maes Day.

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2 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Lisa LaRocque and declared April 2015 as
3 Environmental Awareness Month.
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5 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Hugo Costa Jr. and declared April 2015 as Civitan
6 Awareness Month.
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8 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Oscar Vasquez-Butler and declared April 6, 2015 as
9 In Memory of Lupe Garcia Day.
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11 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Elizabeth Ramirez-Valdez and declared April 5 thru
12 April 11, 2015 as Cancer Registrars Week.
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14 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Nancy Miller and declared April 11, 2015 as Kiwanis
15 Day in Las Cruces.
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17 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Jamie Phillips and declared April 13 thru April 19,
18 2015 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.
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20 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Deborah Lopez and declared April 12 thru April 18,
21 2015 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.
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23 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Vera Zamora and declared April 18 thru April 25, 2015
24 as Money Smart Week.
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26 Councillor Silva presented a Proclamation to Judith Baca and declared April 19 thru April 25, 2015
27 as Crime Victims Rights Week.
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29 Ashleigh Curry, Safe Routes to School Coalition gave an overhead presentation regarding
30 infrastructure improvements funded by NMDOT.
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32 Chief Travis Brown, LCFD gave an overhead presentation regarding Insurance Services Office
33 results.

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37 **II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY BY MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY LCMC**
38 **SECTION 2-27(E)(2).** *At the opening of each council meeting, the chairperson shall ask*
39 *if any member of the city council, city manager, or any member of the city staff has any*
40 *known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.*
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42 Mayor Miyagishima asked if anyone had any conflicts with anything on the agenda?

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2 There were no conflicts of interest.

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6 **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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8 Dan Townsend, Member of the Public gave a verbal presentation and said I am here to support
9 Councillor Smith with his proposal to incorporate impermeable concrete into the Civic Plaza project.

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11 Carrie Hamblin, Member of the Public said I am the Executive Director of the Las Cruces Green
12 Chamber of Commerce and our mission is to support our local businesses. Local businesses are the
13 backbone of our community and the owners and their employees are vested in what happens here.
14 I encourage you to continue to advocate for our locally owned businesses and the last thing we need
15 to do is to welcome another grocery store or market that is not locally owned.

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17 Tom Townsend, Coalition for Pets and People gave an overhead presentation and said our mission
18 is to achieve zero euthanasia of healthy and adoptable animals by 2019. In May of 2012, City and
19 County Commissioners passed a resolution in support of the Coalition for Pets and People. We have
20 established a 12 step program to stop euthanasia and we have received two grants to help with things
21 like educating people, expanding spay and neuter mobile events, and microchip clinics. We
22 currently have the lowest intake rate for the past 20 years at the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla
23 Valley and the euthanasia rate dropped from 52% in 2012 to 38.4% in 2014.

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25 Michael Meunier, Director of Action Programs for Animals continued the overhead presentation and
26 said our first program was trying to help the intake at the shelter and we started the Pet Food Bank
27 to try to help people who were having trouble feeding their pets. We are also working with programs
28 like Meals on Wheels who help feed people because those people have pets that also need to be fed.
29 In 2012, we started rescuing animals directly from the shelter and placing them in foster care until
30 they can be adopted. We also take in as many adoptable animals that are released from abuse cases
31 as we can which these animals were usually released directly to the shelter.

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33 Mary Lou Ward, Supervisor for the County Animal Control and Codes continued the overhead
34 presentation and said we got involved with the Coalition for Pets and People about three years ago.
35 One of our main focuses is to return animals out in the field instead of taking them to the shelter and
36 in 2014, we were able to return 1,448 animals out in the field to their owners.

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38 Ann Markman, Doña Ana Big Kitty Fix continued the presentation and said we did 966 surgeries
39 since 2012. Our first clinic was held on March 28th and we neutered 16 cats, spayed 12 cats, gave
40 27 rabies shots and 24 microchips.

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1 Frank Bryce, Humane Society of Southern New Mexico continued the presentation and said we
2 strongly support the Coalition for Pets and People efforts in pursuing spay, neuter, and microchipping.
3 There have been 1,000 plus animals spayed and neutered in under-served areas and we want to keep
4 this moving to help keep animals out of the shelter.

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6 Ann Markman, FCAMP continued the overhead presentation and said in 2012, we received a grant
7 from PetSmart Charities and we were able to spay or neuter 100 cats in the NMSU student housing
8 area. Of those, 13 were pets belonging to students and 30 were kittens or abandoned tame cats who
9 were fostered and placed into homes. When this program began in 2002, there were an estimated 200
10 to 250 cats on the main campus and currently there is an estimate of less than 40 adult cats.

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12 Janice English, SNAP continued the overhead presentation and said from 2002 to 2014, we have
13 assisted with 13, 242 spays/neuters at a total cost of over \$600,000. Our goal is to have 2.2 or less
14 animals euthanized per 1,000 residents by 2016 and to have 350 plus animals spayed or neutered per
15 month.

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17 Ann Markman continued the overhead presentation and said the Cat's Meow officially opened in
18 October 2014 and it is the only facility in Doña Ana County that specifically focuses on adoptable
19 adult cats. Our capacity is for 25 to 30 cats and our adoptions were initially sluggish but have picked
20 up significantly in 2015 as more people hear about us.

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22 Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Director continued the overhead
23 presentation and said in 2008, we euthanized 10,386 and in 2014, we euthanized 4,556 and if we
24 take out the feral and timid cat euthanasia then that number would drop to 2,796. In 2014, the
25 average intake rate per 100 citizens in Doña Ana County is at 5.67 and the euthanasia rate is at 21.8.
26 As a community, we are getting there and we can see the decreases in our rates.

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28 Dan Townsend continued the overhead presentation and said partnering with Animal Service Center
29 of the Mesilla Valley, our goal is to provide 700 surgeries in one year with an expected significant
30 reduction in their animal intake. If our progress continues at the same pace, we will meet our goal
31 of making Doña Ana County and Las Cruces a "no-kill" community by 2019.

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35 **IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: THOSE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INDICATED BY**
36 **AN ASTERISK (*) ARE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE VOTED ON**
37 **BY ONE MOTION.**
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39 Mayor Miyagishima said Item 21 needs to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and
40 Item 29 needs to be moved and heard before Item 27.

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1 Councillor Smith Moved to Approve the Agenda as Amended and Councillor Small Seconded the
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6 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended and it was
7 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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11 **V. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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13 *(1) Regular City Council Meeting of March 2, 2015

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

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19 *(2) Resolution No. 15-170: A Resolution Approving the Issuance of a Waiver of the
20 Church/School Distance Restriction to the New Mexico Brewers Guild for the Public
21 Celebration Permit Applications Submitted for the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest, to be Held
22 on Main Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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24 *(3) Resolution No. 15-171: A Resolution Authorizing Abbey Brewing Co. To Continue With
25 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
26 and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on
27 Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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29 *(4) Resolution No. 15-172: A Resolution Authorizing Bosque Brewing Co. To Continue With
30 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
31 and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on
32 Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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34 *(5) Resolution No. 15-173: A Resolution Authorizing La Cumbre Brewing Co. To Continue
35 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
36 Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
37 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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39 *(6) Resolution No. 15-174: A Resolution Authorizing De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery To
40 Continue With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within
41 a Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
42 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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- 1 *(7) Resolution No. 15-175: A Resolution Authorizing High Desert 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 the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
4 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 6 *(8) Resolution No. 15-176: A Resolution Authorizing Little Toad Creek Brewery To Continue
7 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
8 Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
9 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 11 *(9) Resolution No. 15-177: A Resolution Authorizing Little Toad Creek Distillery To Continue
12 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Spirituous Liquors
13 Within a Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on
14 Main Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 16 *(10) Resolution No. 15-178: A Resolution Authorizing Marble Brewery To Continue With the
17 Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted and
18 Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on Saturday,
19 May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 21 *(11) Resolution No. 15-179: A Resolution Authorizing New Mexico Hard Cider To Continue
22 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Hard Cider Within
23 a Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
24 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 26 *(12) Resolution No. 15-180: A Resolution Authorizing Red Door Brewing Co. To Continue With
27 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
28 and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on
29 Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 31 *(13) Resolution No. 15-181: A Resolution Authorizing Santa Fe Brewing Co. To Continue With
32 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
33 and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on
34 Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 36 *(14) Resolution No. 15-182: A Resolution Authorizing Spotted Dog Brewery To Continue With
37 the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a Restricted
38 and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main Street on
39 Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 41 *(15) Resolution No. 15-183: A Resolution Authorizing Taos Mesa Brewing Co. To Continue
42 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a

- 1 Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
2 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 4 *(16) Resolution No. 15-184: A Resolution Authorizing Tractor Brewing Company To Continue
5 With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within a
6 Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
7 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 9 *(17) Resolution No. 15-185: A Resolution Authorizing Turtle Mountain Brewing Company To
10 Continue With the Permitting Process to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Beer Within
11 a Restricted and Secured Area During the 3rd Annual Blazin' Brewfest to be Held on Main
12 Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 From 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
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- 14 *(18) Resolution No. 15-186: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept
15 Awarded Funding on Behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department From the New Mexico
16 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division in the Amount of
17 \$11,200.00 With a \$11,200.00 In-Kind Match Requirement for the Las Cruces Tree Stewards
18 Program, to Ratify the City Manager's Signature on the Grant Agreement, and to Adjust the
19 FY 2015 Budget.
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- 21 *(19) Resolution No. 15-187: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces, on Behalf of the
22 Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program - New Mexico,
23 to Accept a Grant Award in the Amount of \$316,571.00 for Grant Award Number
24 G15SN0006A From the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control
25 Policy, to Ratify the Mayor's Signature on the Grant Agreement and to Adjust the FY 2015
26 Budget.
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- 28 *(20) Resolution No. 15-188: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces, on Behalf of the
29 Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program - New Mexico,
30 to Accept Grant Award Modification One For Grant Number G15SN0006A in the Amount
31 of \$1,290,390.00, From the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug
32 Control Policy, to Ratify the Mayor's Signature on the Grant Agreement and to Adjust the
33 FY 2015 Budget.
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- 35 *(22) Resolution No. 15-190: A Resolution Authorizing the City to Submit and the City Manager
36 to Sign an Application for Capital Funding Request to the New Mexico Aging and Long
37 Term Services Department for Senior Programs for the 2016 Legislative Session.
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- 39 *(23) Resolution No. 15-191: A Resolution Supporting the Proclamation of April 9, 2015 as
40 "Stand Up for Transportation Day" in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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- 42 *(24) Resolution No. 14-15-138: A Resolution Authorizing an Indefinite Quantity and Indefinite

1 Cost Price Agreement for Fleet Vehicle Repairs and Parts With Border International Trucks
2 of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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4 *(25) Resolution No. 14-15-139: A Resolution Authorizing an Indefinite Quantity and Indefinite
5 Cost Price Agreement for Fleet Vehicle Parts With Carquest Auto Parts of Raleigh, North
6 Carolina for a Period Up to Two (2) Years Subject to Annual Renewals and Approved
7 Budget Appropriations.

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9 *(26) Resolution No. 14-15-140: A Resolution Authorizing an Indefinite Quantity and Indefinite
10 Cost Price Agreement for Tires, Tubes and Related Services With Mesilla Valley Tyre of Las
11 Cruces, New Mexico for a Period Up to Four (4) Years Subject to Annual Renewals and
12 Approved Budget Appropriations.

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16 **VII. RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR DISCUSSION**

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19 *(21) Resolution No. 15-189: A Resolution Adjusting the City's Adopted FY2015 Budget to
20 Move Salary & Benefit Savings to Complete Two Grant-Related Projects That Provide
21 Further Interpretation of the Paleozoic Trackways at the Museum of Nature and Science.

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23 Councillor Smith Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-189 and Councillor Small Seconded the
24 motion.

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28 Councillor Smith said I am pleased to support this resolution but there are two places within the
29 resolution itself and within the background where the national monument is referred to as the
30 Paleozoic Trackways National Monument and actually it is the Prehistoric Trackways National
31 Monument.

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35 Councillor Smith Moved to Amend Resolution No. 15-189 in the background, in the second
36 paragraph, first sentence, Prehistoric Trackways National Monument needs to replace Paleozoic
37 Trackways National Monument and in the resolution itself, in the second "Whereas" Prehistoric
38 Trackways National Monument needs to replace Paleozoic Trackways National Monument and
39 Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

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1 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 15-189 in the
2 background, in the second paragraph, first sentence, Prehistoric Trackways National Monument
3 needs to replace Paleozoic Trackways National Monument and in the resolution itself, in the second
4 "Whereas" Prehistoric Trackways National Monument needs to replace Paleozoic Trackways
5 National Monument and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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9 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-189 as
10 Amended and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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14 (29) Resolution No. 15-194: A Resolution Approving the Use of City Council Discretionary
15 Funds to Conduct a Design Charrette for Amador Redevelopment.

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17 Councillor Small Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-194 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the
18 motion.

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22 Brian Denmark, Assistant City Manager gave an overhead presentation and said this resolution is
23 taking some of Council's discretionary funds to be used for a charrette for the Amador
24 redevelopment. Most of the discretionary funds have been used for projects; however, there was
25 some leftover and Councillor Small has proposed to consider using these excess funds for a charrette
26 in the Amador area. The costs associated with this is \$73,057 which is in line with the costs of hiring
27 a consultant to do a charrette.

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29 Councillor Small said I think this is an area that ties in with many ongoing priorities so this is an
30 opportune time to be able to focus on a larger area for the opportunity of mixed use development.
31 I think by having a charrette, we can work to efficiently use our resources, to efficiently maintain the
32 dignity of all people who use this area and also allow for increased mixed use development.

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34 Councillor Smith said I commend Councillor Small for bringing this forward and I think this is the
35 time that this community needs to look at this kind of multifaceted, multi-layer development. I think
36 the opportunities are quite boundless and I look forward to seeing where we go with this.

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38 Councillor Silva asked how much more discretionary funds do we have available?

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40 Robert Garza, City Manager said on page 280 of your packet, there is a budget adjustment request
41 and the \$73,057 is coming from four different sources of unexpended funds. That pretty much is the
42 totality of expended funds from 2013.

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1 Councillor Silva said if I recall, the last time we had excess funds like this, it was divided evenly
2 amongst all of the six councillors, that's how many of us did projects in our neighborhoods.

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4 Robert Garza said the original determination on how we spread this funding out was done equally
5 by councillor members. The projects that are here today, \$18,000 of it was remnant funds, \$12,000
6 of it was Councillor Small's funds and he asked that it be reallocated for this particular project. The
7 \$58,000, I don't recall how many different councillors put into that particular issue but if I do recall,
8 I know Councillor Pedroza did contribute to that, as did Councillor Small. We've never gotten to
9 this point with council discretionary funds before so this is a first.

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11 Councillor Silva asked were all councillors given the opportunity to give to a \$78,000 project
12 because at some of my neighborhood meetings, we've talked about putting up solar speed signs and
13 if we divided this up equally then we'd be able to at least put up two of those signs. So, was that
14 opportunity ever provided or was it just determined these funds would go to this project?

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16 Robert Garza said that was not contemplated and we are here at the request of Councillor Small.

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18 Councillor Silva said I think each councillor should at least have the opportunity to put in a project
19 for this \$73,000 or have it divided equally amongst the six or seven councillors so we can do projects
20 in each of our neighborhoods. Just this one project was brought before us and none of us were given
21 the opportunity to come up with a project in our districts or put something forward.

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23 Mayor Miyagishima said staff saved us about a million or so dollars so we had a meeting back in
24 2013 where we all put dots on various items. Basically, Councillor Small and I discussed this with
25 Robert and Robert discovered that Councillor Small had some of his funds left over. All of us had
26 the same amount but we all used them on different projects so this truly belongs to him for his
27 portion.

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29 Councillor Smith said I was approached about \$10,000 that I set aside for the tribal gateway and that
30 was something that I wanted to continue to leave in that particular allocation so that's not part of
31 this. The point is that when we sold Club Fusion and I believe one other land sale, at that point that
32 contributed to the discretionary amounts that we had. We all had choices at that time so that's why
33 we were approached about the remaining money that hadn't been spent.

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35 Councillor Pedroza said I have no problem with this and staff has been fair with using funds on
36 projects that I like.

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38 Councillor Levatino said this was all done prior to me being on Council so I don't know if there were
39 funds targeted by former Councillor Thomas or if there are any funds left over. Mr. Garza is shaking
40 his head so I have my answer.

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42 So Councillor Small, what would you like to see come out of this charrette; what's the point?

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1 Councillor Small said the main point is first to involve local stakeholders, but it is open to anyone
2 in the public, to involve as many folks in the visioning of that area. There are large industrial areas
3 that provide opportunities for mixed use development that can address anything from housing to
4 more commercial workforce elements.

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6 Robert Garza said the City does own property in this area so we are also a stakeholder in this area.

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8 Gil Jones, Member of the Public said I have some involvement with some of these properties and
9 there is a great need for improvement in this area.

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11 Rose Garcia, Member of the Public said I'm with Tierra Del Sol Housing and we feel this is a very
12 good proposal to use this as a strategy for redevelopment and entice new investments. I would
13 encourage you to go forward with this and we'd be happy to work with you on any further affordable
14 housing activity.

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16 Nicole Martinez, Member of the Public said I'm with the Community of Hope and we support the
17 charrette going forward. We appreciate being asked to be at the table of the charrette because the
18 Community of Hope would be impacted so if we could give any advise or suggestions, we definitely
19 appreciate that acceptance to the table.

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21 Eric Montgomery, Member of the Public said I'm with the Mesilla Valley Economic Development
22 Alliance and we have provided some high level informational support for this project leading up to
23 this point. At this point, our interests deal with support and thought given to economic base
24 employers but the information that we look to assist and provide additional to this project would
25 support some more Las Cruces serving operations. We encourage and have an interest in this project
26 as it goes forward because it deals with a number of industrial properties and opportunities.

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28 Amanda Craten, Member of the Public said my husband and I own Horse and Hound Feed Store and
29 we support this charrette process.

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31 Councilor Sorg asked what is the major zoning in this planning area?

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33 Brian Denmark said most of the pre-existing zoning is industrial and commercial. Councillor Small
34 is talking about soliciting input and coming up with a plan on future uses.

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36 Councillor Smith said the opportunity here is for us to look at some very freeform sorts of things.
37 I don't think we could do any worse than to have a bunch of abandoned buildings in wide open areas.

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39 Councillor Silva asked has there been any discussion about traffic management on Amador?

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41 Brian Denmark said yes, staff is aware of the traffic issues on Amador. We did a lot of study on it
42 with the Melendres traffic signal and a lot of the problems are with the technology and

1 synchronization of the traffic signals in that corridor. I'm assuming that the traffic will be a part of
2 the charrette process as well.

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4 Councillor Silva said I think we need to look at the bigger picture and how that traffic will overflow
5 into the neighborhoods in that area.

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9 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-194 and it was
10 Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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14 (27) Resolution No. 15-192: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Las Cruces to Accept
15 Legislative Appropriation Funding in the Amount of \$138,600.00, From the State of New
16 Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division
17 (DFA/LGD), Fund 892, Capital Appropriation, to Plan, Design, Construct, Renovate, Equip
18 and Furnish a Health Facility Within a City-Owned Building Located at 999 W. Amador
19 Ave., Which is Leased to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

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21 Councillor Small Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-192 and Councillor Sorg Seconded the
22 motion.

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26 Eric Martin, Facilities Management Administrator gave an overhead presentation and said this is for
27 acceptance of a grant for the City to work with the Community of Hope and St. Luke's Health Care
28 for renovations at that location. We will have until about June 30, 2017 to expend these Legislative
29 funds. It is on City owned property and this is Phase 1 of the building which currently houses the El
30 Caldito Soup Kitchen and St. Luke's Health Care. The scope of work within the existing building
31 for the remodel includes the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, major medical exam rooms,
32 kitchen area, pharmacy, and other items. The scope of future work includes the dental suite, office
33 renovations, education area, and lobby suites.

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35 Councillor Smith said we continue to get good press and good comments about what we are doing
36 at Camp Hope. I think this is something that this community can take a great deal of pride in and the
37 facilities and programs that are there say a great thing about our community. I am very supportive
38 of us moving forward and looking forward to the other ways that we can both tie in what Community
39 of Hope is already doing but also looking forward to that tie in with what we are looking at across
40 the street.

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42 Councillor Sorg said we do get good press in the Albuquerque area which normally we don't get
43 much credit down here so I agree with Councillor Smith regarding this project being beneficial.

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2 Councillor Pedroza said I would like to suggest that we study how to stop homelessness.

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6 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-192 and it was
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11 (28) Resolution No. 15-193: A Resolution Establishing a Citywide Economic Development
12 Committee.

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14 Councillor Silva Moved to Approve Resolution No. 15-193 and Councillor Small Seconded the
15 motion.

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19 Gary Camarano, Economic Development Coordinator gave an overhead presentation and said this
20 is for the creation of the Economic Development Committee of Las Cruces. It would be a seven
21 member committee to include three councillors and four staff members that would meet on a regular
22 basis. They would oversee the revision of the local Economic Development Plan and review policies,
23 advise and make recommendations for comprehensive citywide economic development.

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25 Robert Garza, City Manager said we have the West Mesa Industrial Park Strategic Planning
26 Committee in place and we wanted to take that committee and re-brand it and make it citywide;
27 however, there were some challenges in just changing the name of that committee and there are
28 covenants in place that we have to honor so we need to keep that committee in place. We want to
29 include Council's participation and others so that is why there are seven members for this committee.

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31 Councillor Smith said this is something that ties in with what we have been talking about and I think
32 the inclusion of economic gardening and the tie in with the West Mesa Industrial Park are important
33 pieces. I look forward to this moving forward and I look forward to seeing this being a driver for this
34 community.

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36 Councillor Small said I think we should add MVEDA to this committee and we also need to think
37 about how we can best utilize and integrate some of the other talents, strengths and industries, like
38 film, into this committee.

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40 Mayor Miyagishima said the three council members can get one appointment so you can either
41 appoint yourself or someone else.

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43 Councillor Levatino said it seems to me that we should include a member from the Chambers and

1 a member from the community to be members of this committee as well. I strongly support having
2 a economic committee but I don't like that if I nominate myself to this committee that I can't appoint
3 someone else as well.

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5 Councillor Pedroza said we need to know that people will create new jobs because the old type jobs
6 are out the window and I think Doña Ana Community College has already started that process.

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8 Councillor Silva said I would suggest that we some how incorporate the technology aspect into this
9 committee. I think this committee should have a much more wide range approach and I agree that
10 we need to capitalize on our community assets. I think MVEDA, the energy sector, the technology
11 sector, the education sector, workforce development and all three Chambers should be on this
12 committee and maybe remove the councillors from being on it.

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14 Mayor Miyagishima said I think it is important to keep three councillors on this committee so maybe
15 we could expand it to a maximum of 13 members.

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17 Councillor Silva said maybe we should have a work session to discuss this further.

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19 Gary Camarano said regarding the size of the committee and having representation of the cluster
20 groups; when we do the business retention expansion survey, the formation of an industry cluster
21 strategy group will also be proposed to the participants so that these industry cluster participant
22 groups can get together and have dialog with the City's Economic Development office. Those
23 messages will be brought back to the committee so instead of having a representative from each of
24 the clusters, these reports from those industries will be conveyed to the committee.

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26 Councillor Silva said I still think all three Chambers should be involved; what do you think, Mayor?

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28 Mayor Miyagishima said I don't think they really need to be on this committee. They advocate for
29 businesses and their members and they do a great job at that but this is for future development.

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31 Councillor Pedroza said I don't think this committee should include some of these very important
32 groups but they should be able to go to them for their input on topics that concern them. I agree that
33 if this committee has too many members then it won't be manageable and there will be issues with
34 them having a quorum at the meetings.

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36 Councillor Smith said this is what happens when you try to make it too inclusive but I think
37 Councillor Silva's suggestions of excluding members of Council makes a lot of sense. I would
38 suggest passing the resolution to set this up but exclude the committee membership for discussion
39 at a work session.

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41 Mayor Miyagishima said I think it is important that we keep three Council members on the
42 committee.

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2 Councillor Smith said I think we can agree on creating the committee and discuss the composition
3 of it at a later date.

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5 Councillor Sorg said I assume Mr. Camarano would be some sort of a leader of this committee.

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7 Gary Camarano said I would be the staff liaison.

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9 Councillor Sorg said there are existing committees that handle some of these issues so I don't know
10 if we need to expand this committee so much; do something smaller with a connection to MVEDA.
11 I would like to volunteer and throw my name in the hat to be one of the members of this committee.

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13 Councillor Small said I see a lot of reasons to keep three members of Council on this committee; that
14 is the way it is on the West Mesa Industrial Park and I think it provides some positive continuity.
15 There are two things that we can do; we can table this or we can pass it today with the membership
16 left out which is what I think we need to do. I do think that MVEDA is a core member and the point
17 is well taken about the Chambers being members. I think we should amend this to include MVEDA
18 and Arrowhead as members and that there be six appointments to be made by each of the councillors.
19 That would bring it up to 15 members which would still keep it an odd number of members for
20 quorum purposes.

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22 Councillor Levatino said there are so many constituents that could be included in this that it would
23 make it huge so would it be possible to have the people who are appointed to it, be in charge of some
24 of the other groups so they could be in contact with them for their input at the meetings. That way
25 we get the input of the different constituents but we keep the number of committee members down.

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27 Mayor Miyagishima said I think that is a great suggestion. I think 15 members is the maximum
28 number of members.

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30 Councillor Sorg asked what's to keep any of these groups from attending any of the meetings and
31 giving their input?

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33 Gary Camarano said nothing, these will be public meetings.

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35 Councillor Sorg said then I'm not too worried about who is on this committee, other than what is
36 mentioned in the resolution.

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38 Councillor Small said I think we need to make the best use of our assets so I would like to make two
39 amendments.

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43 Councillor Small Moved to Amend Resolution No. 15-193 under paragraph two under the

1 “Therefore” that following the words Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officers/Designee;
2 that there be inserted “Mesilla Valley Economic (MVEDA)/Designee and Arrowhead Research
3 Park/Designee and appointees by each city councillor” and Mayor Miyagishima Seconded the
4 motion.

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8 Councillor Silva said I think we need to agree on the size of the committee. If we need to keep it
9 small for efficiency then I would suggest that we leave it at the original seven and then we each
10 nominate one which would take it to 13 members which is still an odd number. When we start saying
11 that we should have MVEDA and the Arrowhead Center involved then why doesn't every other
12 councillor get to make two appointments. I suggested that all three Chambers should be involved
13 so my suggestion is that we keep it small and keep the original seven with an appointment by each
14 councillor.

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16 Councillor Smith said we've used the words appoint and nomination so how often would we get to
17 appoint someone and if we use a nomination then that would leave it up to the Mayor's discretion;
18 correct?

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20 Mayor Miyagishima said I used the word nomination just in case councillors appointed the same
21 person but in all intended purposes, it would be an appointment.

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25 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-193 under
26 paragraph two under the “Therefore” that following the words Assistant City Manager/Chief
27 Operating Officers/Designee; that there be inserted “Mesilla Valley Economic (MVEDA)/Designee
28 and Arrowhead Research Park/Designee and appointees by each city councillor” and it Failed. 2-5
29 Councillor Small and Mayor Miyagishima voted Aye. Councillor Silva, Councillor Pedroza,
30 Councillor Sorg, Councillor Levatino and Councillor Smith voted Nay.

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34 Councillor Silva Moved to Amend Resolution No. 15-193 under Section Two following the
35 Assistant City Manager, make a new sentence that states “each councillor may appoint one
36 representative to the committee” and Councillor Levatino Seconded the motion.

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40 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Amend Resolution No. 15-193 under
41 Section Two following the Assistant City Manager, make a new sentence that states “each councillor

1 may appoint one representative to the committee” and was Unanimously Approved 7-0.

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5 Cassandra Calway, Member of the Public said I think you need to included a member of the public
6 to be a member of this committee.

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10 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Resolution No. 15-193 as
11 Amended and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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15 **VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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17 Mayor Miyagishima appointed Marilu Darby (District 2) and Dwight E. Weir (District 5) to the
18 Senior Advisory Board.

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20 Councillor Small Moved to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board appointments of Marilu Darby
21 (District 2) and Dwight E. Weir (District 5) to the Senior Advisory Board and Councillor Smith
22 Seconded the motion.

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26 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board
27 appointments of Marilu Darby (District 2) and Dwight E. Weir (District 5) to the Senior Advisory
28 Board and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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32 Mayor Miyagishima reappointed Ronald C. Johnson (At-Large) to the Capital Improvement
33 Advisory Committee.

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35 Councillor Sorg Moved to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board reappointment of Ronald C.
36 Johnson (At-Large) to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and Councillor Small
37 Seconded the motion.

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41 Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board
42 reappointment of Ronald C. Johnson (At-Large) to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
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Mayor Miyagishima appointed Rod Gajewski (Military Order of the Purple Heart) and Christine Sautter (Military Officers Association of America Position) to the Veterans Advisory Board.

Councillor Smith Moved to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board appointments of Rod Gajewski (Military Order of the Purple Heart) and Christine Sautter (Military Officers Association of America Position) to the Veterans Advisory Board and Councillor Small Seconded the motion.

Mayor Miyagishima called for the roll on the Motion to Approve Mayor Miyagishima’s board appointments of Rod Gajewski (Military Order of the Purple Heart) and Christine Sautter (Military Officers Association of America Position) to the Veterans Advisory Board and it was Unanimously Approved. 7-0

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

(30) Council Bill No. 15-032; Ordinance No. 2751: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From A-2 (Rural Agricultural District From the 1981 Zoning Code) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on a 7.31 ± Acre Portion of a Larger Tract Located at the Southwest Corner of Tashiro Drive and Valley Drive. Submitted by Galloway & Company, Inc. On Behalf of D & R, Inc., Property Owner (Z2883).

Mayor Miyagishima and Council agreed to bring this item back.

X. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BOARD REPORTS

There were no City Council Member board reports.

XI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

b.) City Council

1 Councillor Silva said I apologize for missing last week’s meeting, I was at the Main Street
2 Conference in Atlanta and hopefully, I will be giving Council a presentation on it at our following
3 meeting.

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7 Councillor Pedroza said I just want to congratulate Sophia Sanchez-Maes again.

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11 Councillor Small said I think it is very exciting that we are moving forward with the next steps on
12 Amador.

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14 I want to thank Jamey Rickman and my intern Tamika Jackson for helping me plan my neighborhood
15 meetings.

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19 Councillor Sorg passed.

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23 Councillor Levatino said I would like to thank our Parks and Rec Department for keeping our parks
24 clean, neat and orderly. They were used a lot on Easter Sunday and they cleaned them up and had
25 them ready to be used again on Monday.

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29 Councillor Smith said the park across from my house got a lot of use yesterday and in addition to
30 what a great job our Parks and Rec Department did, I also think members of our public also deserve
31 some commendation for how they picked up after themselves.

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33 Regarding multi-tasking, hands on cell phone use while driving is banned in our city limits and now
34 texting and driving is banned in the State of New Mexico.

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38 a.) Mayor

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40 Mayor Miyagishima said I don’t know if any of you have anyone you are inviting to go with us to
41 Juarez this Friday but if so, please have them call 915-307-4210 to RSVP.

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c.) City Manager

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5 Robert Garza, City Manager said we are having a Special Meeting this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. for
6 utility bonds and we need to have a super majority of Council present at that meeting.

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8 Next Monday, we are having a Special Work Session regarding the budget, we will be having a
9 Public Hearing and then following that is our Regular Work Session.

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11 Last Week Brian Denmark and I participated with NMSU on a pre-proposal site visit for a new hotel
12 that would be built next to our Convention Center. I will be providing you with more details in my
13 newsletter this week.

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

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

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21 Council said "Aye."

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23 **Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 p.m.**