

***REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING***

**June 1, 2009**

**6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ronnie Torres called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Audrey D. Torres, Procurement Specialist.

***PRESENT:*** Ronnie Torres, Mayor  
David Lopez, Councilor  
Terese Ulivarri, Councilor  
Rudy Jaramillo, Councilor  
Wayne Gallegos, Mayor Pro-Tem

***CITY STAFF:*** Audrey Torres, Procurement Specialist  
Mike Chavez, Chief of Police  
Lawrence Kanishero, IT  
Mildred Garley, Finance Director

***OTHERS:*** Norman McDonald, City Attorney  
Brent Raffner, VCNB  
Martin Marchi, Manuel Lujan Agencies

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Mildred Garley to lead the pledge of allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of tonight's agenda Councilor Rudy Jaramillo moved to approve the agenda. Councilor David Lopez seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

***Regular Meeting: May 18, 2009***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for May 18, 2009. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

***CITIZENS PETITIONS:***

Mayor Torres read the next agenda item referring to citizen petitions, and asked if there were any citizen petitions, there were no citizen petitions at this time.

***ACTION ITEMS:***

***ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY FY 2009/2010 BUDGET: Mildred Garley, Finance Director***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to adoption of preliminary FY 2009-2010 Budget as presented by Mildred Garley, Finance Director who advised she met with department supervisors in reference to their budget and what they needed. They had a meeting with the governing body and went through the budget as well. Mildred Garley, Finance Director advised they have cut the gross receipts tax by one percent. They ran the recap and met the 1/12 requirement as required by DFA (Department of Finance and Administration).

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any questions if none he entertained a motion. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo had a comment: he wished to commend Sally, Mildred and the staff for all the hard work they put behind the budget. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo continued and said, with that said he so moved to approve the budget for 2009-2010. Councilor David Lopez, seconds the motion, motion carries.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri said “I was going to ask for discussion before you approved it but it is already done”. Mayor Ronnie Torres said “I asked if anyone had any questions”. Councilor Terese Ulivarri said “after that, never mind it was a point of order but anyway if, all I wanted to ask was, this is preliminary “correct”, so we can come back and visit it still”.

Mildred Garley, Finance Director advised the preliminary budget still has to be reviewed by DFA and approved.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri said “then they haven’t seen it, DFA, okay.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked “when do we approve the final budget”, Mildred Garley, Finance Director advised July 31, 2009.

***RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD RFP MULTI-YEAR AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF BELEN: Audrey D. Torres, Procurement Specialist***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to recommendation to award RFP Multi-Year Audit for the City of Belen as presented by Audrey D. Torres who said “solicitations were made May 6, 2009 for proposals due May 15, 2009 at which time one proposal was

received for a three year contract. The proposal was originally submitted for \$140,803.00 and after negotiations with the vendor the proposal was amended to \$130,503.00 a savings to the City of Belen of \$10,300.00. I recommend we award the proposal for the Multi-year Audit to Accounting & Consulting Group, LLP.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked “is this the same firm that has been auditing us?” Audrey D. Torres advised it was not. Councilor Ulivarri asked “did we have the other ones for three years also?” Audrey D. Torres advised yes.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any other questions. Councilor David Lopez said “if there are no further questions I make a motion that we award the bid to Accounting & Consulting Group LLP. Councilor Terese Ulivarri seconds the motion, motion carries.

***RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID FOR RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE:***

***Audrey D. Torres, Procurement Specialist***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to a recommendation to award bid for Risk Management Insurance. Audrey D. Torres said “again solicitations were made on May 9, 2009 for proposals due May 21, 2009 and which time one proposal was received from Manuel Lujan Agency in the amount of \$619,707.42 and that is also on the back of your packet sheet. Martin Marchi is here is you have any questions for him.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked if this was for one year and was advised by Mildred Garley, Finance Director it was. Councilor Terese Ulivarri asked Martin if this has gone down or is it going up. Martin Marchi, Manuel Lujan Agency said “it has gone down and it was the first time in a long while. We had been averaging 4,5,6,7 and up to 12% increases based on losses and a lot of other factors. Last 4 or 5 years we have seen a 4 or 5% increase this year we actually saw a 1 or 2% decrease. The experience modifier it did go up a little this year but that is to be expected and those were losses that happened in the past two or three years. Your staff and police department have done a great job in reining those costs in. We just had so many losses at one time it took us a while to get back.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos asked “has your company been able to provide any training for us also, other than what we do already”. Martin Marchi said “he thinks they are. The one that keeps track of all that is Lenore. She is the one that takes the pictures and meets with the adjusters.

Councilor Terese Ulivarri said “I have one more question-did we take a big hit because of the hail damage from last summer”? Martin advised No.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any further questions if none he so entertains a motion. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to award the bid for Risk Management Insurance. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carries.

Mayor Ronnie Torres said “thank you for working with us you tried to bring those rates down for us. And I know because you are under a lot of pressure from our staff and we thank them for

that too”. Martin said “Sally is hard on him and thank your staff-Lenore, Audrey, Mildred, Sally they have done a good job and Mike has done a fantastic job with the Police Department”.

### ***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:***

#### ***COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:***

**Councilor Rudy Jaramillo:** said “summer is here swimming pools are open be careful. Meeting with the chamber of commerce and they are getting prepared for fundraisers scholarships. They have Rio Abajo Days that’s getting close and they have been working hard, they are doing different things and use different sites”.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos:** said “a little bit on the stimulus dollars workshop they had was pretty neat kind of eye opening though that most of the money is already gone. I want to thank the group that I went with because I think the contacts that were made that day were probably more important than anything. It is nice to have people that have been around a long time that know people you can say there’s Jane or there’s Ed and make that contact and move some projects that really helped us out that day. I saw Terese and Sally and different people just moving around and talking to different people and move some projects. There are some deadlines to meet and calls to make. There were a lot of people there and those workshops were very helpful. Also to all the City workers to HR and Lenore’s office for holding the costs down, Fire, Police. The Carnival this weekend, not sure, there were a few concerns safety concerns for parking but I think it went well. Monsoon season is here so prepare your back yards”.

**Mayor Ronnie Torres:** said “the carnival, what it was that we were calling different carnivals around to find out if we could have somebody for the Rio Abajo Days. We could not find one for that but this one said we have a cancellation this weekend so they came to our community. The good thing about that in case you don’t know how that works, they come in at no cost to us and we get 15% of the gross ticket sales for the rides and we use that money for the Parks and Recreation Department. The stimulus meeting workshops we attended were busy all of us stood and said you go to this one and you go to that one and we all tried to learn as much as we could. Some of them worked out for us and others were not something we could use but we did get as much information as possible.

**Councilor Terese Ulivarri:** said “I went to the groundbreaking of Infinity High School, my next door neighbors and represented us there. Met with Bruce Rosetti with the COG on the 5311 Transportation funds for our on demand service and what we are looking at is additional funds from the Rio Metro. Everybody voted for that ½ goes to the rail runner and ½ goes to transportation within our region which includes Sandoval County, Bernalillo County, Valencia

County and I think some of Torrence. We were also informed, and I think a lot of this heresay that we hear we are just getting money they are not giving like here is a big old plaque and you are awarded, it is just here it is guys and run with it. I believe we are getting, money was submitted via the RSVP and Veronica, she is gone now, but she did submit for stimulus and I believe it was awarded for three vans and a computer so they can run people. In turn eventually we are going to attempt to coordinate all up and down the corridor with Los Lunas into Albuquerque whatever it takes, it is a big project but this is going to be a great start for that. Also attended the stimulus meeting and reacquainted my self with some people that I knew that are willing to help the City of Belen so that was great. Attended the budget workshop and then lastly the Memorial Day service that took place out here at the Heart of Belen was just fantastic. The Mayor was the MC and every year it is getting better and better. It got cut short because of the rain. Everything went as it was supposed to and thanks to Gloria and Sonny Sanchez and Lenore and Ken Gibson and another man involved but I don't remember his name did all the planning for this. They bring in some folks who are fantastic speakers and it was nice.

**Councilor David Lopez:** said “well there went everything on my list so not much else. Like Rudy said the High School swimming program started Friday so there were a lot of kids out there trying out for the swim team so that was pretty good. I didn't think the workout was going to be as hard as it was but they put those kids through a pretty good workout. We are at the tail end of all the graduation parties so things can begin to settle down and summer can begin. Like the Council said Memorial Day festivity went nice except for the rain but there were some good speakers.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos:** said “one last thing Mayor and very important we have been working on it for a year now and I almost forgot it. I would like to announce that we do have a new fire department in the City. Belen has been approved since last week by the NM State Fire Marshall office and we opened up the substation at the Airport.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Councilor Rudy Jaramillo moved to adjourn this meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

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Ronnie Torres, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sally G. Garley, City Manager