

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2010

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 Sally G. Garley, City Manager.

***PRESENT:***

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

***CITY STAFF:***

Sally G. Garley, City Manager  
Audrey Torres, CMC Deputy Clerk  
Michael Steininger, Finance Director  
Mike Chavez, Chief of Police  
Robert Uecker, Airport Manager  
Anita Romero, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Peoples, Fire Department  
Manny J. Garcia, Fire Chief  
Robert Rimorin, Utility Director  
Robert Miller, Police Department  
Dan Robb, Police Department  
Pamela Toledo, Payroll Clerk  
Lenore Pena, Safety Director

***OTHERS:***

Norman McDonald, City Attorney  
Brent Ruffner, VCNB  
Gilbert Tabet, Circle T  
Jerah Cordova, Our Tomorrow  
Matthew Ross, State Rep. Elias Barela  
Rosella, Citizen  
Jacque, Molzen Corbin & Associates  
Charles Torres, Mayor Torres  
Ida C. Gallegos, Citizen  
Cindy Carter, Citizen  
David Carter, Citizen  
Sabrina Sweeney, Citizen  
Richard Sweeney, Citizen  
Mildred Garley, Citizen  
Tibo Chavez, Jr., Citizen

Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Citizen  
Saul Renteria, Laborer's PSWROC  
Jesse Renteria, Laborer's RSWDCL  
Joe Torres, Citizen  
Fonda Torres, Citizen  
Mary Jane, Garley, Citizen  
April Gallegos, Citizen

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked Charlie Torres 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:***

***Special Meeting: February 8, 2010***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for February 8, 2010. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

***Regular Meeting: February 15, 2010***

Mayor Ronnie Torres requested approval of minutes for February 15, 2010. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

***CITIZENS PETITION***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to citizen petitions, there were no citizen petitions presented at this time.

***PROCLAMATION-RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE:***

***Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos***

Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos read the next agenda item in reference to presentation of a proclamation in recognition for outstanding community service and read the proclamation aloud.

A copy of the proclamation is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Mayor Ronnie Torres thanked everyone in attendance especially his family for all of their support during his life he could not have gone this far without that support. He thanked the City council for the proclamation. All City Councilors in return thanked Mayor Torres for his work and dedication to the City of Belen.

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

#### ***ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2010-03 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MAP APPLICATION TO NMDOT FOR BECKER STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to adoption of Resolution 2010-03- Authorizing submission of MAP application to NMDOT for Becker Street Improvements as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised we have the applications due for the MAP on March 15, we already have the application together, the application is in the amount of \$343,934.53 and that will be to finish off the first and second hundred block of Becker Street we are hoping to acquire some additional funding and this is authorization for submission of the application to NMDOT.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any questions or comments from City Council. Councilor David Lopez so moves to approve the resolution. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

#### ***ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2010-04 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO NMDOT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS: Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to adoption of Resolution 2010-04 Authorizing submission of application to NMDOT for construction and improvements to various streets as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised this is also an application that Robert and she are working on together she does not have the dollar amount because the contractor gave individual units instead of lump sum. This application is also due on March 15, 2010. Everything is ready to go except for the estimates and this is for the sidewalks and curb and gutter on the first and second hundred block of Becker Street also. We are hoping to acquire some additional funding for that.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any comments from City Council. Councilor Terese Ulivarri moves to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion, motion carried.

***APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PAY PLAN: Sally G. Garley, City Manager***

Mayor Ronnie Torres read the next agenda item in reference to approval of amendment to employee certification incentive pay plan as presented by Sally G. Garley, City Manager who advised this is a working document and it was adopted in August but there were some justified changes requested and these are those changes.

Mayor Ronnie Torres asked if there were any comments from City Council. Councilor Terese Ulivarri she so moves to approve. Councilor Rudy Jaramillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:***

***CITY MANAGER'S REPORT***

The City Managers report is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

***COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL:***

**Councilor David Lopez:** said “this Saturday they had a grantee board meeting on how to run a board effectively. We also discussed avenues for fundraising that we are going to try to pursue this year. They had to submit approvals for funding they have to go after so that had to be approved and submitted before the fifteenth also. We had a southwest regional championship wrestling we had a handful of kids from the Jr. wrestling go down there and they did well. Also Carlos Marquez the grandson of Frank Marquez is battling leukemia right now and everyone is raising money to help him. His family will be traveling out of state for four months and appreciate all the support from the community. Keep them in your prayers. Tomorrow is Election Day and there has been a lot of time, money and effort spent on this particular election so good luck to everyone.

**Councilor Terese Ulivarri:** said “I finally got to be a judge at teen court in Los Lunas we are trying to get that back here to Belen. It all depends on if the young adults and teenagers are given the sentencing to teen court and if it doesn't happen then it goes to the JPO. The young adults, anybody who is on teen court has already been in front of teen court themselves and part of their requirement is to serve on teen court until they serve their sentence out and it is doled out by their peers so it works and it's fascinating to see how they operate. Teens are tough on their fellow teenagers, it was wild but I want to see it come back to Belen. Congratulations Manny on the fire station at the airport.

And to clarify something this land swap that we just did with the county we traded land at the landfill that we own for land that they own up on Aragon that they use for a gravel pit. We swapped it and it was okay by the Department of Finance and Administration which makes us able to in the future turn that pit into a holding pond for water that comes off the mesa. So that is part of our “let’s not get flooded in Belen every time it rains” effort. I just wanted everybody to understand that it is really important and it was neat that we could work with the county to get that done. Good luck to everyone tomorrow.

**Mayor Ronnie Torres:** said “I went to Estancia last weekend, actually on Thursday they are trying to start up a main street program so I went over there and spoke with them there were about twenty people and somebody told me “salt of the earth” but they were so excited to be around the table and ask all kinds of questions and it was really exciting that they were asking us “Belen” for advice about different things and I was more than happy to give them any of the knowledge and contacts that we have done here and they looked up to us and that was kind of cool. It is always nice to help someone out with different things.

We also have a poster for Main Street that we are going to be submitting. They wanted everyone to submit a poster from the community that is old and shows parallel parking that might be used for the state poster of Main Street. I found a picture and I had a ninth grader Jade Levy design it for me. I wanted it to be something a kid might want to hang in their room.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos:** said “once again Mayor thank you for all your years of service, I know it takes a toll. We start off in politics because we all want to do better for our community everybody here that runs, we get involved one way or another then we take it up a notch and we say if we get that opportunity that’s what we are going to do. Sometimes we pay for it with people, you become popular and every year your popularity goes down and all of a sudden think the worst of us sometimes and I know our family takes a beating. When you are in public office as a family you take a beating but we asked for it and that is what we ran for I guess. But just so everybody can know we are aware of that and it does happen and I know I just wanted to tell you thank you okay. I am really glad your family is here to support you tonight.

**Councilor Rudy Jaramillo:** said “again Mayor thank you so much under you leadership the community has gone through a lot many tears, good times, bad times, but that’s the end of that. You have done well and I know your door will always be open I know you have been part of the chamber you have always said in the meetings, in the chamber meetings, that if ever we needed you, you will be there so that is always a good that’s a community leader right there.

Also Eddie Benavidez another person that gave a lot to this community when there was fundraisers when there was any need he was a musician very talented musician here in Belen passed away Saturday and he was going to be doing the music for Carlos that Saturday and he just never got there, keep that family in prayer.

About Carlos, those that went, there were so many people and talking to the grandparents the emotion the move that the family had by the community coming out and she made a statement and said “sometimes we do things and say things that we don’t even know what people but when we need people they are right there for you behind you” it was good to see that family, they have a need and Belen stepped up and helped with whatever they could keep that family in prayer also.

Also tomorrow is the election good luck to everyone we have all been working hard it has been a nice and quiet election no one has been doing things like throwing rocks, it has been great. We have been friends all our lives and we will remain friends after this race and we will still visit each other. I hope that whoever gets in does and continues forward with what has been going on with the City thank you.

***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.

/s/  
Ronnie Torres, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/  
Sally G. Garley, City Manager

Transcribed by:  
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