

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 20, 2010**

**6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Audrey D. Torres, CMC, City Clerk.

***PRESENT:***

Mayor, Rudy Jaramillo  
Mayor Pro-Tem, Wayne Gallegos  
Councilor, Mary T. Aragon  
Councilor, Jerah R. Cordova  
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo

***CITY STAFF:***

Mary Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager  
Audrey Torres, Deputy City Clerk  
Dan Robb, Interim Chief of Police  
Michael Steininger, Finance Director  
Manny Garcia, Fire Chief  
Robert Uecker, Airport Manager  
Andrew DiCamillo, P&Z Director  
Lisa Miller, Code Enforcement Officer

***OTHERS:***

Norman McDonald, City Attorney  
Brent Ruffner, VCNB  
Gilbert Tabet, Circle T.  
Dianne Mattson, Our Tomorrow  
Donna Hernandez, Friends of the Library  
Laura Hawes, Friends of the Library  
Gloria Sanchez, Citizen Volunteer  
Yvonne D. Stewart, Citizen  
Michael Stewart, Citizen  
Steven M. Hall, neighborhood  
Carolyn & Earnest Huston, Citizen  
Maria Cordova, Adelante  
Cheri Embres, Neighbors  
Ken Merts, Citizen  
Melinda Garcia, Adelante  
Karl Larson, Citizen  
Karen Larson, Citizen  
Terese Ulivarri, Citizen

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked Robert Uecker to lead the pledge of allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo requested approval of tonight’s agenda with the removal of agenda item #6. Councilor Jerah Cordova moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion-roll call vote:

Councilor Mary Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo	Yes	motion carried.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to public comment and asked if there were any public comments.

Donna Hernandez: commented on agenda item number 10 and asked if the City had criteria for naming public building. She advised the library is currently being run by volunteers and the costs for changing the name of the library should be used to bring back some of the employees instead. She also mentioned maybe naming a room after Dolores would be best. Laura Haas was the other individual in the audience who felt the same.

Carolyn Huston: advised she has had problems with the police department and is frustrated and angry. She was happy to see the satisfaction survey and kudos to Interim Chief Dan Robb. She mentioned the citizens may not answer the survey because of reprisal nevertheless thanks to Chief Robb.

Dianne Mattson: thanks to the police department for trying to slow the traffic down on Delgado, there are a lot of students walking the speed cart advises a driver how fast they are really traveling

Gloria Sanchez: advised she has been a volunteer for 20 years, the first mission was to bring back the Camino Del Llano name, they also kept three trailer parks out of the City and she was part of the first national night out, involved in founders day and neighborhood watch. The ninth anniversary of the 911 went well the memorial is a place for reflection and to let future generations know what happened and a day to remember those who made an ultimate sacrifice. Thanks to all who supported and participated in the ceremony.

***PROCLAMATION MARIA CORDOVA: Mayor Rudy Jaramillo***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to a proclamation for Maria Cordova and advised she is a national celebrity by being named, by encore magazine, as the 2010 direct support professional of the year. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo continued to read the proclamation aloud a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

***DEPARTMENT REPORT-PLANNING AND ZONING: Andrew DiCamillo, Director***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to the Planning and Zoning Department report as presented by Andrew DiCamillo, Planning and Zoning Director whose power point presentation aided in his report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo, in reference to the presentation, noted the comment Andrew DiCamillo made when he stated the pedestrian bridge was more of a monument to what the city's future can be and the esthetics of what that brings even if it is not utilized. It shows potential.

Councilor Jerah Cordova questioned Andrew as Economic Development Director and in that position his responsibility for identifying trends of the community in realizing where the city is falling behind in comparison to other players in the region. Councilor Jerah Cordova asked Andrew if he has taken a look, on the surface level or comprehensively, with the situation we have between the city and Los Lunas. The City of Belen is losing business to Los Lunas we are having difficulty competing and effectively cooperating with Los Lunas. Councilor Jerah Cordova asked if we have taken a look or even begun communicating with the ED person in the village. Andrew DiCamillo advised unfortunately that's met with territorial for them and it is competitive.

***PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION STATE AVIATION DIVISION: Robert Uecker, Airport Manager***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to presentation of resolution to the state aviation division as presented by Robert Uecker, Airport Manager who advised this resolution is to submit a grant application to the NMDOT-AD for \$4,970 of which there is a 10% City match of \$552.00 for consumable items for the Belen Alexander Airport.

***DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FROM BELEN PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DOLORES PADILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mayor Rudy Jaramillo***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to discussion of proposed name change from Belen Public Library to Dolores Padilla Public Library. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo

began the discussion advising he was approached by some people and advised them he would put it to discussion. Dolores Padilla began the literacy program in Belen at the Belen Public Library. Discussion has already been heard from Donna Hernandez and Laura Haas. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked if there were any questions or comments. It was the general consensus to send the proposal to the library board.

***PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL ON THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE ON THE FRONT FENCE HEIGHT BY KARL & KAREN LARSON: Lisa Miller, Code Enforcement Officer***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item and opened the public hearing to consider an appeal on the request for a variance on the front fence height by Karl and Karen Larson as presented by Lisa Miller, Code Enforcement officer and advised the Larson's were available for comment.

The Larson's advised they saw the potential for the property, which used to be the old meat market, they do not live in Belen but she has been employed by the Belen Schools and believes in the students and believes in the potential of the City. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the fence height, noting the fence was already in existence prior to the remodel.

Terese Ulivarri, who is a neighbor to the Larson's' advised the fence looks nice but nevertheless does not meet code and on frontage there is a height limitation, what is good for one is good for everyone and if a variance is permitted then she wanted one as well.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked if there were any further comments, none were presented and public hearing was closed.

***ACTION ITEMS***

***APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF APPEAL ON THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE ON THE FRONT FENCE HEIGHT BY KARL & KAREN LARSON: Mayor, Rudy Jaramillo***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to approval or denial on request for a variance on the front fence height by Karl and Karen Larson and requested a motion. Councilor Jerah Cordova moved to approve the appeal on request for variance by the Larson's. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion-roll call vote:

Councilor Mary Aragon	No
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo	No

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo broke the tie vote by voting yes motion for approval carried.

***APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NM UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE (PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2010): Mary Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to approval or denial on request of proposed adoption of an ordinance adopting the NM uniform traffic ordinance by reference as heard during a public hearing held August 16, 2010 currently resented by Mary Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager who turned over the presentation to Interim Chief, Dan Robb who advised the adoption of the ordinance is requested to be in compliance. Audrey Torres, CMC, City Clerk advised the Uniform Traffic Ordinance is the code in which the Police Department utilizes for citations. Mayor Rudy asked for a motion. Councilor Carrillo made a motion to accept. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion-roll call vote:

Councilor Mary Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo	Yes	motion carried.

***APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE BELEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD-MAGGIE MCDONALD: Mayor, Rudy Jaramillo***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read the next agenda item in reference to approval or disapproval of a member appointment to the Belen Public Library Board and submitted the name of Maggie McDonald to fill the position left vacant by the passing of Lorraine Garcia. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked if there were any question or comments from the council and entertained a motion. Mayor Rudy Jaramillo read a letter aloud for approval of Maggie McDonald. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo made a motion to approve Maggie McDonald. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion-roll call vote:

Councilor Mary Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo	Yes	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:***

**Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gallegos:** advised most of the information has already been covered but he commented on Miracle on Main Street planning is on they did meet and it is a nice event. The NMML class he took was informative he learned how Albuquerque is pushing crime out and it is affecting the outlying communities, we need to tie in regionally to immediately identify the theft rings. Also during the conference the national speaker advised the economy is not getting any better for a very long time and as city officials we have to plan. Waste Management and the city has completed the audit so a meeting will be set up to finalize the last payment. 911 Memorial was great it takes a lot of people to make it happen and he is proud of this park, additionally the Doodle Bug needs to be finished and the contracts as well.

**Mayor Rudy Jaramillo:** speaking in reference to his presentation in Taos, as noted by Councilor Aragon, and mentioned his speech was from the heart. Several Mayors were present and there were many individuals in attendance and they attended several different workshops. Reported Lt. Millers' wife was in an ATV accident yesterday and is currently still in the hospital and asked to keep her in prayer. The 911 was great those involved did an excellent job. There was also a presentation of awards at Harla Mays of which he was presented by the 515<sup>th</sup> an award of appreciation to the City. Dr. Rael, School Superintendent is willing to have the school help us mow Eagle Park and we thank them. During the Mayor's Caucus it was discussed primarily that everyone is going through the same thing so we don't feel so bad that it is just our City. Mayor Berry advised they are there to help if we need it and was thanked for the offer. Thanks to BNSF for the \$2,500 check for adoption of Ana Becker Park they also provided an excellent meal. We have the 10<sup>th</sup> and Ross Park which was adopted by the RSVP volunteers they have started the effort and are doing a great job. Rio Abajo on Saturday starts at 10 and the library is also having functions at the same time also the Art League is open as well on that day, there will be music, arm wrestling and dancing.

**Councilor Jerah Cordova:** brought up the issue with the recycling center during the past weekend and was advised by the City Manager that the employee was gone at 1130 because there was no room for more recycling products. If the city is publishing the hours someone needs to be present at the center. Mentioned the Rancho Cielo agreements have still not come up for discussion and would like to see them on the agenda. He also questioned when the amendment to the municipal judge would be presented and was advised it would be presented at the next meeting. He also mentioned they have completed some evaluations of the appointed positions and it was his understanding they would come up for re-approval at some point. He questioned the two public hearings held by Los Lunas for the ICIP and wanted to make sure if we are approving our ICIP any time soon that we follow the process required. Met with MRCOG, general board meeting, new population projection numbers were approved for Belen and shows areas of anticipated growth. Belen Main Street had assessment and there is six more months as emerging community. He participated in the entrance audit and advocated for looking into special issues and concerns.

**Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo:** nothing to report at this time.

**Councilor Mary Aragon:** advised she has taken a tour with a police department detective and viewed some of the sites which are an eyesore. She intends to go back and take photos; she cannot understand why the City has done nothing to the commercial and residential abandon buildings. Sept 1-2 and 3 she attend a conference n Taos it was a good conference it was nice to know that we are all going through the same things/problems. Acknowledged the Mayor who gave a wonderful speech at the conference and it was well accepted. November 27, the Saturday after thanksgiving will be the Christmas festival. In reference to the September 11 memorial services, she thanked Leroy and Herman for the setup and removal. She attended the airport meeting but there were not enough members for a quorum and that needs to be looked at. There was an annual dinner for senior citizens and it was great. In reference to the weeds she thanked those employees who did come out and help and wished to see more of that.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Councilor Mary Aragon moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo seconds the motion, motion carried.

/s

Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Audrey D. Torres, CMC, City Clerk