

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

March 12, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll Call taken by Brian McBain, Deputy City Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor David Carter
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Darleen Aragon
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Frank F. Ortega

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Brian McBain

REPORTER: Not Present

OTHERS: See attached Sign-in Sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated March 5, 2018 as presented. Councilor Gallegos made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

A) MARCH 6, 2018 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANVASS

Ms. Leona Vigil presented the final results for the 2018 Belen Municipal Election, detailing the canvass and announcing the official winners to their elected positions.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CURRENT CITY COUNCIL (SINE DIE)

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked that before we adjourn, we give Councilor Darleen Aragon a chance to speak.

Councilor Darleen Aragon stated that she would like to thank the citizens of Belen for the last four years and the people that supported me in the last election, as well as my fellow Council Members. It was tough getting started at first, you had to make your own way. I would like to thank the employees of the City of Belen, you make us shine. I do want to take this time to thank the people I was with on the Main Street Board, Belen Economic Development, the Chamber, and Corazon

de Belen, so there are volunteer opportunities open, so someone that has a lot of time, I would like them to take that over. Also, a lot of you know the reason I changed my mind and decided to run, and it was something that really bothered me and my conscious would not allow me not to run, so I did. I fought the good fight and I am quite content with being able to carry on with my life.

Councilor Gallegos thanked Darleen for her work with the Council, serving the public, detailing that we all have a role to play and Darleen filled the voids needed, she did great for Belen.

Councilor Carter says it take two good years before you find your way and spot, Councilor Aragon was ready to take on a lot of things, then ran into the wall of government, we really came together and worked hard, so I thank Councilor Aragon for all her hard work.

Mayor Cordova presented Councilor Aragon with a certificate of appreciation, given to her by the city staff.

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn the current City Council Sine Die, and certify all actions taken by the Council over the last two years. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Magistrate Judge John Chavez administered the oath of office to Mayor Jerah R. Cordova, Councilor Ronnie M. Torres and Municipal Judge Kathy Savilla officially swearing them into their respected offices.

ROLL CALL

New roll call was taken by Brian McBain, Deputy City Clerk:

PRESENT: Councilor David Carter
 Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
 Councilor Ronnie Torres
 Councilor Wayne Gallegos

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Frank F. Ortega

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING THE CITY’S APPOINTED POSITIONS, AS ALLOWED PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 (H-2)

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

The Council entered into Closed Session at 4:22 pm

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to re-enter into Open Session. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

The Council returned to Open Session at 4:53 pm

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to advise that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, and no actions were taken. Councilor Gallegos made the motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

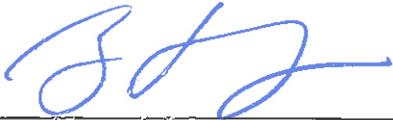
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn today's Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Torres made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gallegos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Brian McBain, Deputy City Clerk