

BELEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 12, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Workshop of the Belen City Council to order at 3:15 p.m. Roll Call taken by Brian McBain, City Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Ronnie Torres
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter

CITY MANAGER: Leona Vigil

CITY CLERK: Brian McBain

REPORTER: Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: Audience Members

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Ortega made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

A) MAGISTRATE COURT RELOCATION PRESENTATION

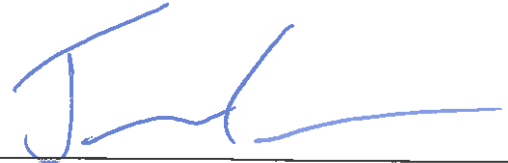
Ms. Engineer presented this information to the Council advising of two separate locations and designs, the first location would be in the City Hall parking lot, the second location was proposed at the hospital property using about 1.5 acres for construction, in the City Hall parking lot there are two settings for the building, one is to have the opening facing City Hall and the other could have the opening facing Becker Street. Councilor Gallegos advised that he would like to ensure that if the hospital site was used, we would want to ensure proper drainage in that area. The cost for construction to either site is estimated to be around \$4.8 million which would translate to a lease payment of around \$33 per square foot for a 30 year lease period. Judge Chavez advised that the court has been offered a property in Rio Communities, and has been made aware that the VC News Bulletin building will be available soon. Mayor Cordova advised that he would like to see a building that is more traditional to the area and not designed in a modern style. After discussion and presentation, the Council advised that they would like this process to move forward, placing the new magistrate building in the City Hall parking lot, facing Becker, opening up the alley of Main St for more traffic control/access. The City will be looking at financing options but will need to get a lease approved through the state first. The agreement/lease information should be brought to the Council at the May 7th 2018 Regular Meeting for approval or disapproval.

ADJOURNMENT:

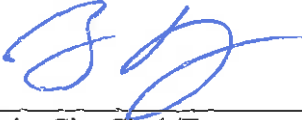
Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn today's Workshop. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motion Carried



Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Brian McBain, City Clerk/Treasurer