

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City council to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call taken by Leona Vigil, City Manager.

PRESENT: Councilor Frank Ortega
Mayor Pro-Tem Darleen Aragon
Mayor Jerah Cordova
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

ABSENT: Councilor David Carter

CITY MANAGER/CLERK: Leona Vigil

REPORTER: Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached Sign-in Sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jerah Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Jerah Cordova stated that he had a request to swap item 9 with item 8; with that request, he asked for a motion. Councilor Gallegos made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval of the February 6, 2017 minutes. Councilor Aragon motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega	Abstained	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cordova asked if there was anyone present tonight that had a public comment. There were no public comments and this portion of the meeting was closed.

PRESENTATION

VALENCIA COUNTY SENIOR OLYMPIC PROGRAM PRESENTATION: *Helen Abeyta*

Helen Abeyta, a member of the Valencia County Senior Olympic Board, announced the upcoming Valencia County Senior Olympics and asked the City to take the time to promote this event. She also explained that

there was a form that challengers can fill out and record their exercise time. The challenger with the most time will receive an award from the Senior Olympics. A list of the 2017 Senior Olympic annual events are attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference.

PUBLIC HEARING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR CITY CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO KETER LAND EXCHANGE ORDINANCE #2017-02: Steve Tomita

Renee Barela-Gutierrez, City Attorney and Ed Duffy representing Keter Plastics reported that Keter Plastics was looking to close on the industrial property in the middle of March. Renee explained that there are two ordinances to be approved in order to move forward with the IRB process. Mayor Cordova explained that one ordinance is for the City's contribution and the other one is for the State's contribution.

Mayor Cordova opened the issue up for a Public Hearing and asked if there was any one in the audience for or against the ordinances. There were no public comments and Mayor Cordova closed the public hearing.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval or disapproval of the Project Participation Agreement for City Contributions pursuant to the Keter Land Exchange Ordinance #2017-02.

Councilor Gallegos motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motioned Carried

Mayor Cordova asked for approval or disapproval of the Project Participation Agreement, pursuant to LEDA Project Ordinance #2017-03.

Councilor Gallegos motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motioned Carried

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. Manny Garcia

Chief Manny Garcia is seeking approval for two fire department employees to attend Hydrolic Training in May. He stated that the training will be beneficial to the department. Councilor Ortega asked the Chief if he was using ISO money. Chief Garcia answered yes.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for approval or disapproval of the out of state travel for two Fire Department employees. Councilor Ortega motioned for approval. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF WATER AT SUNRISE BLUFFS: *Steve Tomita*

Steve Tomita advised the Council that Sunrise Bluffs has met all of their specifications and requirements of the Water and Waste Water Utility Acquisition Agreement. He stressed that the Public Works Director reviewed the infrastructure lines that were videod and had approve them. The City will take ownership of the water and wastewater lines with the exception of lines on individual owned property. Steve is seeking final approval of the Acquisition Agreement.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval or disapproval of the agreement for acquisition of water and waste water utilities located within sunrise bluffs subdivision. Councilor Ortega motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE AUCTION LISTING: *Ashley Horton*

Ashley Horton went over her list of auction items; the items were from the Police Department. Ashley explained that the plan is to sell the Crime Scene Unit and use the money to purchase two SUVs. The Crime Scene Unit will have a reserve of \$50,000. Chief Scott Conner reported that the Department has had it for about eleven years and it is much more that the City needs.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval or disapproval of the auction listing. Councilor Ortega motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE MOU WITH BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. *Councilor Carter*

Council Carter was not in attendance at tonight's meeting; therefore Councilor Gallegos motioned to table the approval or disapproval of the School Resource Officer MOU. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL TO ADD LEONA VIGIL, CITY MANAGER AS A SIGNER TO THE CITY'S METER DEPOSIT BANK ACCOUNT HELD AT MY BANK. *Roseann Peralta*

Roseann Peralta reported that in order to add Leona to the account the City has at My Bank, she needs to present them with a signed letter and a copy of the minutes showing approval.

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for an approval or disapproval of adding Leona Vigil as a signer to the City's Meter Deposit Bank Account held at My Bank. Councilor Ortega motioned to approve. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motioned Carried

City Manager Report

Leona reported that she met with members of the Food Pantry last week and they were thankful the City was helping them find a building to relocate to during construction of the Fire Station. The City was notified that Union Negotiations will be starting soon. The Belen Neighborhood Watch Group held a clean-up on Saturday behind the Paradigm building on Camino de Llano and Mesa Rd. Councilor Ortega asked about the lights on 1200 South Main Street. Leona said that she received a voice mail from PNM's new representative and will be calling him back tomorrow. Councilor Ortega asked about the VA Memorial; Steve answered that he has a requisition into Finance. Roseann added that Steve needs to issue the Notice of Obligation for the archeologic work and engineering.

Communications from the City Council

Councilor Aragon: She reported that there were homeless living under the carport in which she was selling; police came out and they were very nice. She went to Santa Fe and the Matanza was a complete success. She was also there for MainStreet. Belen MainStreet will be hosting a workshop February 22nd from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM; the discussion is on how to make Belen better.

Councilor Ortega: He attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Eagle Park; "Chief Conner did a good job". He added that there were 80 plus in attendance. He gave a shout-out to the Belen Basketball and Wrestling Teams. He also gave a shout-out to his best friend Wayne Gallegos and his wife, along with Jimmy Sanchez and his wife for their support during the loss of his sister. He recognized Chief Manny Garcia for participating in the honorable service for his sister, former fire fighter Gloria Ortega.

Councilor Gallegos: On the 7th he attended the VALEO meeting in Peralta. On the 9th he attended the IT Committee Meeting; they reviewed the plan and we are on track. The IT Committee will be placing nine screens in the Council Chambers, which are for the public's use. The IT Committee is working on the Security Cameras Policy. On the 10th he went to Santa Fe to help with the Matanza. He participated in the meeting with the Food Pantry. He also reported that the City lost a fellow fire fighter, Gloria Ortega.

Mayor Cordova: He attended the VALEO meeting on the hospital. He mentioned that it was unfortunate not to have the County Commission present. He announced that the Street Sweeper is back on the streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Cordova asked for a motion to go into an executive session to discuss pending or threatened litigation of possible legal action pertaining to NMDOT/FHWA interchange improvement requirements as per allowed the Open Meetings Act; 10-15-1 (H-7)

Councilor Gallegos so moved. Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Darleen Aragon	Yes	
Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	Motion Carried

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to re-enter into an open meeting from a closed Meeting. Councilor Ortega so moved. Councilor Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motion Carried

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for attestation that discussion was limited to pending or threatened litigation of possible legal action pertaining to NMDOT/FHWA interchange improvement requirements as per allowed the Open Meetings Act; 10-15-1 (H-7) and no action was taken. Councilor Gallegos so moved. Councilor Ortega seconds the motion. *Roll Call Vote:*

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Gallegos motioned to adjourn. Councilor Aragon seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Darleen Aragon Yes
Councilor Wayne Gallegos Yes Motioned Carried

/s/ _____
Jerah Cordova, Mayor

/s/ _____
Leona Vigil, CMC
City Manager