

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**November 7, 2014**

**10:00 A.M.**

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Workshop of the Belen City Council to order at 10:00 A.M. Roll call taken by Jay Ruybalid, City Manager.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jerah Cordova  
Councilor Darleen Aragon  
Councilor Frank Ortega  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**ABSENT:** Councilor David Carter

**CITY MANAGER:** Jay Ruybalid

**OTHERS:** Charles Rennick, City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Jerah Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilor Frank Ortega asked to add an Executive Session to the Agenda for pending or threatened litigation and limited personnel matters. Mayor Cordova asked if there was an objection. There was no objection, and Mayor Cordova asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE**

Mayor Cordova informed the Council that there were some issues during the last Election due to the City’s existing Sign Ordinance. Charles Rennick passed out a working draft of the proposed amended ordinance; a copy of which is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Mayor Cordova went over the proposed changes, and discussion was held amongst the council members regarding some additional changes and fees they would like to see in the new ordinance. Charles will work on the suggestions and concerns within the ordinance and bring back to the Council for a hearing and adoption.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked to go into Executive Session for pending or threatened litigation and limited personnel matters. Councilor Frank Ortega so moved to enter into Executive Session. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to leave Executive Session and enter into the Open Meeting. Councilor Darleen Aragon made a motion to enter the open meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for attestation that Executive Session was limited to pending and threatened litigation and limited personnel matters with no action was taken. Councilor Frank Ortega moved the motion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jerah Cordova asked for a motion to adjourn the workshop. Councilor Darleen Aragon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Frank Ortega seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

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Jerah Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leona Vigil, City Clerk, CMC