

BELEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call taken by Brian McBain, City Clerk.

PRESENT: Councilor Frank F. Ortega
Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter
Councilor Ronnie Torres

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Jerah R. Cordova
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

CITY MANAGER: Not Present

CITY CLERK: Brian McBain

REPORTER: Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached Sign-in Sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Ortega made a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated October 15, 2018 as presented. Councilor Ortega made a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated October 29, 2018 as presented. Councilor Ortega made a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

PUBIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter advised that this section will be for 3 minute presentations, please listen for the timer, also advising that the Council cannot engage in discussion of these items because the issues brought have not been properly notified in the agenda, therefore, the Council will listen to comments only, he also advised the public to please be civil, there is room for all opinions in these chambers. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked if there was anyone with a public comment.

Margarita Sanchez: advised that she is a Belen resident with many roots from when Belen first started. There are two projects proposed by the Federal government to bring spent uranium rods across the nation for storage, they will be bringing this through rail because it is too heavy for trucking, they will store this temporarily and then transport it again to a more permanent storage. 90% of all rail activity comes into Belen, it is not if there is an accident, it is when, if this occurs it will cut off life for the citizens in a 42 square mile radius, other municipalities and governments have proposed and passed a resolution going against this radioactivity, and we are asking that this Council do the same, especially given the water tables that run through Belen.

Leona Morgan: advised that she is a resident of Albuquerque, from the Navajo Nation, and she support stopping new uranium mining, this has been bad for health and environment, she is representing the Nuclear Issue Study Group, and she advised that two waste sites are being proposed, one in NM and one in TX. In the US there are reactors running which makes radioactive waste, these wastes will be stored temporary, transported by rail at least twice, we are worried that it will become permanent in NM, I would ask for support via resolution opposing the transport and storage of this waste, radiation will come from containers along the rail which could be hazardous to the public, any accidents would also be horrible to the community. Building would complete in 2024, so while this will take time to complete, it is apparent that this may move forward and we want to ensure that municipalities are stating their concern before final approval so that State committees in the Legislature can be advised of these objections.

Joe Trujillo: advised he is a parent and grandfather in Belen, last month he advised the Council about the bad shape of the soccer fields in Belen, but tonight he wants to thank the Council and staff for their hard work, he is not sure what was done on the fields but after attending a couple of previous games, the fields seem to be in better shape and they are moving in the right direction. There are still fields out there that need work, and I know that the budget is tight, but it would be nice to continue this work, we cannot let things go to Los Lunas, however, if people want to use the fields, they should pay so that the money can then be used for upkeep, but I wanted to say thank you for your work now.

Mervyn Tilden: advised that he is from Gallup and a member of the Navajo Nation, he wanted to follow up on the resolutions in opposition of uranium transport via rail in Belen, Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Lake Arthur, Jal, Las Cruces and Gallup have adopted opposing resolutions about transporting spent uranium waste that could be hazardous to the health of the people, accidents have happened in the past with other substances, and it can happen with this waste also, which is why this resolution is so important to public safety.

Danny Bernal Jr.: advised that he is here in regards to the ordeal of the proposed Judy Chicago museum, he is appalled by the decisions, Ms. Chicago would bring growth and increased revenue, all she asked for was a full time employee, instead "my council" insulted Ms. Chicago, the Council stated that they do not know her but she was on the agenda, I cannot believe the Council does not know what is on the agenda, research should have been done first, to say that you are against art is not in support of this community, after insulting, you hide behind funding for police officer, you used money for the \$50,000 TV, it is only \$11,000 for the employee which the city can afford, to say that people would be here with pitchforks and torches, shows that this Council is not ready for change or growth. Protesting is a growing pain, there is evidence that Ms. Chicago has had a positive impact on local businesses, people in Albuquerque and Santa Fe will bring revenue into the city, to think opposite is naive. You have shown that this Council is not ready for change, but you have also shown that Belen is a small town not ready for progress.

Doug Rietz: advised that he wanted to confirm what Danny has said, he looked at the newspaper and could not believe the comments, I had friends come to Belen, they said this is a great downtown area, Los Lunas does not have a downtown area, the median age of the people in this town is 34 years old, this Council needs to plan on economic development in this area that takes that into consideration, money coming in from Santa Fe and Albuquerque does matter, I would like to see Belen become self-sufficient so that we do not struggle to hire staff or fix issues in the city. I have not looked at Judy Chicago's art but I know her reputation, once a business is here it will bring more businesses in, we cannot just pass on this. The one thing I have a problem with is that the Council is speaking on behalf of the City of Belen, you have reporters writing everything, pick and choose what you say, you are representing us, we are one of the fastest growing counties, and Los Lunas is eating our lunch, we elected Mayor Cordova and we brought in Ronnie Torres because we liked the direction they wanted to take us in, get on board your last two years and move us forward.

Gloria Morales: advised that she is a resident of Belen and would like to speak about the museum issue, there have been a lot of hot heads after the remarks in the paper, but you Mr. Carter said the bottom line is funding, so, there has got to be some creative ways that it can be done through the City, and revenues from the museum would offset the cost. I do not want Belen to be known as the City that turned down a wonderful opportunity from one of Time Magazine's top 100 people, she has a great reputation, some of her art may not be for everyone but the museum would have a good selection, she has done more than just her feminine art, pleased consider options before making a decision, be careful what you say, because some of the more inflammatory comments you made in the paper made us angry, be the Councilors that we elected making the proper decisions, no one is forcing anybody to go to the art museum if you do not want to see it.

Greg MacPherson: I am a Pastor in Belen, I have been one in Belen for 14 year, and I did look at the art. There are many people in our community that would look at this art as vial, as pornography, there is a lot of people in this room that feel that way, one thing I think the City Council needs to do is first answer some questions: Question 1, does the city have any ordinance about operating a pornography business operation within the city limits, Question 2, what constitutes an establishment as being pornographic in its products and promotions, Question 3, since some of the city leaders propose the city finance the museum employee, what precedence does this set with regards to financing an employee with other private enterprises, Questions 4, what are the requirements for a private enterprise to receive financial assistance from the city for the paying of its employees, Question 5, on what basis would such a decision be made to what private enterprises should or should not receive such financing, Question 6, what are the liabilities and possible consequences in expenses regarding a charge of discrimination should the city give one private enterprise and not to the other. These questions need to be answered before we move forward with anything, I am personally opposed to this, not opposed to freedom of speech but I am opposed to the City putting money into something that I feel is vial and pornographic.

Paula Castillo: I was born and raised here in Belen, graduating in 1979, I recently moved back to take care of my mom and now my dad, I am an artist, I want to speak on behalf of my art background, this is not pornography sir, I know pornography and this is not it, but I will speak about it in an art context. I have made pieces for the City of Belen, I would be remiss if I did not thank Ms. Chicago for the see change that she made for women in the art, that is what this is all about, women in the arts. Good art can be difficult, not for entertainment but should make us think of things, looking at the context and impulse, I am hopeful that Ms. Chicago will talk about this, I do not know if I would given the comments, but I hope that she does, this must be painful for her, being in Belen 20 years she has done a lot for Belen in a humble way. She has been outspoken for women in the art world, she fought her male peers for this respect. Judy Chicago can be seen as a controversial artist, but Belen is not adverse to controversy, the Freedom of Religion Foundation has fought Belen on the flag and nativity scene, so this can be handled as before.

Susan Schurman: I live in Albuquerque and I am with the Nuclear Issue Study Group, this is a relatively new group and we meet once a month, I am also representing the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, I am the outreach coordinator there. I have never been to Belen before, it has been a positive experience so far. I took a class at UNM, and in the class it talked about the art of Judy Chicago, so this is an interesting dilemma on the vote you must take for her, I would personally say that if there was a museum down here with her art I would visit it and I would invite my friends to come too. This is not why I am here to speak but I also hope the soccer field is fixed for the kids, people that use the field should contribute to its repairs, I want to support Margarita and Leona, in their comments to pass a resolution to not allow spent fuel rods to be transported through rail in the community. We do not want more radioactive waste in the community, we are urging all communities along the transport route to think about safety, we will get this on the agenda and can talk more later if needed.

Stephanie Guerrero: I am an author, a teacher and a pastor's wife, I did want to speak about the art concept in two ways. Number one I truly believe that I love the concept of Belen being an art hub, we do love art here, but it is not the idea, it is the concern of the subject matter. We have an idea that you have Las Vegas, NV and Branson, MO, both have shows and bring in tourists, I personally would like to see Belen be the Branson, MO, of art, we bring in artists and other things, I did look up the art, I am a female and I understand what she was trying to do in celebrating womanhood, but I also agree that it is inappropriate to display female genitals and other things, this is not something our community represents as a family community, I do believe that she has made beautiful things happen in the community and she is a good citizen but I do not feel that she represents our families or people in the way that we want Belen to be represented in our State. Perhaps we could be an art hub but we need to really look at who we want to be moving forward.

Miguel Sanchez: I have been a resident of this community for 15 years now, I am raising my 16 year old son here. I am a single parent, I was raised that if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem, hearing about soccer fields and losing some kids programs is bad, I moved here from Los Angeles, to raise my children in a small community, it is all about them, I am hearing less of the kids programs, they have a lot to build, we need more music, art and sports in Belen for our kids, allowing them to grow and focus in on morals and values. We also do not need more uranium transports, I see more track coming in and something is going on, so we need to address this.

Deanna Montoya: I was not planning on speaking but I am a small business owner in Belen, I support small business, I want to see Belen grow, they say growth is coming but I have not seen it, things are the same. As far as Judy Chicago and the museum, I am 100% for this, I am open and people have the free choice to go into the museum, other places are crazy and we have a choice of what to do and what not to do, she has brought a lot to the community, she bring internships into her museum, people that come from other states, they spend their money in Belen, contributing to small business, unlike a majority of the people here, whatever business it is we need to try and support this, I do a lot of weight loss challenges, and I contribute to the community, I celebrated 10 years in Belen and awarded a citizen a Cancun trip. No one is going to touch Belen because we are not growing, you guys need to change your mentality.

Heidi Green: I am a dozen at the Harvey House Museum, we have had people visit the museum and ask about Judy Chicago, they want to see her work, some of her work makes me take a deep breath but you do not have to see it, it is your own choice, we are free to make our own decisions.

Ronnie Carbajal: I am a Pastor in Rio Communities but I was born and raised in Belen. I think that we are facing an issue that is very important, someone said earlier that they know pornography when they see it and while I do not like to say this, I do too. The matter here is we could debate what art is and what it is not, it could border on soft porn or art, Ms. Chicago has talent, some things I could deem are inappropriate, the concerning part is what we are looking at, we need to answer those six questions previously presented, we are at a point that we need to define what constitutes pornography and what is not, we need to ensure this is not grayed and taken advantage of. I sent those six points to my fellow pastors and I would ask that you seriously consider this to draw guidelines, before these issues become more serious than they already are, we cannot have an open free for all.

Manual Garcia: I have been in the community for three years, I love the town, I came from a big city, I know what are is about and I know the influence this has on the young mind, good or bad, coming from a big city these things can happen, what is wrong with being a small town. I moved here to get out of the big city, I feel in love with this town for what it is and not what they are trying to make it, Belen is Belen and it is an awesome place to raise children, but the stuff they are talking about bringing in, really, what is wrong with a small community that helps one another, this could give people the wrong idea of what this little town is all about, it's about neighbors, friendship, and loving one another, it is not about trying to be a big city.

Marcella Melendez: Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight, I was born and raised here, I went to school here, I moved away but came back home, this is a small town, a healthy town, I believe that we need to focus on what is good and beautiful, one concern it that Belen has changed, it used to be safe, we trusted each other but is has become full of crime and drugs, we need to restore Belen back to the goodness it was. You start with something and it could evolve to be something you did not want, do we want to take that chance, but my biggest concern is we should not act on this quickly, give people time to get used to the idea and understand it, if not, it will not be good to shove things down people's throats, a couple of weeks is way too soon, slow down, especially in hiring someone, this is tax payers money.

Ignacio Torres: What about all the money that we paid for the hospital, we did not get anything, they should return or money with interest, you need a trauma hospital here, all we hear is promises and they are a joke, people harass me in their cars and I am going to take them out if I need to that is what I am going to do, defend myself.

David Guerrero: Thank you giving us the opportunity to share, I work in Belen and live in Rio Communities, I have been here for 8 years, I am also a pastor. I have concerns about the subjectivity of the art museum that we are considering, there is not a single institute that I would not hesitate to take my daughters to, I am concerned with the subject matter, I have been taught to respect ladies and women, I am married to one, she has taught me the importance and beauty of what it means to be a woman, never once when we had controversy over the Star of Bethlehem or the Nativity was there ever a

question about if these things were pornographic, we did not question this, there should not be a question about things that have to do with our families. We need economic growth and things for our community, I just want to say that you all as Councilors sometimes get a lot of flak and hardship, I want to say thank you for helping serve our community, you all are my friends, we are praying for you, I am impressed ladies and gentleman that we are able to speak in a civil and respectful manner to one another, this is the arena of debate to express concerns. I want our city to progress and be better, and I would like Belen to continue to stand for family.

Margarita Sanchez: thanked the Council for hearing us, and to take this resolution forward to the next meeting. On this other issue, I am not to sanctimonious, the x rated section used to be blocked back in the day and it did not affect my kids, if we respect religious belief about the name of Belen, then we should also respect the other side of the fence, religion is not needed to have respect, we are all residents of Belen and we can also respect art.

Denise Brown: I am from Albuquerque and thank you for welcoming me to this heated session, I am here on behalf of the Nuclear Issue Study Group, regarding the radioactive waste transport, this facility is not WHIP, this is something different, we are dealing with high level radioactive waste in this stance, there have been other counties in Texas that have also passed this resolution, I encourage Belen to request a hearing from the NWCS, in order to hear from you all directly and have input in these decision making process, you should also request the transport routes, especially being the Hub City.

Paula Castillo: Those in conflict with Judy's work should also look at her Holocaust work, and the Michelangelo sculpture in the Sistine Chapel, all works should demand equity in how this is shown, public-private partnerships do exist and this can be done.

There were no further public comments and this portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Brian McBain, City Clerk, asked the Council to please hear "Discussion with Possible Action Items A and B" prior to continuing on with the agenda due to the massive public comments that took place, to ensure these presenters remain on schedule, Mayor Pro-Tem Carter advised that this would be acceptable, and we would then continue on with the agenda as presented after this adjustment.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BELEN MAINSTREET PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

Ms. Rhona Espinoza from Belen Mainstreet presented this modified agreement to the Council advising that changes were made to the funding as detailed in red, this allowed for Belen to help fund the different activities as specified in the agreement but frees Belen of the obligation to provide any funding for the salary of employees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR CO-OP FUNDING REVISION AND TIME EXTENSION WITH NMDOT FOR THE BARBOA PAVING PROJECT

Mr. John Best, Engineer with the City of Belen presented this resolution to the Council advising that due to funding changes we needed to switch the project from Barboa to Bernard, paving and fixing sidewalks and with this change we needed to request a time extension to ensure the plans are created and approved correctly, allowing for expenditure of 2018 funds, making our match \$28,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes

Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried
Resolution 2018-28

PRESENTATIONS

A) INTRODUCTION OF NEW UTILITY CLERK SUPERVISOR

Mr. Brian McBain thanked the Council for their funding support in allowing for this new position to be created, this allows for better customer service and accountability to our citizens in the utility department, and with that he introduced the new Utility Clerk Supervisor, Briana Zierau. Ms. Zierau thanked the Council and advised that she was grateful & excited to be here, ensuring she will work hard to grow with this department and help it grow, advising that she will do her best in this new position.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE AUTHORIZED POLICE UNIFORM POLICY

Lt. Joe Portio presented this new policy as presented to the Council, advising that this policy will change how the police officer wear their vests, allowing for uniformity, comfort, professionalism and efficiency. Sgt. Jose Natividad presented to the Council, showing what these changes would entail in the uniform itself, showcasing the appearance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FTO TRAINING POLICY

Lt. Joe Portio presented this new policy as presented to the Council, advising that this policy will allow for greater training options on each shift. Councilor Ortega wanted to ensure that all vehicles are maintained to ensure our officers have the needed resources. Lt. Portio advised that this would be addressed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO USE TIF FUNDING FOR THE WI-FI REFRESH PROJECT CITY-WIDE

Mr. Johnie Johnson presented a Wi-Fi Refresh quote, advising that this is needed for all City Wi-Fi services in city buildings, our current system is 11 years old, this will also assist in providing free Wi-Fi to the public when they visit out buildings, the amount for this refresh will be in the amount of \$14,087.02, which has been approved by the IT Committee to come from TIF Funding, which we are also asking the Council to approve tonight given that this exceeds the \$10,000 threshold in ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AN MOU FOR THE BUGG LIGHTS EVENT

Ms. Kathleen Pickering presented this MOU to the Council advising that this is needed to ensure proper operation of the Buggs Lights Event that will be happening starting November 24, 2018, this MOU will be valid until we determine how to move forward with this next year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AN MOU WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE HARVEY HOUSE

Ms. Kathleen Pickering presented this MOU to the Council for approval, advising that this is needed now because the Friends of the Harvey House are now listed as their own non-profit (501-C-3), they will handle the money of the Harvey House Donations through this agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Torres made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega	Yes	
Councilor Ronnie Torres	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brian McBain stated: Chief Manny Garcia has advised that emergency flood funding has been approved via a State, so he will begin the process of signatures and properties to start the needed repairs and projects that were determined a priority after the flood event. City Hall staff will be hosting a silent auction fundraiser starting on 11/13/2018 and closing on 11/16/2018, this will be used to help fund the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on December 14, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Torres stated: I spoke to an arborist today, looking at the trees on Main St and Becker St, so they will be sending me a bid to get those taken care of, we looked at this and detailed the work to be done, once I get this information I will bring to Roseann for continuation. I have also been working with contractors on bids for the new Bugg Light building, detailing restoration plans for the future, I will bring those in also. I did speak with the Friends of the Library to make sure we are in conjunction and on the same page for this work.

Councilor Ortega stated: We are working on the VA Memorial and it is coming along, RFP is due Friday for Phase II, we are working on the portable, the building is painted on the outside and sheet rock work will also be starting on this, we are also working with TLC as they have offered to supply the bathroom work inside, making this ADA compatible. We saved money on the painting of the outside due to the hard work of myself, Councilor Gallegos and our wives Louise and Mary Jane, so I thank them for that. We are hoping to get this all done by the next memorial day, so that we can open and have a celebration. The Sisneros Brothers will also be doing laser work for a head stone and another flag pole, so thank you to them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter stated: met with the Celebrate Belen, attended the audit exit conference which will be released after this goes to the State Auditor. I spent several hours on Facebook conversing and trying to get a reasonable dialogue until I had enough of it, then I did not get reasonable. I was appalled that everybody was talking about a subject that they have not done research on, I did my research five or six years ago when I first heard that name. I have been accused of not doing research this but I did my darn research, I looked this up and once was enough for me. Got called all kinds of names, when you take the position you kind of expect it, most of them requested e-mails, if you want to contact us, e-mail your Councilors, you can find the information on the City website, I got five e-mails and not one phone call, Facebook is just a bunch of blowhards that do not have anything else to do. I was impressed by the civility of the people that came down, I am not that civil, I am who I am, and that is all I am, if you do not like it then don't vote for me, I don't care, I ran because they asked me too, it is not for the power. So if you want to run somebody down then why don't you step up, you did step up and run, maybe next time you will make it and you can sit up here, you noticed that we had both sides. Well, paper quoted me pitch forks and torches, and yes, I have used that several times, first time they printed it, I use it when I know an issues will have discussion from two sides, but I can see the controversy brewing, that comes through experience, they were here, it was emotional on one side and the against had good questions. We need to know how much economic development, the anti-progressive three, personally got involved with Loves Truck Stop, we had to work with the brothers to get that going, the economic development committee also meets, if anybody would show up, you could

come and find what we are working on, all three of us are working to get Belen developed, Councilor Torres is also working on this. So we are anti-progressive, even though we are working on an interchange, several businesses in the airport, and sometimes I feel we are trying to do this by ourselves, yet everyone just wants to complain about it. Go ahead and complain, these seats may be open, but I do not see people stumbling over each other to fill them, I will speak my mind, even if you do not like it, don't vote for me, I am unsure where the Mayor went, but he has this all stirred up, this workshop we had was a surprise to three of us, but we could have got information before, it was a surprise to us that we were going to us public fund, I have an issue with using public funds, if the group want to do this on their own, go for it, take us out of the equation, I will donate the first \$100, we will be happy to be out of it, you can open this and display anything you want to. Until you sit in this chair, and you want to make comments on Facebook, I am going to respond, I am an American citizens also, and I am entitled to my own opinion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF: THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRATEGY FOR THE LABOR UNION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED MATTERS CONCERNING PENDING/THREATENED LITIGATION, AS ALLOWED PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT 10-15-1 (H-5) & (H-7)

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Ortega made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

The Council entered into Closed Session at 8:02 pm

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion. Councilor Torres made a motion to re-enter into Open Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:44 pm

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter 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 Ortega made the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a second. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried

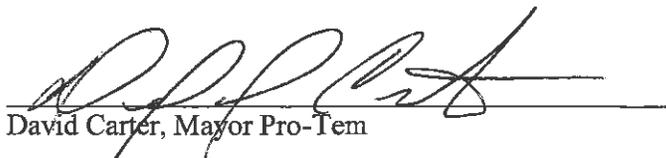
EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM(S)

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter advised that there will be no action based on the discussion from Executive Session at this meeting, and this item was skipped.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Carter asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Ortega made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Torres seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Frank Ortega Yes
Councilor Ronnie Torres Yes
Councilor David Carter Yes Motion Carried



David Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem



Brian McBain, MPA, City Clerk/Treasurer