

## BELEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 29, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Mayor Jerah Cordova called the Workshop of the Belen City Council to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll Call taken by Brian McBain, City Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Councilor Frank F. Ortega  
Mayor Pro-Tem David Carter (*Arrived at 4:06 pm*)  
Mayor Jerah R. Cordova  
Councilor Ronnie Torres  
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

**CITY MANAGER:** Leona Vigil

**CITY CLERK:** Brian McBain

**REPORTER:** Clara Garcia, VC News Bulletin

**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 Torres made a motion. Mayor Cordova asked for a second. Councilor Ortega seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

### DISCUSSION

#### **A) JUDY CHICAGO MUSEUM PROJECT**

Mayor Cordova and Councilor Torres presented a PowerPoint slideshow to the Council detailing the plan to have a gallery for the Judy Chicago and Donald Woodman Story, this gallery and art space would require a part time employee from the City of Belen, and the rest would be funded and provided for by Through the Flower, given the sales from the gift shop. Councilor Gallegos was concerned with the anti-donation clause, ensuring that we did not break any laws in our support or funding of this project, detailing that when the city has gotten involved in the past, we have seen push back from the public, specifically from the past event of a rodeo that had bikini riding involved and the sheep project we once looked at taking control of. Councilor Ortega advised that he was not familiar with this art work or what this would all entail should we move forward with this project. Councilor Carter was concerned that the public may not agree with this type of controversial art that could be presented or what has been represented in the past by Ms. Chicago, advising that he would want the public to be educated about the art, which may help in the push back the citizens could come with the City funding a project like this. Ms. Megan Schultz detailed the story of Ms. Chicago and advised of the support Ms. Chicago brings to Belen. Ms. Barb Jaramillo, Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Steve Tomita and Mr. Mike Moreno spoke in favor and support of this project detailing that it would bring light to Belen and would also show support for artist across the state and nation.

*\*A copy of this recording will be kept on file with the Belen City Clerk for review if requested.\**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

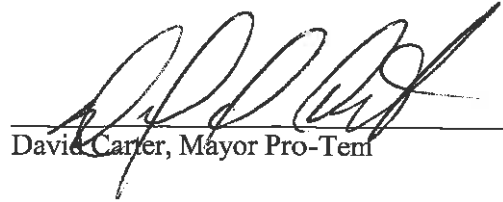
Councilor Ortega seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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



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Brian McBain, MPA, City Clerk/Treasurer



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David Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem