

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo called the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call taken by Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Jerah Cordova
Mayor Rudy Jaramillo
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos
Councilor Wayne Gallegos

ABSENT: Councilor David Carter

CITY STAFF: Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager
Leona Vigil, Deputy Clerk
Lenore Pena, Risk Manager
Chief Dan Robb, Police Dept.
Eddie Jaramillo BPD
Gerald Espinoza, BPD
Kathy Peoples, Fire Dept.
Chris Martinez, Fire Dept.
Nathan Godfrey, Fire Dept.
Elena Garcia, Finance
Adam Keck, BPD
Joe Chavez, BPD
Luis Lopez, BPD
Larry Garcia, Water Dept.

REPORTER: Abigail Ortiz, VC News Bulletin

OTHERS: See attached sign-in sheet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Jaramillo asked to delete number 1, under Section VIII; Discussion with Action Required, and add Public Surplus for Auction as number 1, under section IX; Discussion. Councilor Wayne Gallegos moved approval of the Agenda with the said changes. Mayor Jaramillo asked if there was a second. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	Motion carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DATED JUNE 3, 2013

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated June 3, 2013. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Jerah Cordova seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	abstained
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Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos Yes
Councilor Jerah Cordova Yes Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Tomita. He advised the public that there will be several road closures near Second Street due to filming starting July 5, 2013. Closures will be posted on the City’s web-site.

Dubra Kurnes-Padilla. She thanked the Mayor, Council, and City Manager for being proactive and restricting the fireworks during this dire time.

David Cordova. He is protesting a boundaries line/sewer line that was done by the City of Belen. The sewer line is supposed to be in the alley, but it is located on 10 feet into his property. Mayor Jaramillo advised Mr. Cordova that this issue is already amongst the City’s Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director

Steve informed the Council that the documents they had in their packets is to establish the Belen Economic Development Association. He explained that the basis for putting this resolution together is to try and put the Economic Development under the hospice of the City; however, it has to be a totally separate association. Steve explained that the association cannot be directed or ran by the City; it does allow the Mayor to appoint the majority of the Board Members. The document sets forward the clause for the Economic Development Director of the City to be the Executive Director of the Association. The City will be able to contribute towards projects and special events under the Local Economic Development Association (LEDA) Program. Steve mentioned that developing the Association is all predicated upon the City having an Economic Plan in place. It is up to the Council if the Executive Director should be a voting member or non-voting member. Another item that needs to be set forth and included is a determination of how long the Directors will serve in which are appointed by the Mayor; the members that are elected by the directors will serve for one year. Other members are allowed to be part of the Association; they would be considered due paying members. Another item to be determined is the formation of the Association. Councilor Cordova stressed his concern over the Resolution because it is explicit in the Resolution that once approved the City has jurisdiction over the initial board members but it says clearly that the association shall not be an entity or agency of the City, which means the City can’t be responsible for setting up any part of the organization. He is not comfortable not knowing who the incorporator is since we have no jurisdiction. He is ok with adopting the resolution but not determining anything beyond until the point the documents have been submitted and are back to the Council for the vote of board of directors. Steve informed the Council that the roll of Executive Director is separate from his employment with the City. Mayor Jaramillo asked if the Belen Economic Development Board members can be part of this association. Steve answered he believes that would not be prudent. He believes there would be a conflict; however, the two associations can work together toward the promotion and economic development of Belen. Mayor Jaramillo asked if there were any questions from the public. There were not questions or comments at this time. Mayor Jaramillo closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELEN (“BORROWER”) TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (“NMED”) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION LOAN FUNDS: Mario Juarez-Infante, Wilson & Co.

Mario informed the Council that the draft ordinance is a mechanism that will allow the City to enter into loan grant agreement with NMED, and that the ordinance is part of the comprehensive packet that goes back to NMFA. The amount, for the record, is \$1,011, 364.00. The language is open for planning, design, and construction of the facility. Mario explained that this project, the west mesa drainage, has been in the works. In

2009 the City completed a Drainage Master Plan of the area. The City has focused on portion of the Master Plan to include the interchange of I-25 and Camino del Llano. The focus was on mitigating and taking caring of water that comes off the west mesa and head east. The City along with the engineers have identified approximately a 14 acre facility, approximately 5 acres of property that will drop about 5 feet which gives the City 15 acres of storage. This project will allow the City to take the water that is going under the underground storm drain on Camino Del Llano unplug it, dump it into the future ponds, choke the water back, and release it at a very small controlled rate. The legislators allocated 425,000 in capital outlay the City will use to pay down a loan component of this loan. Mayor Jaramillo and Mario Juarez went over a map of the proposed ponds. Mayor Jaramillo asked if there were any comments from the public:

Adam Keck with the Police Department asked if this project will prohibit the mud that comes down the mesa, and are the drains going to clog up with mud on Camino. Mario answered that the ponds are designed so that they will hold the water and allow all the soil to be filters out of the water and then will bleed out slowly. Mario added that a lot of the structure underneath Christopher Road was too small, so by choking the water the structure will not have to be replaced on Christopher Rd. Adam asked, will the mud still accumulate prior to the ponds. Mario answered the storm drain will carry sand in, and any sediment that gets into the pipes will dump into the pond itself and what comes out of the pond will be clean water. Mario added naturally there will be some erosion that will get into Camino Del Llano and into the pipe. Adam asked if the sediment will clog the drains. Mario answered, no that it should not, but these things do require maintenance.

Rick Gonzales stated that on Camino Del Llano on the south side, as the run off goes traveling from the north side underneath the road, to the south side the ponds build up. He has 10 acres of property on the south side and when the rain comes down at once it comes onto that property and goes onto the curb that the City had put and it starting to build in; that's where the mud is coming in. Mario answered that he was not involved with the work that was done by the corps of engineers, but he would be glad to look into and answer that concern. There were no other public comments or concerns, and Mayor Jaramillo closed the Public Hearing.

AMEND THE ZONE MAP FROM C-1 TO SU-1 FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OR ADDITION OF AN ON-SITE CREMATORY: Robert Noblin

Mr. Robert Noblin is the owner of Noblin Funeral Home. He purchased the Funeral Home 8 years ago today; two years ago he expanded and opened a second location in Los Lunas. He explained that there has been an increase in families choosing cremation, whether for economic reasons, or personal preference. Cremations currently accounts for about 65 to 70 percent of his business. In order to keep costs affordable for families that choose his services, he has decided that the installation of his own on-site crematory would be the best option for the funeral home and for the families that they serve. Mr. Noblin had a map of the proposed crematory. He would be expanding from a one car garage to a two car garage. The hearse will be in one garage, one vehicle will be in the other garage and the third bay of the garage will be where the crematory will be located. This addition will be taking up one parking space in their parking lot. The current garage on his property is 14 x 28; He is wanting to demolish this garage and build a 30 x 30ft three car garage structure at the west end of their parking lot. Mr. Noblin advised the Council that at the P & Z Meeting there were concerns about emissions. He has submitted an application with the Air Quality Bureau and at this point it is still pending. The Air Quality Bureau is looking at issuing a letter that states because of the low emissions and the efficiency of the cremation unit no regulation of those emissions are required; it is called a no permit required determination letter. There were other issues with Planning and Zoning but he feels they have been motivated by other means and are not relevant. Children playing in the park, is not relevant to his crematory, the park is 360 ft from where the crematory will be located. The appropriate neighbors have been notified, and this is the third opportunity for the neighbors within 250 ft properties boundary to be in opposition of what is being proposed. Mayor Jaramillo explained that Councilor Carter could not be at tonight's meeting, but he does have some concerns, therefore there will be another public hearing at the next meeting. Councilor Torres asked Mr. Noblin how he planned on complying with the regulations that change every two years. Mr. Noblin answered that crematories are no longer regulated by any federal guidelines. The EPA quit regulating crematory in 2005. Mr. Noblin explained that The Air Quality Department is compiling, for there no permit required determination letter, is taken off of the heat and mass index. Councilor Torres asked about mercury pollutant. Mr. Noblin explained that mercury

is another emission that was the beginning of the big debate is early 2000s regarding crematory and what was found with mercury was that a crematory that cremated 200 individuals a year, all with silver fillings of some sort, the amount of volatilized mercury would be half the size of a sugar cube. Councilor Torres asked what source of gas would be used for the crematory. Mr. Noblin answered natural gas at 1650 degrees. There is a secondary after burn chamber which will burn at approximately 2200 degrees with a retention time of 2 seconds. The unit that Mr. Noblin is looking at has an emissions monitor and an oxygen opasader. Essentially the emissions monitor will shut the machine down when something starts to exit the stack that is above the accepted level of emissions. Councilor Torres asked about the exhaust in the crematory. Mr. Noblin explained that the type of exhaust that people are concerned about is carbon monoxide. His crematory would emit .14 pounds per hour of carbon monoxide while operating. Mr. Noblin stated that the McDonalds on Main Street in Belen emits .8 pounds per hour, a diesel truck emits .22 pounds per hour while in operation. Mr. Noblin stated that there is no visible smoke or smell from a crematory stack. Councilor Torres asked if there would be particulate matter that would come out of the stack. Mr. Noblin answered that the particulate matter is measured at .01 parts per hour. The particulate is essentially what they want left after the cremation. The crematory unit that they wish to obtain will have a trilogy operating system which has an automatic and immediate trouble shooting and diagnostic system and controls everything from the combustion to the air fuel ratio to increase fuel efficiency. Councilor Torres asked if there would be someone on site when a cremation is taking place. Mr. Noblin answered that he will not have somebody stationed in the facility the entire time the cremation is taking place. This unit will cremate 150 pounds per hour. Councilor Cordova asked for examples of crematories that may be in residential areas. Mr. Noblin answered Direct Services on Fourth Street; they cremate approximately 2500 cremations a year in a residential area. Noblin will cremate approximately 150 to 200 a year. There is a crematory in operation at Fairview Memorial Park on Yale that has housing nearby. Riverside on San Mateo has a facility near offices and a residential area. Councilor Cordova asked if the temperature of the crematory was to be lessened or higher would it effect emissions. Mr. Noblin answered that emissions are absolutely effected by the temperature of the crematory is burning. Crematories have to be maintained, the company which they are trying to buy from recommends that they come in annually for a “tune up” or yearly maintenance. Councilor Cordova asked what the hours of operation are. Mr. Noblin answered the Funeral Home is in operation Monday thru Friday 9 -5 and as needed. They will be able to perform cremations on the weekend as well. Councilor Cordova asked if the cremation at night would effect on emissions, or anything else. Not that Mr. Noblin is aware of. Councilor Cordova stated that it is his understanding that in order for the Council to deny the zone change it has to be based on one of three items. The first item is that it is in someway incompatible with property uses. Mr. Noblin answered that the use as a funeral home is compatible because they are ultimately responsible for the disposition of the deceased individuals; cremation being the number one choice of disposition. Essentially being able to complete the process all on their property without the individual being moved in chains of custody. The second item is if the zone change were in some way contrary to the integrity, character of the zone in which the use will be located. Mr. Noblin feels as if he has made major investments in his corner. He has done about \$220,000 in improvements and he is not in any way going to compromise the integrity of that with a building that is anything less than his current building or up to standard and code. The second part of that item is if there would be a negative impact on the utility or value of property in the zone. Mr. Noblin does not know how his proposal will affect property value. The last item is in order for the City to design that zone we would have to determine that changing the zone would be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare. Mr. Noblin mentioned that they have already discussed the emissions issue, and they certainly don't have any harmful effects as far as public health is concerned or general welfare. Councilor Gallegos asked what the recommendation from the P & Z Commission was. Steve Tomita, P & Z Director answered that the issue was voted 3 to 2; 3 for and 2 against. Councilor Gallegos asked if there was public input at the last P & Z Meeting. Steve answered no, not like tonight. Councilor Gallegos said it is important to hear from all the neighbors in that area. Steve added that there were 30 individuals at the first P & Z meeting in support of the crematory. There were no more questions from the Council; Mayor Jaramillo opened up the issue for public comment.

Bernie Herrera: He lives three houses down from the Funeral Home. He is against the crematory, and is concerned about explosions.

Karen & Terry Maynor: They live right across the street from the Funeral Home. They stressed concerns about the safety that goes with the crematory; they feel because there are so many safety features this proves that this is a dangerous mechanism. They are very much against the crematory. They don't like the idea that it will be located next to a park, and they are concerned with property value. Terry also mentioned that parking is another issue at the Funeral Home.

John Padilla: His father lives on Fourth Street. He is afraid of a mass explosion, safety, and property value. He is really against the crematory. He also stated that having a crematory "there" is degrading to the park.

Al Padilla: He lives on Chavez. He is concerned with the elderly. He believes that this is not a right place to do this, and they need to find another spot.

Herman Tabet: He is the owner of the Lowes Building and doesn't believe they will want to stay there is the crematory passes. He stressed that he is concerned for the people. He believes this is not the place to put it. He said if this passes the other problem will be setting presidency.

Frank Storey: He is a vendor at the Anna Becker Farmers Market. He is against the crematory. Mr. Story asked Mr. Noblin if he planned on cremating livestock or any other kinds of animal. Mr. Noblin answered no; this is strictly a human crematory. He is concerned with the stigma of having a crematory next to a park where there are several events, including the free lunch program. The fact that no regulations or guidelines that govern the emissions further more concerns him. Mr. Storey asked Mr. Noblin, respectfully, to withdraw his application, because this is just not right.

Mona Gonzalez: She does not live in the district, but Mr. Noblin clearly stated he has invested 200 and some odd thousand dollars for his structure. "Well, we have a hell of lot more invested in that here in our City". She exclaimed that this is an absolute disgrace for Mr. Noblin to be doing this. The kids having to know that there are burning bodies, right next to where they are playing, is absolutely terrible. She emphasized that there is so much more property that Mr. Noblin can buy that will not be in a residential area or next to a park.

Carolyn Houston: She has had experience with Mr. Noblin, and what she is hearing is ignorance. (at this point the audience declared they were not ignorant; Mayor called point of order) Ms. Houston explained what she means by ignorance is a lack of knowledge not stupidity. She stated if Mr. Noblin hadn't shown and explained the picture, no one would have thought it was nothing more than a garage. The doors are closed, and no one will see what is happening in there. Mr. Noblin walked through the whole cremation process with Ms. Houston when she lost her daughter. Ms. Houston exclaimed this man is an asset to this community and for this community to put him through what they just did astonishes her. She stressed that as far as the enigma, no one from out of town will ever know there is a crematory located there unless they are told.

Alfred Sanchez: He stated that there is a stigma associated with this particular crematory because it is being built in the heart of Belen. He is concerned with safety also. He asked Mr. Noblin why he doesn't buy property in the outskirts of Belen and build a crematory there. Mr. Noblin answered the reason is because it is comforting for families to know that their loved ones are being handled throughout his facilities, and not moving bodies from one place to another. Mr. Noblin explained when the body goes to Terrace Grove for cremation; the body is out of his custody. Families of a loved one are more comfortable with one business handling the entire process from beginning to end.

Marcella B. Chavez: She has lived on Fourth Street for thirty years and she is opposed of the crematory. She does not want it in the middle of town, much less her backyard. She can't imagine having a bbq while someone is getting cremated.

Carolyn StClair: She does not like the fact of having a crematory in her neighborhood.

Jan Johnson: Stated that Mr. Noblin is a person of integrity who cares and has good character. She informed everyone that Mr. Noblin cremated both of her parents, and she wishes at that time there was an on-site crematory. The turn-around time not having an on-site crematory is a lot longer and at more cost.

Joel Chavez: He works for French Mortuary in Albuquerque. He stated that every time a funeral home wants to put in a crematory there is an up-roar. As soon as the facilities are constructed and are in use, people do not even recognize or know what they are. As far as the stigma, Mr. Chavez explained you have two options for the disposition of your body; one being cremation, and the other being burial. When someone elects to be buried, they often times, opt to be embalmed. Currently in this facility on Reinken Ave., embalming is taking place even as children are playing in the park. French Mortuary owns 5 units that runs 6 days a week from 8-5 all day long and we are located across the street from Menaul School.

Rick Gonzales: The thought of taking his grandkids to the park and them asking where grandpa was cremated and the thought of telling them right next to the park in horrendous.

Ramon Chavez: Stated that he did not receive a letter. He does not want the crematory two doors down from his house.

Dubra Kurnes-Padilla: She is a member of the P & Z Commission and she voted against the crematory. Her vote was based off of the zoning. The City is changing zoning, so it would be spot zoning, and she was concerned about starting precedence.

Alfred Sanchez: He wanted to clarify that the stigma that he and Rod Storey are referring to. The stigma is not the cremation, it is the location of the crematory.

Jay Shippet: He takes his grandkids to this park, and he is against the crematory being located next it.

Unknown: (she did not state her name) She also lost a daughter four years ago, and she was cremated. She would be walking out her door every day and that is what she will get to see. She does not want it.

Steve Tomita: He is the Planning and Zoning Director. He wanted to address the SU-1 and spot zoning. SU-1 is not a spot zoning. SU-1 is a special consideration, a special use that takes a special hearing. A crematory falls under a special use not spot zoning.

Robert Noblin: He thanked everyone who spoke. He understands and appreciates the concerns and sensitivities with what is being proposed. He echoed that he is invested in this community and he would never put anything on his property that would degrade the community. He tries and maintains his property. Mr. Noblin stated with or without a crematory he plans on building a three car garage on his property. Currently Noblin uses the Terrace Grove Crematory that is located out in the County. There are advantages to the families who chose Noblin if they had their own crematory from an economic perspective. Mr. Noblin found it intriguing that P & Z asked him why he didn't want to do this in the City of Los Lunas. This is property that he already owns.

Viola Espinoza: She lives on Third and Ross. She understands all the concerns, however everyone is concerned about property, yet there are vacant dilapidated houses. She asked, "what property value would you

be losing that you haven't lost already". She stressed, death is going to happen no matter what, "would you rather lose your money to Los Lunas than to Belen". She takes her kids to the park; people are worried about what the crematory being next to the park will do to them, but what about gang fights, needles, and drugs. How a parent raises their kids is up to the parent. A parent can teach their kids one of two ways to tell them there are bodies burning in there or you can teach them someone lost a love one and they chose to be cremated.

Mayor Jaramillo asked if there were any more public comments. There were no more comments at this time. Mayor Jaramillo closed the public comment.

DISCUSSIONS WITH ACTION REQUIRED

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD: Steve Tomita, P & Z Director

Mayor Jaramillo informed everyone that this proposal is a resolution and not an ordinance. Steve advised the Council that he wanted to note that one of the reasons this is being formed is for the City to have more input in what happens in economic development. One of the keys to this happening is adding the Economic Development Director as the Executive Director of the Association. Councilor Wayne Gallegos emphasized that the Council take in to consideration what Councilor Cordova has asked on moving forward with this Resolution. The Resolution will be acted upon to form the Association and more work will be needed after the adoption. Councilor Cordova made a recommendation that tonight we make a motion to approve the resolution which allows them to appoint three board members which will be the three required incorporators. Steve added that the bylaws states the Mayor will appoint the majority of the board members; therefore it is up to the Council to attentively decide how many members will be on the association so that they can appoint the majority. Councilor Cordova stressed to the Mayor that he believes they should stick to the three incorporators. If, at that time, the incorporators want to make a bigger Board, we can always come back and add more.

Councilor Jerah Cordova made a motion to approve the resolution which includes appointing three incorporators. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Wayne Gallegos	Yes	
Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	Motion Carries

DISCUSSIONS

PUBLIC SURPLUS ITEMS FOR AUCTION: Lenore Pena

Lenore Pena submitted a list of surplus items for auction. A copy of the list is attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. Lenore advised that some items may be deleted from the list, if other departments can use the item. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos strongly suggested to Lenore that she add the vin numbers to the items. Lenore answered that she is getting ready to do that. Councilor Jerah Cordova stated that the City has a local business that handles auctions, and he would like to give them an opportunity to have this business. He stressed, if the City uses Public Surplus, he will not be supporting this list.

Mayor Jaramillo called for a two-three minute recess. Mayor called the meeting to reconvene.

PERSONNEL AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PROPOSED CHANGES: Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager, CMC

Mary Lucy advised everyone that this process started 3 ½ years ago. The Committee consisted of now Councilor Torres, Pamela, Lenore, Lawrence, Anita, Dan, Manny, Leona, Roseann, Michael, and herself. The Committee has made several recommendations for several changes. She emphasized that these are recommendations only, and employees will have a chance to give their input. She will ask that each employee to submit their concerns in writing. Mayor Jaramillo clarified with Lucy, that it is her suggestion to write their

concerns on the changes only. Lucy added that the draft manual has gone out to the employees. Councilor Cordova suggested giving the employees a two week time frame for responses. Councilor Gallegos wanted clarification on the employees to read the manual on their own time, or during work time. Councilor Gallegos also asked where the written comments will be submitted to. Councilor Cordova recommended the City Manager send out a formal email or letter to each employee that states within the next two weeks the employee shall respond to the changes and collected by the City Manager and then provided to each councilor. Leona stated that she is the one who has edited the personnel handbook, and there are some comments in there that need explaining. She was hoping to have a workshop to explain the changes, and then conduct a second workshop for questions and concerns. She also suggested holding two workshops on a given day for half of the employees to attend each one. Mayor Jaramillo stated that he understands what Councilor Cordova is saying, which simplifies it and puts it on the shoulders of the employees, and he thinks they need to be responsible for understanding the changes. Leona informed the Council that the major complaint from the employees is the vacation leave. Instead of over whelming the City Manager, the Council should just address it. Leona also informed the Council that there is approximately 5 changes that will impact the employees, including the vacation, 1-3 day suspensions which will no longer be grievable, and a positive drug test will no longer have a second chance. Councilor Gallegos believes the Council needs to take the consideration of the employees.

Elena Garcia, Finance: She suggested having a meeting to discuss the issues so that the employees can get the information that they need.

Adam Keck, Police: He agrees with Elena. Some employees do not have access to email. He suggested there be a workshop due to the fact that there is a lot of reading and he does not have time to read through it.

Gerald Espinoza, Police: He agreed with Elena and Adam; a workshop is appropriate to get the information out to the employees.

Mayor Jaramillo stated that it may be more appropriate to get all the employees and go over the major changes, but not open the workshop to public input. Councilor Cordova stated that the office that he works with in Albuquerque would provide a full copy to all the staff and include a page that requires the employee to acknowledge they received the document, and inform them that they have a certain amount of time to respond. It would be incumbent upon the supervisors and managers to ensure that every employee was adequately notified. Councilor Cordova continues to recommend that they respond in writing. He went on to say that when the employees have had enough time to respond, the issue should be brought to the Council for action. Mayor Jaramillo stated that if the Council is good with the recommendation, he feels that is the direction that should be taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report: Lucy went over the City Manager's, and Projects Report. A copy of those reports are attached hereto and made an integral part of these minutes by reference. The blower at the Waste Water Plant has been installed. The Street Department received their new street sweeper today. Christopher Road is underway. The construction on Becker will start after the Festival in August. The City and Our Lady of Belen have come to a consensus on the Festival and Fiestas. The All America Festival is July the 6th; it will be held at the Community Center this year. The Country/Americana Festival will be scheduled for August the 17th from 11-9. No proposals were turned in for the Tree RFP; this RFP will be readvertised. She received quotes on liability insurance today, the cost will be \$40,000 more than last year and that is with a \$50,000 deductible on the Police. Councilor Gallegos asked if there has been a work order on a water break on Tenth & Ross. She will follow up on the issue. Councilor Cordova reported that the volleyball pit at Anna Becker is half way filled with grass. Lucy answered that Lenore is working on that; she is having the crew dig out the grass and is hoping to use the sand from the film crew. Councilor Torres asked how the lighting issue is going. Lucy answered that the North Main lights will be out until NMDOT replaces them. Councilor Torres also reported that the culvert on Impala (by the City yard) is caved in.

Councilor Jerah Cordova: He emphasized that the City needs to have Tree Service to address the issue the City is having with trees. There is a new Pay Day Loan in town; he has had a request from a constituent to see if the City can restrict them or set their rates. He reported that there have been some concerns that the City is

not enforcing its Sign Ordinance. The Sign Ordinance does not allow new billboards in town. He has had meetings with constituents regarding the crematory issue. He met with Belen MainStreet; they need to have a comprehensive plan in place for access to funds. there is a conference for MainStreet on July 25-26. MainStreet is hoping to have the “old city hall” and Domestic Shelter fixed up in time for the Festival.

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo: He took a Little League Team that he helps coach to the Isotopes games on Saturday, and the fireworks were cancelled due to the wind. He attended a Job growth workshop with PNM. PNM have grants for business that are getting started. He attended Trinnies 72 birthday party. He and Wayne cooked breakfast for Father’s Day at the Senior Center. Closing day for Little League was on Saturday. All Stars were picked on that day and will begin on the 28th. He reported that a lot of work has been done to the ball fields.

Councilor Wayne Gallegos: He met with Waste Management on the 6th; the amount of loads have increased a little. WM is concerned that the City is charging the County, but the City is not paying WM for the extra. He advised WM that County residence don’t pay for the transfer station, they just pay for the fee to go in. He attended the P & Z Special Meeting on the 6th at the Library. On the 10th he attended the ICIP training at COG. On the 12th he met, regarding the MOU, between the Schools and the City at City Hall. The Schools will hold an executive session at a School Board Meeting to discuss the MOU. On the 13th he attended the Emergency Meeting at City Hall for the ban of fireworks.

Councilor Audrey Torres: She attended the ICIP training at COG which she found very informative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rudy Jaramillo asked for a motion to adjourn tonight’s meeting. Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Wayne Gallegos seconds the motion.

Councilor Audrey Torres-Vallejos	Yes	
Councilor Jerah Cordova	Yes	
Councilor David Carter	Yes	Motion Carries

/s/ _____
Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Mary Lucy Baca, City Manager, CMC