

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Campos at 5:30 p.m.

Present and answering roll call: Commissioner Gandy, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Sanchez, and Mayor Campos

Also Present: City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, Chief of Police David Rodriguez, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, Finance Director Gary Chapman, and Administrative Assistant Anna Juarez

Invocation: Commissioner Sanchez gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Sanchez led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2016; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher thanked everyone that was present on Clean Up Day and asked if City could have a survey banning plastic shopping bags; City Manager Williams stated he will provide an online survey to see if this is something the public and business owners will support.
- Mayor Campos stated Clean Up Day should be done at least twice a year and appreciated everyone that was able to come out and help. Mayor Campos thanked Evelyn Holguin for the Cinco de Mayo Event. Evelyn Holguin, EDC director, stated they raised \$9,000 of sponsorship for the event, more people than last year especially during the entertainment night, 26 vendors booth, and 5 asado participants; Mrs. Holguin thanked Parks Supervisor Dennis Martin and Public Works Director Wyatt Duncan for providing trash cans and sand bags.
- Commissioner Sanchez thanked all the sponsors, and everyone who contributed to Clean Up Day; it was much appreciated.
- Chief of Police Rodriguez informed Commissioners of lot behind the evidence room working on foundation on the modular building will hopefully be set up by the end of the month. Chief of Police Rodriguez stated the same thing for the shooting range. The excavation has been completed by the City and footing is in place, only waiting on approval for the two trailers. Mobile Data Terminal Use

has not been approved by the State. The application was submitted through the Emergency Management therefore, the State needs to approve the application.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Dry Lands Brewing Company Presentation: City Manager Williams presented to Commissioners of the Dry Lands Brewing Company project. City Manager Williams asked Commissioners if they have any conflicts with look of the layout before it is finalized. Discussion only, no action was taken.

Discussion of 2016 – 2017 Budget: City Manager Williams reported to Commissioners of Lea County Museum request to offset the loss of funding they did not receive from the County. City Manager Williams stated the budget will be submitted for approval on the May 23, 2016 meeting this item will be an action item; it will decrease the general fund reserves below the 40%. City Manager Williams discussed with Commissioners the retiree healthcare options: New Mexico Retiree Healthcare Authority, Age and Service Based benefit for current health plan, and Age and Service Based benefit for supplemental health plan. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of the impact the retiree insurance will have on the budget and pros/cons for the retiree insurance; only four employees meet the requirements at this time. Commissioners and Staff discussed short/long term effect, employee's opinion, grandfathering the four employees with a onetime offer, and current economic timing. Commissioner Trujillo asked City Manager Williams to provide three options in the next City Commission meeting. Public Works Director Wyatt Duncan stated if option was offered to the younger generation to put in 1% towards retirement or taking a raise, they would more than likely take the raise. Finance Director Chapman stated if City offers retirement for one group of employee's, City should be able to offer to all employees; same thing as the health care for all. Finance Director Chapman in reality the excess cost will be \$150,000 a year because we would want to provide health care insurance for all not just a selected group. Discussion only, no action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 542: Approval of a Project Participation Agreement between the City of Lovington and the Dry Lands Brewing Company: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve Ordinance No. 542: Approval of a Project Participation Agreement between the City of Lovington and the Dry Lands Brewing Company; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated Ordinance No. 542 will authorize the City to execute a Project Participation Agreement with the Dry Lands Brewing Company. The PPA will allow for the transfer of \$80,000 to the Company to assist in the purchase of brewing equipment to be placed in and operated in Lovington; funding is provided through the LEDA fund and is an eligible expenditure. City Manager Williams stated Ordinance has been advertised and if approved, the PPA will be executed after 30 days. The Company will also be required to maintain the five newly created jobs and remain in operation for a

minimum of three years from opening of the brewing location. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to advertise Ordinance No. 543: 2016 Uniform Traffic Ordinance Amendments: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to Approval to advertise Ordinance No. 543: 2016 Uniform Traffic Ordinance Amendments; Commissioner Gandy seconded. City Manager Williams stated Ordinance No. 543 will adopt all changes to the Uniform Traffic Ordinance through July 1, 2016; the changes to the code will affect off-highway motor vehicles on streets and highways. City Manager Williams stated Ordinance will be advertised and considered for adoption at the June 13, 2016 commission meeting. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-29: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between Lea County, City of Lovington, City of Hobbs, City of Eunice, City of Jal, and Town of Tatum for the Operation and Maintenance of a P25 800 MHz Radio System: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve Resolution 2016-29: Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between Lea County, City of Lovington, City of Hobbs, City of Eunice, City of Jal, and Town of Tatum for the Operation and Maintenance of a P25 800 MHz Radio System; Commissioner Gandy seconded. City Manager Williams stated agreement has been presented to Commission on two separate occasions for questions and review; Commissioner did not request any changes. This agreement specifies who is responsible for operating this system, providing maintenance, and cost allocation; City of Lovington budgeted cost for system is \$27,750. Angela Martinez, LCCA Director, was present for any questions; none were asked. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-30: Approval of Street Closure Permit for 7th Annual Smokin' on the Plaza June 17-19, 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to approve Resolution 2016-30: Approval of Street Closure Permit for 7th Annual Smokin' on the Plaza June 17-19, 2016; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of temporary closure of portions of Love Street, Washington Avenue and Central Avenue beginning June 17, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. and ending on June 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Tabitha Lawson, Director of Lovington MainStreet, addressed Commissioners of potential vendors and contestants for the 7th Annual Smokin' on the Plaza; discussed the layout for the event. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-31: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Live on Love Concert Series July 16, 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve Resolution 2016-31: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Live on Love Concert Series July 16, 2016; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of temporary closure of portions of Love Street and

Central Avenue beginning July 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and ending on July 16, 2016 at 11:00 p.m. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-32: Disposal and Transfer of Surplus Equipment to the Columbus Fire Department and Boles Acres Fire and Rescue: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to approve 2016-32: Disposal and Transfer of Surplus Equipment to the Columbus Fire Department and Boles Acres Fire and Rescue; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams stated every year the New Mexico State EMS Local System Improvement Grant program where different services apply for funding in New Mexico through special equipment. In this particular case, the fire department has a surplus of defibrillators that are serviceable and can be used by smaller departments; the State has asked if City of Lovington could transfer surplus equipment to the Columbus Fire Department and Boles Acres Fire and Rescue. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-33: SERTPO Policy and Technical Committee Appointments: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to approve Resolution 2016-33: SERTPO Policy and Technical Committee Appointments; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated SERTPO has requested to review appointments to the Policy and Technical Committee. City Manager Williams recommended appointment of Public Works Director Wyatt Duncan to the Technical Committee and City Manager James Williams to the Policy Committee. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-34: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Relay for Life June 4, 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve Resolution 2016-34: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Relay for Life June 4, 2016; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated temporary closure of portions of Love Street, Washington Avenue, and Central Avenue beginning June 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and ending on June 4, 2016 at 10:30 p.m. leaving small gap for the theater to remain open. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2016-35: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Drama Outreach June 10-11 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve Resolution 2016-35: Approval of Street Closure Permit for Drama Outreach June 10-11 2016; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams stated temporary closure of portions of Love Street, Washington Avenue, and Central Avenue beginning June 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and ending on June 11, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. Chief of Police Rodriguez stated his concerns with site plan does not specify why they would want closure of Washington and Central Avenue if they are not going to have anything in this area; details could be worked out. David Soto, event holder, addressed

Commissioners of event to be held only on Friday, June 10, 2016 due to a cancellation of New Life Drama Company from Scottsdale, Arizona. Mr. Soto stated closure of Washington and Central was due to not having any accidents during event, but closure of Love Street only is fine. Mr. Soto stated stage will be on Love Street and explained what the drama team will be presenting. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Accounts Payable: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Butcher second. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andres Arreola apologized for not arriving on time for presentation of Land Brewing Company plan. Mr. Arreola discussed with Commissioners food items, entertainment ideas, and plans for the pizzeria. Mr. Arreola stated target date cannot be established until engineer completes plan.

Fire Chief Lizardo invited the public and Commissioners to view the new ambulance displayed at the station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Campos adjourned, the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK