

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 @ 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, Fire Chief Terrance Lizardo, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Crystal Ball, Finance Director Gary Chapman, and Administrative Assistant Anna Juarez

Invocation: Commissioner Trujillo gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Trujillo led the pledge.

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

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2017 as submitted; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Mayor Campos asked for a moment of silence in honor of Sheriff Steve Ackerman.
- City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of:
 - Announced Debbie Mitchell as Library Director.
 - NMML February 21 – 23, 2017; need to have solid confirmation by February 3, 2017 to make the proper accommodations.
 - Retail Strategies analysis information was summarized.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Evelyn Holguin, EDC Director, informed Commissioners of Retail Strategies reaching out to Wal-Mart.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of Quarterly Financial Report: Finance Director Chapman updated Commissioners on the second quarter Financial Report of Fiscal Year 2016-17. Finance

Director Chapman stated Department Staff are doing a good job of keeping cost down. Discussion item only, no action was taken.

Discussion of City Utility Policy: Finance Director Chapman informed Commissioners of recent fraudulent rental agreements accepted in the water department and water/sewer services were provided to these individuals. Finance Director Chapman stated a check off list was created for proper ownership verification and requesting a notarized contract/rental agreement from the owners to control unpaid service charges. Discussion item only, no action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2017-6: Street light placement in area of 13th and Yucca: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-6: Street light placement in area of 13th and Yucca; Commissioner Gandy seconded. City Manager Williams stated Resolution 2017-6 was tabled pending additional data at the January 9, 2017 Commission Meeting; night time photos were obtained to demonstrate lighting. City Manager stated Planning and Zoning Commission did recommend denial of this request; annual utility costs increases by \$105.00 per each additional light. Commissioners and Staff discussed trimming large tree, adding porch lighting, and other neighboring areas in neighborhood with the same issues. There being no further discussion; all voted Nay, motion was denied.

Consider Resolution 2017-7: Approval of MOU between Nor Lea Hospital and the City of Lovington for irrigation of Community Health and Wellness Center outdoor spaces: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-7: Approval of MOU between Nor Lea Hospital and the City of Lovington for irrigation of Community Health and Wellness Center outdoor spaces; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated Legal has added a drought and emergency clause as well as maximum volume of water used to document. The water would be provided at not charge in exchange for allowing public use of the outdoor open space; water is not too exceed \$3,600 annually. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-8: Approval of utility easement for NM Gas Company in municipal wellfield: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to consider Resolution 2017-8: Approval of utility easement for NM Gas Company in municipal wellfield; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Crystal Ball stated NM Gas Company has requested a 50 foot easement; this easement is for the installation of a natural gas line to service Navajo Refinery. Toney Evans, Operation Supervisor, stated the old line will be killed, capped and abandoned in place; this will be a secondary feed into Lovington. City Attorney McMahon stated granting the easement has no impact on abandoning the old line. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-9: Lovington Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to consider Resolution 2017-9: Lovington Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment for Dave Rowser; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Mayor Campos called for a roll call; Commissioner Gandy – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – No, Commissioner Butcher – No, Commissioner Sanchez – Yes, and Mayor Campos – No. Motion did not pass. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to appoint Joel Gomez to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Joel Gomez gave a brief life history and stated he looks forward to serving on the board. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously to appoint Joel Gomez to the Planning and Zoning Board term will expire January 2020.

Consider Resolution 2017-10: Lea Community Foundation for the Arts City Representative Appointment:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-10: Lea Community Foundation for the Arts City Representative Appointment; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Commissioner Trujillo amended his motion to appoint Commissioner Scotty Gandy to the Lea Community Foundation for the Arts; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-11: Award of Street Yard/Convenience Center Fence Installation:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to consider Resolution 2017-11: Award of Street Yard/Convenience Center Fence Installation; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated Staff received sealed bids on January 10, 2017 for the installation of a fence that will surround the Street Yard and Convenience Station; four bids were received and tabulated. Staff recommends awarding bid to Carreon Construction, LLC as they are the lowest bidder and meet all requirements. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously to award project to Carreon Construction.

Consider Approval of Accounts Payable:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Trujillo second. There being no further discussion, Mayor Campos called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:10 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo moved to adjourn the Regular Session and convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 Subsection H-2, regarding limited personnel matters: Employee Resignation; Commissioner Sanchez seconded, a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Sanchez – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Gandy – Yes, and Mayor Campos - Yes.

At 6:28 p.m., Commissioner Gandy so moved to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session stating that matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion and no action was taken. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Sanchez - Yes; Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Gandy - Yes; and Mayor Campos – Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANNA JUAREZ, DEPUTY CITY CLERK