

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

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

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

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

Invocation: Commissioner Bengé gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Bengé led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to amend the agenda to read Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, instead of December 7 as published. Commissioner Butcher seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé - Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2015, Special Called Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2015 and January 4, 2016: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2015, Special Called Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2015 and January 4, 2016; Commissioner Campos seconded. Roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Finance Director Chapman stated City should receive audit by the end of the month.
- Planning and Zoning Coordinator Crystal Ball was introduced and welcomed by the Commissioners.
- City Clerk Hogue was welcomed back after medical condition.
- City Manager Williams reminded Commissioners of Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Thursday at 6 p.m. City Manager Williams updated Commissioners on playground equipment and walking path around the splash pad was delayed because of the weather; playground date of completion is January 28 and walk path date of completion is January 29.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2016-2: Endorsement and Commitment of Support for the Lovington Community Wellness and Fitness Center: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-2: Endorsement and Commitment of Support for the Lovington Community Wellness and Fitness Center; Commissioner Bengé seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of Resolution 2016-2 will endorse the plan for the Community Health and Wellness Center as presented by David Shaw. The Resolution will also give the City's commitment to provide operational funding assistance to the hospital for a five year period. A formal agreement will be drafted and presented to the City Commission for their approval in the spring of 2016. David Shaw stated Nor-Lea Hospital is in the design phase, construction to begin May 2016; with a completion date of December 2017. Mayor Gandy and Mr. Shaw discussed endorsement support from the Lovington School and Lea County; Mr. Shaw stated if one entity is not in agreement, Nor-Lea would have to meet with the two other entities and come up with a different plan. Mr. Shaw stated the direction the healthcare is going, they will start reimbursing based on health and wellness of community, with fewer visits to the hospital this will help decrease cost in healthcare premiums. Commissioner Campos stated he feels positive about the Lovington School supporting Nor-Lea Hospital; Mayor Gandy stated his concerns are from past history and performance from the Lovington Schools. Mayor Gandy asked about the five year commitment; Mr. Shaw stated he would like for commitment to be a long term partnership; the plan is to generate enough revenue to offset expenses. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2016-3: Execution of NMDOT FFY 2016 RTP Grant: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider Resolution 2016-3: Execution of NMDOT FFY 2016 RTP Grant; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of grant which will authorize the Mayor to execute a grant agreement between the City and the NMDOT for the design of the multi-use trail between Chaparral Park and the downtown area; NMDOT grant \$140,301 with the City portion \$23,908 for a total cost of \$164,209. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2016-4: Execution of NMDOT FFY 2016 TAPF Grant: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider Resolution 2016-4: Execution of NMDOT FFY 2016 TAPF Grant; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of resolution which will authorize the Mayor to execute a grant between the City and the NMDOT for pedestrian, bicycle, ADA, and streetscape improvements on Washington Street between Main Street and

Love Street; NMDOT grant \$58,954 with the City portion \$10,046 for a total cost of \$69,000. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Appointments to Senior Citizen Board: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Campos so moved to consider appointments to Senior Citizen Board; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of Donna Dean and Ben Quiroz both members were serving, but are not seeking reappointment; Shirley Choate and Fred Browning are current members and do desire reappointment. City Manager Williams summarized the results from survey in regards to services and board representation; Senior Citizen Board is a two year term. Commissioner Bengé so moved to amend motion to reappoint Shirley Choate and Fred Browning and fill the other two position as names are provided to Commission; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on amendment: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on motion: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Campos so moved to consider appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of David Lynch expired term to Planning and Zoning; no requests were received for appointment. Commissioner Bengé so moved to amend motion to reappoint David Lynch to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on amendment: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on motion: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Appointments to Library Board: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider appointments to Library Board; Commissioner Campos seconded. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of Susan Bogan and Miguel DeLaCruz both desire reappointment to the Library Board. Commissioner Bengé so moved to amend motion to reappoint Susan Bogan and Miguel DeLaCruz to the Library Board; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on amendment: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on motion: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes,

Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Appointments to Extraterritorial Zoning Board: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider Appointments to Extraterritorial Zoning Board; Commissioner Campos seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of expired term for Randy Pettigrew, Betty Price, and Raymond Moreno; all desire reappointment for a one year term to ETZ Board. Commissioner Campos so moved to amend motion to reappoint Randy Pettigrew, Betty Price and Raymond Moreno to the Extraterritorial Zoning Board; Commissioner Campos seconded. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on amendment: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken on motion: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consideration Approval of Lodgers Tax Funding: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the Lodger’s Tax Funding Recommendations; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of the Lodger’s Tax Board recommendations from the January 6, 2016 meeting. City Manager Williams stated the Board determined that given the number of request to split excess of \$1500 three ways and leave \$4,000 in reserve.

Recommended level of funding for each project:

- Theatre Marketing and Promotion \$ 1,925.61
 - Museum Gala/Benefit \$ 1,925.61
 - 7th Annual Spring Bash \$ 1,846.44
- Total of \$ 5,697.66

There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Approval of Accounts Payable: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Butcher second. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was made.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:00 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo moved to adjourn Regular Session and convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H-8, regarding the purchase, acquisition or disposition of real property or water rights – Sale or lease of City real property. Commissioner Butcher seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Bengé - Yes; Commissioner Campos - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher – Yes; and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

At 6:55 p.m., Commissioner Campos so moved to adjourn 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 Bengé - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Campos – Yes; and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Gandy adjourned, the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
SCOTTY GANDY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK