

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 @ 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 Sanchez, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gandy and Mayor Campos

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

Department Heads: Wyatt Duncan – Public Works Director, Darren Click- Water Supervisor, Miguel DeLaCruz – Wastewater Supervisor, Bernardo Gutierrez Sr. – Street/Solid Waste Supervisor, Danny Reynolds – Cemetery Supervisor, Laura Brock – Animal/Code Enforcement Supervisor, Terrance Lizardo – Fire Chief, Dennis Martin – Parks Supervisor, Marcial Rubio – Recreation Supervisor, Jami Bailey – Youth Center Director, Norma Vejil – Senior Center Director, Tueredia McBride – Library Director, and Crystal Ball – Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Invocation: Mayor Campos gave the invocation

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Work Session: City Manager Williams discussed GRT, frozen jobs in the City, merit increase for employees, and increase in health insurance. City Manager Williams discussed in detail of a Revenue Contingency Plan for the 2016-2017 fiscal years; City Commissioners agreed with plan, but hope the City does not have to implement plan. City Manager Williams discussed some options for medical insurance coverage for retirees. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of Capital Expenditures projects such as repair and reconstruction of streets, heavy equipment, patrol vehicles, generator, water meter replacement and other various items.

The expenditures for the general fund summary are as follows:

- Judicial – \$114,287 budget request (20% increase) - full conversion to City Enterprise Software System
- Executive – \$157,803 budget request (-36% decrease) – decrease due to Assistant City Manager position was frozen and duties have been absorbed by the City Manger
- Legislative – \$276,966 budget request (46% increase) – consist of City Clerk, Lovington City Commission and Attorney, auxiliary & travel expenses
- MVD – \$159,750 budget request (-3% decrease), insurance cost, same budget
- Finance – \$2,211,566 budget request (-14% decrease), office printer, pays multiple salaries, health insurance, retirement plans, accounting system and licensing's, complete the transition and implementation of the new municipal enterprise software

- Parks – \$311,636 budget request (-4% decrease), refine and enhance the maintenance plan for all parks, to include, fertilization, spraying and upgrade of other sprinkler systems
- Recreation – \$298,123 budget request (-12% decrease), renovation of Love Field restrooms, refine system for field use and reservation
- Pool – \$104,464 budget request (-11% decrease), exterior landscape border improvements, circulatory pump replacement if required.
- Museum – \$62,999 budget request (-16% decrease), employee funds, building maintenance, and supplies for upkeep
- Senior Citizens - \$448,527 budget request (8% increase), new ADA accessible van
- Library - \$368,013 budget request (-6% decrease), utility cost, upgrade security system
- Cemetery - \$189,593 budget request (-14% decrease), reconstruction of main road and improvements of accessory road
- Animal Shelter - \$117,100 budget request (21% decrease), continue fencing large animal pen with metal fence
- Code Enforcement - \$139,846 budget request (-8% decrease), consists of salaries
- Planning & zoning - \$72,712 budget request, consists of city planning and zoning coordinator, software cost, postage
- Police - \$2,995,902 budget request (8% increase), evidence building and impound lot, Sallyport repairs, K-9 animal replacement, purchase and equip 4 patrol vehicles, and public safety building generator
- Fire - \$1,466,545 budget request (-6% decrease), public safety building generator and fire station design
- EMS - \$15,340 budget request (-23% decrease), NMDOT Grant, miscellaneous equipment replacement
- Ambulance – \$803,838 budget request (11% increase), total revenues \$675,070, new ambulance and power load stretcher payment
- Street - \$617,796 budget request (-10% decrease), North 17th Street reconstruction Phase II, Polk Avenue and 7th Street drainage improvement, CDBG Roadwork program, Central Plaza Phase II, repair additional streets, and put more flashing school zone signs up replacing old non flashing signs.
- Denton Building - \$19,978 budget request (32% increase), utility cost and supplies
- Troy Harris - \$19,700 budget request (-17% decrease), cost of upkeep
- Special Recreation - \$53,610 budget request (0% increase/decrease), complete gymnasium
- Utilities Fund – total revenue \$3,092,496 (-41% decrease) and total expenditures \$3,811,077 (-35% decrease)
- Water Fund - \$2,657,507 budget request (-44% decrease), includes all utilities personnel insurance and retirement costs, public works building remodel, Polk tower re-painting, water meter replacement, well field improvements
- Wastewater - \$1,043,438 budget request (159% increase), Wheel loader, pickup truck ½ ton

- Solid waste - \$1,926,671 budget request (-12% decrease), includes Public Works Administration and Keep Lovington Beautiful funds
- Fire Protection Fund - \$81,746 budget request (4% increase)
- Law Enforcement Protection - \$34,400 budget request, equipping vehicles
- Lodger’s Tax Act - \$56,000 budget request (-25% decrease)
- Judicial Education Fees -\$7,200 budget request (17% increase), fees
- Court Automation Fees -\$13,000 budget request (5% increase), fees
- Saltwater Disposal - \$0 – funds will be directly deposited into the General Fund
- Capital Improvement Fund - \$689,167 – consists of 17th Street Phase II and Fire Station design
- Debt Service Fund - \$687,450 – fund was created in order to pay the debt created from the HHGRT revenue bonds sale
- Correction – total revenues \$40,000 (-1% decrease) and total expenditures \$40,000 (-1% decrease)
- Special Gasoline Tax - \$1,139,434 budget request (226% increase), North 17th Phase II, 7th and Polk Drainage, Central Plaza Phase II, and Road Improvement Projects.
- Local Economic Development Act - \$473,034 - used for Economic Development activities

Discussion of Commission Goals: Commissioner Gandy asked Commissioners to consider “What are we doing?” and “What direction is the City going?” Commissioner Gandy referenced these questions due to the variance which was brought in front them in last commission meeting and was approved because of friendship. Commissioner Gandy would like for Commission to work towards a positive, such as Keeping Lovington Beautiful. Commissioner Trujillo stated he appreciated City Employees for working together and proud of management for making good decisions; thanked Chief Rodriguez for putting us on the map for being the safest town in NM. Mayor Campos, echoed Commissioner Trujillo comments, and stated tough times are here; thanked City Manager Williams and Staff for their sacrifice that they have made and will have to make in the future. Mayor Campos thanked everyone for their dedication

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK