

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2013, 6PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
105 PASEO DE OÑATE, ESPAÑOLA**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Mayor Lucero with the following in attendance:

Mayor:	Alice A. Lucero
Mayor Pro Team:	Dennis Tim Salazar
Councilors:	Pedro Valdez
	Robert Seeds
	Peggy Sue Martinez
	Cory Lewis
	Eric Radosevich
	Elaine Herrera

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lucero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/INVOCATION

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez gave the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda as presented:

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- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/ INVOCATION**
- D. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- G. COUNCILOR COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- H. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR**
 - 1. Employee of the Month- Greta Trujillo
 - 2. Recognition of Retirees-
 - a. Marvin Martinez
 - b. Stephen Branch
 - 3. Proposal of Electronic Agenda and Packets
 - 4. Legislative Request Package
- I. BUSINESS WITH VISITORS**
 - 5. Information regarding the Two Mil Levy, Art Blea, Española Public Schools Superintendent

J. REPORTS

6. **Council Committees** (Public Safety, Public Works)
7. **Council Appointed Liaison** (NCSWA, NCRTD, E911, Beautification Committee, Veteran's Commission, Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, Redi-Net)

K. CONSENT AGENDA

8. Minutes
 - a. 9.24.12 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. 10.15.12 City Council Work Session Minutes
 - c. 10.23.12 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - d. 11.13.12 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - e. 11.26.12 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - f. 12.3.12 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
 - g. 12.10.12 City Council Meeting Minutes

L. ITEMS PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Resolution 2013-01:Española Main Street Study
10. Approval of Animal Shelter Proposed Expansion
11. Approval of Expenditure- \$30,000 to North Central Solid Waste Authority for Polycarts
(Removed from the table by Councilor Lewis)
12. Resolution 2013-02: Approval of NNMC Legislative Efforts
13. 10% Temporary Retroactive Increase for Court Administrator Jolene Miera

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsection (2) limited personnel matters; (5) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations; (7) attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatening or pending litigation in which the public is or may become a participant; (8) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lucero stated that there was a change to Item #9- Resolution 2013-01. She said that Mr. Ted Garcia called her and informed her that his department was not prepared to make a presentation but would be prepared by the next council agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Tim Salazar questioned City Attorney Frank Coppler about the approval of expenditures. He asked if they were allowed to hear this as it had not been brought back to the table. Mayor Lucero stated that the council had done away with the finance committee; therefore, it was permissible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar verified that council would be able to hear it and questioned why item # 13- regarding Court Clerk Jolene Miera was listed as action item. City Clerk Tessa Jo Mascarenas stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar had made an email request regarding her salary which requested that the Council be allowed to take action and she may have misinterpreted that as a request to place it as an action item. City Attorney Frank Coppler advised that the Council could not make a decision in Executive Session, but may discuss it at that time.

Councilor Martinez requested that, in the future, any Executive Session matters be listed on the agenda so that everyone was aware prior to the meeting. Councilor Peggy Sue

Martinez continued, "A lot of times Council are sitting for long periods of time and by the end of the night no one thinks they are going into Executive Session, but at this point everyone is spent."

Mayor Lucero stated that it was standard language/procedure and when the motion was made, that was when a subject had to be specified. Councilor Martinez expressed her belief that the Council really wanted to follow the Open Meetings Act, it would be important to know the reason for going into Executive Session.

Mayor Lucero stated that she would like to move Item #12, 2013-02 Approval of NNMC Legislative Efforts up on the agenda as Dr. Nancy Barcelo, Ricky Serna, Alfred Herrera and other members of the NNMC staff and Regents were present. Councilor Robert Seeds requested that it be moved prior to Matters of the Mayor. Mayor Lucero agreed.

Motion by Councilor Martinez to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Radosevich.

Motion carried 7/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one in attendance wishing to comment.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Valdez pointed out that since desert storm, Richard Marquez had committed to flag detail and maintained the grounds nicely. He noted that there were new markings on St. Rd. 30, allowing a left turn. He stated that the City was being kept clean overall.

Councilor Robert Seeds questioned Interim City Manager Joe Duran by asking, "Is Marvin Martinez being dealt with?" Interim City Manager Joe Duran stated that Marvin had abided accordingly to the policies in place which reflected that the City did not pay for comp time. He continued that "Policy is specific, but they can also revisit the idea of possible changes."

Councilor Robert Seeds stated that because of failures in the past, they needed to look at making changes. He added that many projects had been proposed and questioned if there was anyone being interviewed for the position. Interim City Manager Joe Duran stated that he was doing the job but he could not do it in the long term.

Councilor Radosevich stated that he had witnessed a couple of lights out on the bridge the previous evening.

Interim City Manager Joe Duran acknowledged that he was aware of the situation and confirmed that the Department of Transportation was looking into it.

Mayor Lucero commented that there had been rumors about the possibility of there not being enough natural gas throughout the valley and surrounding areas. She stated that she wanted to make it clear that there were no current problems and had spoken with officials from PNM who reaffirmed the adequate supply of natural gas. She stated that they had contracted for storage.

Item #12; Approval of Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) Legislative Efforts.

Dr. Nancy Barcelo thanked the Council for their support of Bond C. She stated that, "this will help with their many security needs for staff and students." Dr. Barcelo explained that she was there to talk about the legislative agenda. She asked that Mr. Ricky Serna provide a brief overview for council.

Mr. Serna stated that NNMC wanted to adopt a legislative agenda which would reflect the transition from a 2- year to 4- year college. He affirmed that the college had introduced salary increase legislation for faculty. He announced that, on average, NNMC faculty was paid \$6,000 less than similar institutions. Mr. Serna stated that one (1) out of sixteen (16) institutions that were recommended for a \$2 million improvement was approved. Mr. Serna continued to discuss the upgrades in technology, which would support the college demands to move forward with the times. He stated that discussion had included talk of e-books used as efficient and modern tools for learning. He stated that hard copy books would remain a standard. Mr. Serna added, "With new technology upgrades, the campus will need a continual technical staff to ensure network/information amongst staff/students runs smoothly."

Mr. Serna announced that the college was working closely with Rio Arriba County to draft a special mill to present to the legislature. He explained that the special mill would also support the construction of a Residence Hall on campus.

Mr. Serna stated that there were obligations requiring there be six (6) athletic teams- three (3) male and three (3) female. He explained that developing the student body through upgrades in the athletic department would allow maximum occupancy at a Residence Hall. Mr. Serna continued to state that another request was moving to make NNMC Board of Regents similar to other institutions by allowing a student onto the Board of Regents.

Mayor Lucero responded by saying, "Any improvements to the college are improvements to the community."

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve Resolution 2013-02: NNMC Legislative Efforts; seconded by Councilor Seeds.

Councilor Valdez questioned what kind of mill levy NNMC was proposing. Mr. Serna replied that it had been a constitutionally chartered school as a 2 year college which made them to approach the legislature to fund capital outlay projects. He stated that they would propose a mill levy that would support capital improvements. Councilor Valdez asked

where the improvements would be made. Dr. Barcelo replied that it would be to the library.

Councilor Seeds commented that he had foreseen this. He stated that council members had been working hard to get a street light at the intersection by Angelina's Restaurant.

Councilor Martinez expressed her pleasure regarding the capital improvements. She voiced her concerns about the foot traffic passing through the Fairview Bridge (area) during later hours. She continued that there were a lot of students who left class at that time and encouraged the Council to work with the Department of Transportation and have the area lit. Councilor Martinez said hearing about a dorm excited her because it made it a viable option to people outside the area that did not have any knowledge or means of accommodation but wanted to attend the NNMC.

Dr. Barcelo stated that in previous studies, residence halls increased retention. She thanked Mayor Lucero for speaking at the Fall Graduation Ceremony. She stated that she had noticed how the community really came together.

Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Lucero expressed her hope and excitement regarding future projects.

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

Employee of the Month

Community Services Director Len Cata stated that the nomination had been made through Recreation Coordinator Andrew Herrera.

Recreation Coordinator Herrera asked that council write a specific number down-\$31,983.39. He began to describe Ms. Greta Trujillo. He stated that Ms. Trujillo had begun employment in 2009 through the NM HELP office and from there was hired as the Front Desk Clerk and promoted to Administrative Assistant.

Recreation Coordinator Herrera stated that Ms. Trujillo had been instrumental in achieving overall financial stability at the Recreation Center. (Note: *The revenue brought in was for the 2012 calendar year not fiscal year*) He stated that she had brought issues to light and after that point, everything catapulted. Recreation Coordinator Herrera continued to state that \$31,983.39 was the amount of revenue brought in addition to the previous year's revenue (2011). He curbed his remarks by stating that the amount was not solely due to the efforts of Ms. Trujillo, but rather a group effort by the Recreation Department. Recreation Coordinator Herrera stated that Ms. Trujillo had put in place more checks and balances. He cited the main reason for increased revenue as securing the Recreation Access Door. Recreation Coordinator Herrera stated that the door was a key factor, but Ms. Trujillo had followed through with the protocol.

Mayor Lucero commended the Recreation Department on the large increase in revenue. She stated that she was very impressed. Mayor Lucero thanked the Recreation Department for the beautiful 2012 Children's Christmas Party and added that it had been well received by the community.

Mayor Alice A. Lucero presented the Employee of the Month Certificate to Ms. Greta Trujillo.

Recognition of Retirees

Marvin Martinez retired from the City of Espanola after 25 years. Chief Branch served as Fire Chief. Mayor Alice A. Lucero thanked them for their service.

PROPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC AGENDA PACKETS

Mayor Lucero stated that Electronic Agenda Packets had been attempted under former Mayor Maestas. She said, "Right now, the use of paper is so abundantly wasteful." Mayor Lucero proposed that there be future environmentally pro-active attempts by making all meeting packets electronic. She explained that the electronic agendas would have a hyperlink, so if the agendas were on the laptop it would quickly bring up an item.

Mayor Lucero stated that many City Councils in New Mexico and beyond were following this progressive format. She concluded that she would like the Council to consider the possibility of a paperless agenda before they made any final decision. She stated that the decision did not have to be made that night. Mayor Lucero acknowledged that this would be for council members who owned or had access to a laptop. She stated that hardcopies would be provided to those who did not own a laptop computer.

Councilor Seeds stated that he liked the option of one or the other. Mayor Lucero requested that, pending council's future decision regarding Electronic Packets, Council (as a courtesy) can inform the City Clerk's Office regarding their preference prior to printing/copying volumes of paper.

Councilor Cory Lewis expressed his belief that since the City Clerk's Office had gotten help, he was fine with the way it was. Councilor Lewis informally introduced new Deputy City Clerk Anna Squires.

City Clerk Mascareñas responded for her department hire and described Deputy City Clerk Squires' educational background, skill level, and her applied knowledge of digital files. City Clerk Mascareñas formally introduced Deputy City Clerk Squires to the Council.

Councilor Martinez asked Deputy City Clerk Squires if she would kindly introduce herself. Deputy City Clerk Squires greeted council and stated that she was grateful for the opportunity to work for the city she grew up in and reaffirmed her credentials. Deputy City Clerk Anna Squires also expressed her support of the departments she worked for

and Mayor Lucero's vision to be more environmentally pro-active, encouraging council to embrace technology as role models and move towards a more paperless agenda.

Item #4

Mayor Lucero announced the figures associated with the legislative request. She communicated information regarding the New Media Library Center and indicated that amounts had changed regarding the cost to remodel the vacated portion of City Hall, (Police Department and Main Court). Mayor further stated that it needed to be renovated so that it could be put to use.

Director of Public Safety Garcia stated that there was a demand for more Police Department Vehicles and stated that he had requested \$285,000 for ten (10) vehicles. He stated that he had spoken to Senator Richard Martinez who had agreed to sponsor the requests. Director of Public Safety Garcia further stated that the La Joya Fire station had fallen by the wayside and he wanted to tap into legislative funding. He explained that garage doors needed to be replaced, HVAC systems were needed and the roof needed replacement.

Mayor Lucero stated that the Veterans Wall Memorial was asking for \$100,000 which was needed to improve the drainage because it was damaging the wall. She stated that a proposed construction design could also build an amphitheater. Mayor Lucero stated that the Veterans Commission had been very supportive of the request. Mayor Lucero continued that items were presented on the ICIP list and explained that in order to make a request they had to be shovel ready. She stated that, "Without a plan and amount attached, you cannot make requests."

Councilor Seeds asked what the Media Center portion of the library was. Mayor Lucero stated that the Media Center portion of the library would provide an area for people to use computers, conduct internet research, and use WiFi.

Councilor Robert Seeds questioned if the requests were in stone and stated, "Remember that jail?" He discussed the police units and stated that the Council needed to support the new Police Chief.

Mayor Alice A. Lucero stated that there were only two (2) items the chief included because of the need to conduct appropriate research for funding. She stated that grants had been researched for that purpose, but most were for larger or smaller cities. Councilor Robert Seeds suggested that the Police Units be placed ahead of the City Hall Project. Mayor Lucero explained that the items were not in any particular order.

Councilor Martinez directed everyone's attention to page 24 of the prior meeting minutes. (Councilor Martinez was not specific on a date or meeting title when referencing pg. #) She began to read a motion where the jail was listed as the second priority. Councilor Martinez stated that she recalled a resolution on a prior agenda which all Governing Body members had voted on. Councilor Martinez questioned if she was out of

the loop. Councilor Martinez also questioned if the list had changed. She clarified that it was her understanding that the jail be on the list.

Mayor Lucero stated that the list referred to projects that came off the ICIP and explained, "There is a science to determining what we can present, an orthodox process." Mayor Lucero continued, "To put it simply, they have to be shovel ready and ready to proceed." She stated that as far as the jail was concerned, she asked the Public Safety Committee to spearhead the project and there had not yet been a determination of a site plan or an amount. Mayor Lucero stated, "We cannot set forth logically and ask for money without all the information." She added that although the City was not responsible for having a jail, the subject must be studied thoroughly.

Mayor Lucero asked Planning & Zoning Director Russell Naranjo to explain the issues with the ICIP in relation to the earlier discussion of the jail. Planning & Zoning Director Naranjo stated the problems that had been identified were projects that did have adequate information. He stated that, with reference to the jail, there was no concrete location for the jail or solid funding source. He explained that it had been difficult to present in the ICIP and, as a result, it had been returned. He stated that that he had gone back to the drawing board to formulate some hard numbers in order to meet the approval requirement.

Planning & Zoning Director Naranjo stated that there had been other ICIP problems with the new fire station request. He stated that the fire station plan initially did not have a site location, but did have some funding prospects. He continued that when the project was presented to the legislature, to his knowledge the legislative packet meant the City was ready to roll on projects immediately. He explained that it was difficult for legislators to fight for something when they did not have concrete facts. Planning & Zoning Director Naranjo concluded that he hoped to start the process earlier in the current year in order to clear up any issues that may arise.

Councilor Martinez reaffirmed that communication was critical and stated that it was difficult to understand why, when they agree on something, it seemed to fall by the wayside. She said it was her understanding that the City Hall Expansion for Planning & Zoning was one (1) million dollars of taxpayer's money. She stated that this was more than twice what they gave the Judge for the Municipal Court.

Councilor Pedro Valdez commented, "Española will never move forward if we do not start doing something right." He confirmed that the proper steps needed to be taken. He added that under former Mayor Richard Lucero, appropriate steps were made to make Española what it was.

Councilor Seeds expressed his confusion of what he remembered in past council meetings, stating that the action taken by the Governing Body and what was approved did not reflect with what they had before them. Councilor Seeds expressed that his belief that his fellow councilor was encountering the same problem.

Mayor Lucero stated that just because the jail had been made priority #2 did not mean that the funding could be requested. She reiterated that nothing had been done at the committee level. She stated that previous research had indicated that it would cost approximately \$487,000 to build a jail and approximately \$4 million to operate it.

Councilor Martinez stated that part of the reason for this was a lack of planning from the beginning. She continued that she hoped that in the future they would be considering other people's visions months ahead of the deadline. She stated that she felt it was important for the Governing Body to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Councilor Martinez stated that it was important that everyone be on the same set of rules, so everyone was on the same page.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar stated that there were appropriate steps that needed to be followed and many successful projects were created under former Mayor Richard Lucero. He stated that Mayor Alice A. Lucero was no Richard Lucero and added that the former Mayor had his faults, but was a great communicator. Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar stated that the vote was where the process existed. He recognized former City Councilor Alfred Herrera in the council meeting audience. He expressed to the former councilor, "Perhaps the college can be of some assistance with regard to research or analysis in preparation of seeking funding for building projects such as the jail."

Councilor Lewis stated that he was disappointed that the jail was not the priority and asked why the City Hall expansion funds could not be incorporated regarding the renovation of the jail.

Councilor Valdez communicated to council that when he wanted to make an informed decision, he went to City Hall and asked Mayor Lucero, City Manager Duran, City Clerk Mascareñas and other Directors so that when he attended council meetings, he would be well informed. Councilor Valdez expressed that it was easy to make a motion to do things, but was wiser to be well informed before making that motion. Councilor Valdez concluded that putting the blame on each other would not instill faith in the people who voted for them. He stated that the City was not in the business of jails, it was the County that should be involved with this matter. Mayor Lucero agreed and stated, "We cannot go to the legislature without the facts."

BUSINESS WITH VISITORS

Superintendent Art Blea thanked the council for allowing him time to speak and apologized that he was not prepared with his informational flyer. He affirmed that he would have information available to the public very soon and began to speak with regard to the public school infrastructure and the decline of enrollment from 2002 -2012.

Superintendent Art Blea claimed that a \$100,000 property tax increase had brought an even bigger cloud over the Española Public Schools. He explained that he was not there in an attempt to minimize the situation, but to voice the truth. He said, "The Española

Public Schools continues to lose students to other school districts such as charter schools, home schools and private schools throughout the area.” He reported that the previous year had shown a loss of 300 students to McCurdy Charter School and Monte de Tierra Montessori.

Superintendent Blea stated that since 2001 the district had not yet passed a mill levy. He explained that mill levy funds must be used for maintenance, repair and equipment. He stated that without the initial funding, the Española Public Schools stood to lose about \$1.1 million in potential funding.

Superintendent Blea pleaded with the Councilors and the listening KDCE audience. He said the next opportunity to pass a mill levy was February 5th and there were two (2) open School Board member seats which should mobilize voters. He requested that they go and decide who and what best represents the children’s future. He continued to say people that think they do not have a say or it doesn’t affect them were mistaken. Superintendent Blea recognized, for the record, that there were students enrolled who were highly intelligent, wonderful, courageous, and exceeded expectations. He reported that they had lost more and more of the higher achieving students, including those who excelled in academics and athletics. Superintendent Blea asked for individual and group support as well as public awareness and stated that he would follow up with more information.

Mayor Lucero stated to council and the listening audience, “We are fortunate to have Art Blea as the Superintendent. He is the kind of person who can turn the district around.” Councilor Martinez echoed the sentiments of Mayor Lucero and asked Superintendent Blea to describe to the general public how the mill levy would affect each taxpayer.

Superintendent Blea stated that there would be an approximate \$60 per year increase per family. Councilor Robert Seeds asked Superintendent Blea to remind everyone that the money could not be used for salaries or special contracts. Superintendent Blea affirmed that they would only use the funding for maintenance and repairs for school equipment or to enhance the technical infrastructure. He continued that it was his responsibility to see that the monies were spent wisely and legally.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar questioned where the charter schools fit in and also asked if the charter school would get money. Superintendent Blea stated that 3 to 4 charter schools would get a pro-rated amount. Councilor Valdez asked if there was a time limit on the mill levy. Superintendent Blea said that it was for a six (6) year operation.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilor Valdez reminded the Council of the list that Public Works had provided. He explained that on the list was the topic of Polycart Purchase. He stated that it was an item that Council had agreed to vote on. Councilor Valdez explained that the KDCE lift station process would begin in March and the request for proposed expansion of animal shelter was also on the agenda.

Councilor Seeds stated that there was no need for a Community Services Meeting in December because there was not a whole lot going on. Councilor Seeds asked Interim City Manager Duran about the Pacheco Lane project. He stated that a lot of projects get tied up with easement issues. Interim City Manager Duran replied that he was addressing many of the issues.

Councilor Lewis asked Community Services Director Cata if there would be softball tournaments in the spring. Community Services Director Cata stated that there would be a meeting regarding the softball fields on January 29th or 30th to discuss the transplanting process of the sod and soil conditions. He explained that he wanted to discuss and stress the importance of the sod (grass) germinating with the existing soil to ensure that the sod regenerated. He continued that timing and weather conditions were big factors as to how the sod came back. Community Services Director Cata concluded that they would plan a season at the beginning of July so the sod would have time to mature.

Councilor Eric Radosevich asked if July was the soonest. Community Services Director Cata communicated that July was the best case scenario. Councilor Radosevich asked if they could start a late summer or fall league. Community Services Director Cata replied that he did not want to do it too soon. Furthermore, he wanted council to know that his department was taking measures to maintain the sod.

Councilor Martinez said she had spoken with Interim City Manager Duran concerning the Coronado Street Improvements. She voiced her concerns about the people who lived near Sierra Vista. She explained that many of the older homes in that area had old boiler systems and when the temperature dropped, the pressure caused them to crash. Interim City Manager Duran assured her that his department was taking everything into consideration and conducting appropriate steps to ensure that the drop in temperature would not be a factor on the outside. He stated that if the boiler systems were very old (not up to code) it was up to the homeowner to maintain their boiler system.

Councilor Martinez expressed her concern regarding traffic from the construction. She stated that it was very close to the Española Elementary School which had much traffic of it's own especially during certain periods of the day. Councilor Martinez stated that, hypothetically, if construction moved further toward the school it could create a traffic catastrophe. Councilor Martinez questioned if there was any possibility that the construction of the area located nearest to the school could take place on the weekend which could alleviate potential hazards. Interim City Manager Joe Duran replied that he would review the possibility.

COUNCIL APPOINTED LIAISON

Councilor Valdez stated he would give a report at the next council meeting with regard to the North Central Solid Waste Authority.

Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar informed council and the listening audience that RTD was conducting a 3-month trial reducing routes from Las Trampas to Chimayo from five (5) times per day to three (3) times per day.

Councilor Martinez said that there was nothing to report regarding the Beautification Committee, but was thrilled with the Lodger's Tax money which would help.

Interim City Manager Duran stated that the E-911 Department had not yet held a meeting. He reported that the Veteran's Commission would have information at the next meeting.

Mayor Lucero informed the council in relation to the Regional LANL Communities Coalition, that she had recently attended a Department of Energy meeting. She stated that funding was a real challenge for LANL and it was important to ask legislators to help fund the clean-up. She explained that not only did it create jobs for the area but it also helped our environment and the quality of water. Mayor Lucero also stated that the Director of NNSA (National Nuclear Security Administration) was moving on and there would be a new Director. She stated that the Department of Transportation was having a meeting the following Friday at the Ohkay Owingeh Casino Conference Room.

Planning & Zoning Director Naranjo stated that he had spoken with IS Manager Joaquin Maestas who reported that RediNet was up and running. He stated that the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) was onboard and the Police Department would be next.

Mayor Lucero asked if there were troubles regarding RediNet at City Hall. Planning & Zoning Director Naranjo responded that there were some corrections made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve Consent Agenda;, seconded by Councilor Radosevich.

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez interjected and stated she had corrections. Councilor Robert Seeds asked Mayor Lucero why it was listed as "Consent Agenda."

Mayor Alice A. Lucero replied that this expedited the process while also allowing them to pull any set that required discussion.

Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez stated that the discussion could proceed as she was unable to find the corrections she was referring to.

ANIMAL SHELTER EXPANSION

Interim City Manager Duran introduced Espanola Animal Shelter Director Bridget Lindquist. Ms. Lindquist thanked him for his knowledge and time.

Ms. Lindquist began her discussion of the expansion to the animal shelter describing that it was approximately a 720 square ft. addition. She asked that the shelter be granted permission to add to the southern end of the building. She distributed an aerial photograph of the designated spot.

Ms. Lindquist reported that the Espanola Animal Shelter was re-homing 50% and the Santa Fe Shelter was re-homing 78% of the animals they sheltered. Ms. Lindquist said, "We could be doing this until we die because there is a tremendous amount of animals." She explained that the most vulnerable populations were puppies and nursing mothers. She stated that it was not safe or medically recommended to relocate this population.

Ms. Lindquist announced that the expansion would allow for the addition of eight (8) puppy runs, each run would house a litter or a nursing mother and her puppies. She explained that this would minimize illness and outbreak. Ms. Lindquist revealed that the shelter had received a donation of \$25,000 from a private funder. She explained that the current exam room was too small and inadequate for the amount of animals they see. The funds given would help to fund a new exam room. She stated that the shelter was presently soliciting donated materials and trying to find contractors that would be willing to work in a discounted method.

Ms. Lindquist stated that the shelter had reached out to contractors in Los Alamos and would be submitting construction and site plans to the Planning & Zoning Department. She explained that they planned on obtaining a permit through the state and announced that the expansion would draw electric, water, and heating at minimal usage. Councilor Radosevich requested that local contractors be contacted prior to seeking contracting from outside the area.

Motion by Councilor Radosevich to approve the expansion of the animal shelter; seconded by Councilor Lewis.

Councilor Seeds asked Interim City Manager Duran if there was anything that the City could do to assist. Interim City Manager Duran replied that he was working with a General Services Plumber who was willing to contribute some time. Councilor Seeds stated that he thought that would be appropriate and added that he had found two (2) Chihuahuas at the shelter and loved them.

Mayor Lucero congratulated Ms. Lindquist on the expansion of the Animal Shelter and acknowledged her creativity. Councilor Martinez thanked Ms. Lindquist for the job she did for the community. Espanola Animal Shelter Director Lindquist replied that they love the collaboration.

Motion carried 7/0.

Ms. Lindquist wanted to acknowledge William Stodsen and his generous donation. She stated that the donation he made would be used to replace the FEMA trailer. She explained that the new trailer was expected to be quadruple the size of the older one. Ms.

Lindquist continued that the current trailer could be removed at the expense of the new portable company. She reported that one area that they may have to consider requesting City assistance would be to help grate the area prior to the delivery.

Ms. Lindquist stated that it had been a joy to work with Interim City Manager Duran.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Martinez asked if it was feasible to place the Consent Agenda on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Alice A. Lucero offered to remove the first set of minutes in question by Councilor Martinez from the agenda. Councilor Martinez indicated that she was unsure which set she had issues with.

Councilor Valdez stated that there were several instances in which the minutes were in question and Council had not acted on them. He advised fellow Councilors to call or stop by City Hall and discuss their issues directly with the City Clerk. He reminded the Governing Body that they could not change their vote, but could make corrections such as typos. He stated that City Clerk Mascareñas was very accommodating. Councilor Valdez stated that he would like to proceed.

Councilor Radosevich asked Councilor Martinez if her changes were anything major. Councilor Martinez stated that she liked it to reflect the action and she was not sure of one (1) vote. She explained that she had been out of town and gotten into town the previous night. She continued that it took her a full day to review the packet. Councilor Cory Lewis stated that he would like everyone to give Councilor Martinez the respect she deserves.

Councilor Martinez requested that Item F- Minutes of November 26, 2012 be removed from the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Councilor Eric Radosavich

Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Lucero asked the Council to discuss any further item(s) with City Clerk Mascareñas.

Item 11.

Motion by Councilor Lewis to remove Item #11: \$30,000 to North Central Solid Waste Authority for Polycarts from the table; seconded by Councilor Radosevich.

Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Councilor Lewis to approve \$30,000 to North Central Solid Waste Authority for Polycarts; seconded by Councilor Valdez

Councilor Martinez reminded Council that in approving this expenditure, only 600 polycarts would be purchased. She continued to stress that this was also a commitment for distribution to six hundred (600) residences throughout Española. Councilor Martinez stated that she thought it was important to remember the \$200,000 commitment.

Councilor Martinez concluded that she would like to revisit reuse of polycarts. She stated that it was important to utilize current polycarts and recycle old polycarts. Councilor Pedro Valdez echoed Councilor Martinez' statements and concerns. He advised Council that the discussion would be made at the next NCSWA meeting. Councilor Valdez stated that he would bring a request for an additional \$60,000 at the next budget session.

Councilor Radosevich asked how it will be decided as to who got the new polycarts. Interim City Manager Duran said that the people without a polycart would be the first to receive one. He added that new polycarts would also be a priority and the replacement of old polycarts would be next on the agenda.

Councilor Eric Radosevich asked if there were grants available for this purpose. Interim City Manager Duran said NCSWA was researching all the possibilities, but as far as he knew, there was not a grant available.

Councilor Seeds stated that he highly endorsed the re-use of polycarts. He recommended to Interim City Manager Duran that this be made into a continuous program with NCSWA. He suggested that the City implement a monitoring system for every household that received a new polycart so that the old polycart could be taken for recycling.

Mayor Lucero agreed with Councilor Seeds and asked Interim City Manager Duran if his department was starting the process of implementing a program. Interim City Manager Joe Duran said other agencies were willing to start the program.

Councilor Martinez stated that educating the people of the Valley about this program was very important to help ensure that it was successful in the long run. Councilor Valdez stated that NCSWA Manager Gino Romero had spoken to the schools on the subject.

Councilor Martinez asked when everyone who needs a poly cart would get one. Interim City Manager Duran stated that it should be no more than two (2) years.

Administrative Services Director (ASD) Joyce Sandoval stated that funds were available in the solid waste fund operating costs.

Motion carried 7/0.

Item #13

Mayor Alice A. Lucero stated that Item #13 could be discussed in open session.

Motion by Councilor Lewis to enter into Executive Session; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Salazar.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem:	Dennis Tim Salazar	In Favor
Councilors:	Pedro Valdez	In Favor
	Robert Seeds	In Favor
	Peggy Sue Martinez	Against
	Cory Lewis	In Favor
	Eric Radosevich	Against
	Elaine Herrera	In Favor

Motion carried 5/2.

The Governing Body entered in Executive Session at 8:02pm.

Motion by Councilor Radosevich to exit Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Valdez.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem:	Dennis Tim Salazar	In Favor
Councilors:	Pedro Valdez	In Favor
	Robert Seeds	In Favor
	Peggy Sue Martinez	In Favor
	Cory Lewis	In Favor
	Eric Radosevich	Against
	Elaine Herrera	In Favor

Motion carried 6/1.

The Governing Body exited Executive Session at 8:31pm.

No action taken was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilor Martinez to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Lewis.

Motion carried 7/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF March,
2013.



Dessa Jo Mascareñas
Dessa Jo Mascareñas, City Clerk

Alice A. Lucero
Alice A. Lucero, Mayor