



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 N. PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Salazar.

C. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/ INVOCATION

The Moment of Meditation was led by Councilor Kain-Salazar.

D. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The following Governing Body members were in attendance:

Mayor:	Alice A. Lucero
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Cecilia Lujan
Councilors:	Pedro Valdez
	Helen Kain- Salazar
	Dennis Tim Salazar
	Rosario (Chayo) Garcia
	Greg Ortega
	Cory Lewis

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lucero presented the agenda for approval.

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M. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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10. Resolution 2011-12: Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
11. Approval of RDC LEDA Application
12. K-9 Unit/ Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Española and the Española Public Schools re: mutual efforts to establish a drug-free environment in schools

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsection (2) limited personnel matters; (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.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. ADJOURNMENT

The Governing Body may revise the order of the agenda items considered at this Open Meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 747-6019 at least three days prior to the meeting.

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Mayor Lucero stated that the only item that required removal was Item I. Public Hearings.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan to approve agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.

Motion carried 7-0.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public wished to comment on an item not already on the agenda.

G. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Salazar announced that Mr. John Ramon Vigil from the Española Valley High School Student Council was in attendance. He explained that the Student Council submitted a letter requesting that the New Mexico Association of Student Councils (NMASC) Annual Meeting be held in the City of Espanola.

Mr. Vigil stated that he was a tenth (10th) grader and had become the youngest person in City of Española history appointed to a city board which is the Library Board. He stated that NMASC holds an event during the 2nd week of February each year from Thursday to Saturday. The event draws high attendance numbers with 850-900 delegates from around the state. He explained that hotels are typically filled to capacity during these events and the Student Council was trying to create a positive image of Española. He stated that they would like to gain support from the municipal government for this event.

Mayor Lucero applauded the Student Council for their efforts and stated that a conference like this would help to generate revenue and improve the image of our city. She stated that Mr. Vigil was a good role model for youth in the area and asked him to keep her informed as to what the City could do to assist with the effort.

Councilor Valdez stated that he would like to discuss the Bank of America intersection. He suggested the Governing Body request intervention from the Governor or the Commission. He stated that a resolution on the subject could be passed to further the efforts on this matter. City Manager Lujan stated that he had received a call from Miguel Gabaldon with regard to the New Mexico Department of Transportation reply. He stated that, upon receipt, he would forward the response letter to the Council. Councilor Valdez stated that he was concerned with the intersection because it was not business friendly. He added that within the next year he would like to attempt to get rid of some of the medians in the city and create turning lanes.

Mayor Lucero reminded everyone that there would be a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) walk on Saturday, October 1, 2011. She stated that on the same day the Spañapalooza event would occur at Valdez Park.

Mayor Lucero announced that New Mexico Magazine had featured an article on the City of Española. She stated that it was a very nice article and was the first time since the 1950s that Española had been featured.

Mayor Lucero also stated that the Walk Against Drugs would take place on October 29, 2011.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan reminded everyone that there would be a Public Safety Committee meeting on October 3, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. She explained that business owners had been invited. She also mentioned that it would be Public Safety Awareness week.

Councilor Ortega announced that people in the Pajarito community would be dedicating their playground equipment on September 28, 2011 at 4p.m.

H. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Proclamation- Alzheimer's Awareness

Mayor Lucero began by stating that many families have had to deal with this debilitating disease and mentioned that this illness not only deeply affects the victims, but the families.

Councilor Salazar explained that his inspiration for requesting the proclamation was Betty Lou Norris. He stated that the family would be receiving it on behalf of the Sierra Vista Retirement Community in Santa Fe. He stated that Ms. Kayla Norris had begun a large effort to create awareness on the issue. Councilor Salazar read the proclamation.

Ms. Norris thanked the Mayor and council for their desire to raise awareness and stated that her grandmother had always been very active in the community. She asked everyone in attendance and listening on the radio to help raise awareness.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan mentioned her memories of Betty Lou. She stated she was a true example of a coordinator and a shaker, however, she was most importantly a true model as a mother.

Councilor Ortega stated that he had lost his grandmother to Alzheimer's disease a few years prior. He stated that Ms. Betty Lou Norris was like a grandmother to the entire community and was one of the kindest people he had ever met.

Mayor Lucero stated that Betty was very special friend and they had worked together for many years. She added that she was a pillar of this community and it saddened her to know that Ms. Norris was suffering.

Councilor Salazar added that Betty had been a mentor of his and he thanked the family for attending.

2. Proclamation- New Mexico Hispano Music Association

Councilor Pedro Valdez read the proclamation and presented it to Casey Gallegos.

Mr. Gallegos thanked the council for the continued support of the association. He also thanked Commissioner Alfredo Montoya, who was present.

3. Recognition of Ruben Rascon

Mayor Lucero stated that this young man was on his way to Russia and his story had recently been featured by the local media. He was given a Horizon Scholarship to the Bolshoi ballet school in Moscow, Russia. She explained that this school was very prestigious.

Mayor Lucero stated that there had been a luncheon the previous Friday and Mr. Rascon had been given a Certificate of Recognition at that time. She stated that he was adopted at the age of 7 after having lived in foster care and had overcome that adversity. Mayor Lucero informed the Council that Bank of America had created a fund for Mr. Rascon called Look to the Horizon Scholarship. Mayor Lucero thanked the Children, Youth, and Families Department for the support they provided this young man.

I. BUSINESS WITH VISITORS

4. Coordination of Services between City of Española and Rio Arriba County- District 2 County Commissioner Alfredo Montoya

Mayor Lucero recognized Mr. Gino Romero, the Executive Director of NCSWA and Rio Arriba County Manager Tomas Campos. Commissioner Alfredo Montoya thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. He stated that Rio Arriba County and the City of Española had established a relationship and cooperated on many efforts.

Commissioner Montoya mentioned the 911 center and stated that it was progressing well. He announced that there was the prospect that Rio Arriba County could purchase property ideal for a 911 center. He stated that the location would allow for better radio reception because of the elevation and there were some funds available to begin the project.

Commissioner Montoya stated that the animal shelter was getting increasingly expensive and had relied on City of Española and Rio Arriba County support. He mentioned that Mayor Lucero had been present for the RediNet groundbreaking project which was progressing rapidly. Commissioner Montoya also stated that City Manager Lujan and Mayor Lucero both attended meetings of the LANL Coalition which was intended to support Los Alamos National Laboratory operations. He reported that the Regional Transit District was progressing well.

Commissioner Montoya stated that he wished to focus the discussion on solid waste. He explained that this service was different than most and more difficult to improve. He declared that North Central Solid Waste had declined so definitively the prior year, that if Rio Arriba County and the City of Española had not stepped in, it would have collapsed. Commissioner Montoya recalled the joint work session that had been held in February regarding NCSWA during which a five (5) item Plan of Action had been developed.

He stated that Item #1 was the fact that NCSWA was in serious debt to state and federal agencies to the tune of approximately \$2 million which had been partially paid off. He cited another Item on the plan as staffing. Commissioner Montoya stated that, since that time, major improvements had been made. The third (3rd) item was the issue of the equipment. He stated that the equipment was still nearly falling apart and added that the transfer station needed to be addressed. He stated that there was also an outdated Joint Powers Agreement that was in need of revisions.

Commissioner Montoya stated that the City Manager and County Manager had met on the issue about a month later and as a result, an MOA was drafted that described the different levels of participation for each entity. He stated that the County has since made a good faith effort to fund the two (2) most critical deficiencies. He stated that the staffing patterns had been changed by the new manager and he has heard that there have been several improvements. Commissioner Montoya stated that an application for assistance due at the end of October was being worked on and he was hoping the City of Española could help with the transfer station and the equipment.

Commissioner Montoya stated that Rio Arriba County had agreed to pay 75% for the NCSWA. He explained that the New Mexico State Auditor's office had conducted an audit of Rio Arriba County for the past 3 years. He stated that they had been thorough and disclosed a potential concern regarding \$1,054,000.00 that the county had contributed and later converted to a loan for NCSWA debt. In addition, they had contributed \$250,000 for staffing.

Commissioner Montoya stated that he felt the auditors had not examined the total picture. He explained that they had questioned the fact that the City of Española was comprised of one-third (1/3) to one-half (1/2) of Santa Fe County. Commissioner Montoya stated that he wished to convey the willingness of Rio Arriba County to do whatever necessary so that the very best solid waste services were provided; however, they could not do it alone. Commissioner Montoya apologized for placing a deadline, but stated that they would need a response from the City of Española regarding participation in NCSWA by the twentieth (20th) of October. He stated that, if the city did not wish to reciprocate, Rio Arriba County was prepared to sever the relationship with regard to NCSWA.

Commissioner Montoya stated that Rio Arriba County was hoping to continue the partnership and if this could be worked out there would be even greater improvements. He apologized for bringing this forward in a public setting; however, he stressed the importance of the issue. He mentioned that there would be a groundbreaking on the transfer station infrastructure.

Commissioner Montoya conceded the fact that the public was not happy with solid waste services. He stated that he knew that Rio Arriba County and the City of Española were making large efforts to improve those services.

Mayor Lucero thanked the Commissioner and stated that she appreciated his thoughts on the subject. She stated that one of the concerns she had was the fact that the city was waiting for improvements. She continued that the City of Española had every single citizen paying for solid waste; whereas, the County of Rio Arriba had approximately five hundred (500) residents who were not being charged. She asked what steps had been taken to correct this.

Commissioner Montoya stated that several accountants had been hired for that purpose. He stated that the first step was an audit and the second step was to find delinquent accounts. He added that the county subsidized NCSWA for the individuals who did not pay. Commissioner Montoya stated that they had also contemplated a change in how the fee was to be collected citing a possible property tax. He stated that the level of service would not improve without proper equipment.

Mayor Lucero stated that a resolution had been adopted proposing to provide Rio Arriba County with \$50,000 plus annually; however, the board had never acted upon that resolution. She stated that since then, revenues in the City of Española have dropped from \$12 million to \$8 million and the City's hands were tied as employee furloughs had become necessary.

Councilor Valdez stated that he would eventually like to make a proposal to the Public Works Committee for \$100,000. He stated that he had spoken with City Manager Lujan on several proposals and expressed his feeling that the City of Española and County of Rio Arriba had to stick together. Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that this service had improved, but the issue would not go away.

Councilor Garcia asked why Santa Fe County had not been brought into the partnership. City Manager Lujan stated that it has been looked into and City of Española residents were paying by monthly fees. He stated Santa Fe County had a transfer station in Jacona and he had met with Santa Fe County Commissioner Mayfield and, prior to that, Santa Fe County Commissioner Harry Montoya and they stated that they did not wish to be included. Councilor Garcia asked for the actual cost of NCSWA. Commissioner Alfredo Montoya stated that the number was around \$4.3 million and the County had agreed to pay 75% of this.

City Manager Lujan stated that an actual dollar amount request had been passed by the Rio Arriba County Commission. County Manager Tomas Campos stated that it was about \$125,000.

Commissioner Alfredo Montoya stated that they had experienced the same financial issues and their request was to only get funds from GRT Environmental. Mayor Lucero stated that we have about \$160,000 of GRT and about 6% of it had been pledged. City Manager Lujan stated that we have about 25% dedicated to debt service and about \$50,000 had been budgeted for NCSWA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan asked what the pueblos contribute. Mayor Lucero stated that they are members of the board. Commissioner Montoya stated that the pueblos provide their own services.

Mr. Gino Romero, NCSWA Manager stated that they had entered into an MOU with Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. He explained that they were not regulated by NMED as NCSWA was. He also stated that they could take up to 480 yards of solid waste. The agreement was to aid with the facilitation of the new transfer station. He stated that until the facility was finished, NCSWA would staff that station and until then the pueblo would not be charged.

Councilor Ortega thanked Commissioner Montoya and Mr. Gino Romero for attending the meeting. He stated that he had been a vocal critic of NCSWA and since Gino had taken over, he had seen a vast improvement and heard about it throughout the community. Councilor Ortega stated that the City of Española would examine the fiscal responsibility of all parties and he was concerned about the fact that he had not seen any expenditure reports from NCSWA. He explained that considering the history of the Authority, the Governing Body was slightly weary financially. Councilor Ortega continued that another concern was the fact that Santa Clara pueblo had seats on the board, yet they had no financial responsibility. He stated that he did not think it was logical for them to have a seat on the board and he would like those two (2) issues addressed prior to the city making a financial obligation.

Councilor Salazar echoed Councilor Ortega's assertion and stated that he had met with Mr. Romero when he began working for NCSWA and since then, Mr. Romero had succeeded. Councilor Salazar questioned where Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblos stood.

Councilor Valdez stated that he had provided each councilor with a copy of the NCSWA annual budget. Mr. Romero explained that without Ohkay Owingeh, NCSWA would be unable to close the Alcalde Center during the transition. He added that there were no restrictions with Ohkay Owingeh and utilizing their station was a benefit to NCSWA. Mayor Lucero asked when the wall would be complete at Ohkay Owingeh so it could be utilized. Mr. Romero answered that the current wall would be torn down almost immediately.

City Manager Lujan clarified that Ohkay Owingeh would not be open to the public and would be used just for transfer. He stated that Santa Fe County had a solid waste authority as well, which Española was not a part of. City Manager Lujan stated that they would examine this issue and place an agenda item for the workshop scheduled on October 17th. He stated that he and Ms. Sandoval would work to make a presentation to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Lucero asked that it be placed as an action item and stated that the City of Española wished to work with NCSWA. She stated that it would take a little time and hopefully the economy would change. She commended Rio Arriba County for taking the lead on this and for providing the property for the transfer station. Commissioner Montoya thanked Mayor Lucero and the Governing Body.

Mayor Lucero mentioned that the City of Española was in the process of planning a regional library and requested a letter of support from Rio Arriba County. Commissioner Montoya stated that they would be happy to do so. Mayor Lucero also stated that she would like to see a sports complex in Española and/or Rio Arriba County.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes

b. AUGUST 23, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve consent agenda; seconded by Councilor Salazar.

Motion carried 7-0.

11. RDC LEDA Application

Mayor Lucero asked if the Council had any objections to her moving Item 11- RDC LEDA Application up on the list as there were people waiting to hear the discussion.

She recognized current RDC Board Chairman Jack Jekowski and his wife, Chairman-elect Ron Martinez, and Executive Director Kathy Keith. Mayor Lucero stated that RDC employed several people from the City and they had requested the use of some office space. She explained that they had submitted a LEDA application and the lease agreement was a standard agreement.

City Manager Lujan stated that he and representatives from RDC had visited several properties, such as the Stroke Center and the Bond House. He stated that there were a couple of items at the Bond House that needed to be repaired and the museum was looking at submitting a grant application which may create some conflicts; however, he was recommending the Bond House as it would fit the needs of all parties at that time.

Ms. Kathy Keith stated that RDC had decided to move to Española so that the location would be more central. Ms. Keith distributed a PowerPoint presentation on RDC.

Mayor Lucero thanked RDC for the services they provided to local businesses. Councilor Garcia asked if the office would be located upstairs and, if so, what would be done for handicapped access. Ms. Keith replied that meetings would be moved to another location to accommodate.

Councilor Ortega stated that he believed this was a great opportunity and his only concern was the fact that the Bond House was historic. He stated that he was curious if the old post office was an option. City Manager Lujan replied that it was being utilized by the art center for the expansion of programs. City Manager Lujan stated that he had spoken with the docents and they had no problem with the space being used. He explained that it had been utilized previously by community services staff and RDC would have a separate entrance. City Manager Lujan specified that RDC would not be making any structural changes.

Councilor Valdez informed the Council that by having RDC move in, it was an opportunity for them to eventually appropriate \$50,000-\$100,000 to build pods on Industrial Park Road to bring businesses in. Mayor Lucero stated that businesses who wished to build to suit the pods would need to come forward.

Motion by Council Valdez to approve RDC LEDA application; seconded by Councilor Ortega.

Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ron Martinez stated that he thought he would be remiss if he did not credit the Board of Directors appointed by the Governing Body like J.R. Trujillo.

K. REPORTS

6. Council Committees (Public Safety, Public Works, Community Services, Finance)

Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan announced the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for October 3, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan thanked City Clerk Mascareñas for compiling an email database for business owners and sending out the announcement regarding the meeting.

Fire Chief Branch announced the Public Safety Department Chile Cook-off on October 22, 2011. He stated that, as a community, we take care of the very old and very young. He explained that the Fire Department would use their half of the money raised for Senior Citizens who needed batteries for alarms, smoke detectors, and flashlights and the Police Department would use their money to donate school supplies to children who could not afford them. He stated that the bean bag toss would be done with the beer goggles to show children how dangerous it was to be inebriated behind the wheel. Fire Chief Branch stated that the National Guard would bring their climbing wall and they had asked vendors to bring their chile to give restaurants some advertisement. He stated that Chief Montoya had volunteered to do the dunk tank. Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan commended the department on the planning of this activity. Fire Chief Branch stated they were trying to bring the community together. City Manager Lujan thanked Fire Chief Branch and stated that he brought a wealth of experience to the city.

Councilor Salazar stated that on September 12, 2011 a Community Services Committee meeting was scheduled, but had no quorum. He stated that he and Councilor Kain-Salazar had met with staff and together they were looking at getting some softball fields for next summer. Councilor Salazar credited Councilor Lewis for leading the effort.

Councilor Kain-Salazar commented that she had been amazed to find out that six hundred and eighty (680) kids had registered for little league and they had formed forty seven (47) teams. She stated that fields were needed for these kids.

Mr. Len Cata stated that he and City Manager Lujan had met to discuss ideas for softball fields and they would attempt to create a plan. He stated that he had met with Mr. Joseph Martinez from Rio Arriba County who may be interested in assisting. He stated that City Manager Lujan had requested that Mr. Joe Duran map out these areas.

Councilor Salazar stated the next Community Services meeting would take place October 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. due to the observance of Columbus Day. City Manager Lujan added that the Community Services Department was in the process of servicing the swimming pools and preparing for winter. Mayor Lucero mentioned the City-wide Clean up Day on October 15, 2011. Councilor Lewis asked Mr. Cata if he could make sure that the fields looked better next year. He also requested that cut weeds be removed. Mr. Cata agreed and stated that he and City Manager Lujan had discussed the issue and they would be coming up with a schedule for maintaining the fields.

7. **Council Appointed Liaison** (NCSWA, NCRTD, E911, Hands Across Cultures, Fiesta Council, Regional Development Corporation)

There were no updates.

8. **City Manager (Finance Report and Staff Reports)**

City Manager Lujan reported that the Public Works Department continued clean ups on Wednesdays. He stated that they were assisting with parks, but had focused on main thoroughfares. City Manager Lujan stated that work had continued on Pacheco Lane. He added that water would be shut off the following day on Calle Don Pedro going south towards Espanola Hospital on Coronado. He explained that this was necessary in order to connect new lines.

City Manager Lujan yielded to City Attorney Frank Coppler for a discussion on redistricting. City Attorney Coppler stated that he had researched the issue and explained that it had been brought up with respect to budget issues. He stated that currently, there were eight (8) council members, with two (2) councilors from each of the four (4) districts and explained that this had developed from a situation where councilors declared a ward but were elected city-wide.

City Attorney Coppler stated that state statute provided that a municipality could have from four (4) to (10) councilors. The decision regarding the amount of councilors had to do with the City's incorporation and the only way that a change in the amount of councilors could be made would be through the adoption of an ordinance or a petition being signed ordering the placement of the question on a municipal election ballot. He stated that either option would have to be done ninety (90) days prior to a special election. He suggested that it could be done in November and placed on the ballot in March to avoid any added costs.

City Attorney Coppler explained that this process was intertwined with the concept of redistricting and the popular notion was that there had to be redistricting immediately after the census. He clarified that the law did say it had to be done after the census, but not immediately. He stated that the last redistricting had been conducted in 2007 and by statute, upon having a population larger than 10,000, city districting is required which was done previously. City Attorney Coppler summarized that this process could be delayed as it is of a large cost. He explained that he had negotiated with Research & Polling, Inc., the

company that did the redistricting for the state legislature. He stated that they had agreed to compare the data used in 2007 to the federal decennial census numbers to determine whether or not the current districts would be within the 5% deviation allowable by law.

City Attorney Coppler stated that this had not yet been established due to the Legislative Special Session and expressed his hope to receive a reply before the end of the week. He stated that, if they found that the districts had more than a 5% deviation from the 2010 census that would still not require the City of Española to redistrict immediately. He stated that the law mandated compact and contiguous districts and if the citizens did not agree with the timeframe, they had the option of passing a petition. He stated that a lawsuit would not be a remedy for this. City Attorney Coppler stated that he had raised the issue of the size of the governing body so that they would have an opportunity to discuss it and possibly place it on the March ballot. He stated that if approved by the electorate, it would become effective in 2014 as law requires the councilors terms to remain stagnant.

Mayor Lucero asked City Attorney Coppler to clarify whether or not there was a law that required single member districts. He replied in the negative and stated that a specific section of the municipal code specified that fact.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lujan exited at 8:09 p.m.

Ms. Sandoval began the financial report by stating that in all primary funds, the City of Española had received more revenue than expenditures. She stated that on page 6 of her report, it showed the City breaking even in the month of August.

Councilor Lewis exited at 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Sandoval stated that Councilor Valdez had approached her and asked why expenditures were up compared to month of July. She stated that it was due to the payment of quarterly premiums and cited the cost of prisoner care. She explained that prisoner care for July was paid for in August. Councilor Valdez clarified that there would be fluctuations of this type.

Councilor Ortega commended Librarian Teddie Riehl stating that she never complains and always looked for alternative ways to conduct business in the library. He explained that he had called her because an anonymous person had donated rare books to the library and they would be having a book sale at the Corley building.

L. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Co-Sponsorship of the October 29th Walk Against Drugs- Efren Sanchez

Mr. Richard Marquez stated that there would be mini-walk to bring awareness to the City of Española. He stated that he was requesting support through co-sponsorship.

Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve co-sponsorship; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.

Councilor Valdez stated that he would donate the first bike and challenged the other members of the Governing Body to do the same. Mayor Lucero stated that she would meet his challenge and pledged to donate another bike.

Mr. Marquez stated that the pancake breakfast at the Senior Center would take place on Sunday, October 16, 2011. He also mentioned Clean-Up day on October 15, 2011. Councilor Garcia

stated that her parents had visited at the time of the last walk and as such, her mother would be donating some money.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Resolution 2011-12: Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

City Manager Lujan stated that this plan was required by DFA and funding was often distributed based on the list. Councilor Valdez asked if the item citing Pacheco Lane could be changed to the #1 priority. He explained that it was estimated to cost \$220,000 and was listed as #13. Mayor Lucero asked if there was any objection to that change. Councilor Ortega asked Councilor Valdez why he felt this should be made a priority. Councilor Valdez replied that it had been in the works for the past 10 years and was finally coming to fruition. Councilor Ortega asked if all easements had been obtained or if the funding was to obtain the easements. City Manager Lujan said that they were in the process of obtaining easements. He stated that a contract had been issued to a Surveyor for property easement to be taken and the next step would be for residents to move their fences. Councilor Ortega asked if there was a timeframe to use the money. City Manager Lujan replied in the affirmative. Councilor Ortega asked if the timelines could be met if this project was moved to #1. City Manager Lujan answered that there were unknown parameters as the funding was not guaranteed and the easements were a major item. Councilor Valdez stated that the completion of this project would be beneficial for fire protection.

Councilor Garcia agreed that it should be prioritized higher on the list, but possibly moved to Item 2 or 3.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that this issue had been dealt with for quite some time and the citizens from Pacheco Street would be attending the Public Works meeting on October 4, 2011. She mentioned that water utility upgrades were necessary.

Councilor Kain-Salazar asked if the sewer extension was actually projected to cost \$15 million. Mr. Marvin Martinez stated that the cost was more like \$586,000 and that the amount may be a typographical error. Councilor Valdez disagreed with the amount and stated that he would expect it to cost much more.

Councilor Ortega agreed to move the item to 2 or 3 and stated that with that position it would still stand a good chance of being funded.

City Manager Lujan stated that this was a wish list of projects. This document was just for DFA to ensure that the Governing Body had a priority list.

Councilor Ortega asked if Councilor Valdez was willing to compromise to put it at #2 or #3. Councilor Valdez suggested placing it as Item 5.

Motion to approve as amended by Councilor Valdez; seconded by Councilor Ortega.

Motion carried 5-0.

12. K-9 Unit/ Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Española and the Española Public Schools re: mutual efforts to establish a drug-free environment in schools

City Manager Lujan stated that the K-9 and Drug-Free Schools MOU had been reviewed by the school board. City Attorney Coppler stated that he had made some changes on behalf of the City of Española and the Española School Board had agreed to them.

Motion by to approve by Councilor Valdez; seconded by Councilor Ortega.

Motion carried 5-0.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no reason to go into Executive Session.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Salazar reminded everyone that the month of October is Cancer Awareness Month.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Ortega; seconded by Councilor Valdez.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:38pm.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Tessa Jo Mascareñas, City Clerk.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF October, 2011.


Alice A. Lucero, Mayor




Tessa Jo Mascareñas, City Clerk