



**AGENDA**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
405 N. PASEO DE OÑATE ESPAÑOLA, NM

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS AT 5PM**

Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04PM.

*Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilor Ortega; seconded by Councilor Valdez.*

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>

The Governing Body entered Executive Session at approximately 5:04pm.

*Motion by Councilor Valdez to exit Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Garcia.*

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Cory Lewis</b>	<b>In Favor</b>

The Governing Body exited at 6:10pm.

Mayor Lucero announced that she was in receipt of a resignation letter written by City Manager James Lujan. She stated that she would not accept his resignation and they would continue his employment until which time his case went to trial. She stated that during that time, he would go on Administrative Leave. Mayor Lucero expressed her belief that City Manager Lujan could continue to contribute to the people of Española. She stated that, in her opinion, he was one of the best city managers the city has ever had.

*Motion by Councilor Valdez to ratify the decision by Mayor Lucero; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.*

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>Against</b>
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<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
<b>Cory Lewis</b>	<b>Against</b>

*Motion carried 5-2.*

**B. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lucero called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:12PM.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Salazar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. MOMENT OF MEDITATION/INVOCATION**

Councilor Kain-Salazar led the Moment of Meditation/Invocation.

**E. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The following Governing Body members were in attendance:

Mayor:	<b>Alice A. Lucero</b>
Councilors:	<b>Robert Seeds</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>
	<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>
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**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Lucero presented the following agenda:



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- H. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

**I. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Employee of the Month- Desirae Medina
2. Introduction of New Employees
3. RediNet Status Update
4. Legislative Report
5. Northern New Mexico Regional Drug Summit
6. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members
7. Proclamation- Tribute to Teacher Excellence Day

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. **Ordinance 2012-05:** Amending Ordinance 2008-08, the City of Española Floodplain Development Ordinance
9. **Ordinance 2012-06:** Code Adoption for the Code of the City of Española
10. **Ordinance 2012-07:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Española, Ordinance No. 313, as amended, and changing the zoning classification of .076 acres, more or less, from B-2 (General Commercial), to R-1 (Rural Residential). The property is located at 410 Calle Borrego, within the City of Española, county of Rio Arriba requested by Antonio and Connie Valencia.
11. Appeal by Ms. Rebecca Garcia, applicant, requesting a review for the demolition of an existing structure within Plaza de Española Historic District. The property is located at 102 Los Alamos Highway. *(Taken from the Table-Tabled during 7.28.09 Meeting by then-Mayor Pro-Tem Alice Lucero pending staff assistance to register building as historic and seek out funding for repairs)*

**K. REPORTS**

12. **Council Committees** (Public Safety, Public Works, Community Services, Finance)
13. **Council Appointed Liaison** (NCSWA, NCRTD, E911, Hands Across Cultures, Fiesta Council, Regional Development Corporation)
14. **City Manager, including Finance Report and Staff Reports**

**L. CONSENT AGENDA**

15. Minutes
  - a. December 12, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes
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**M. ITEMS PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

16. Consideration of Beer Garden at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show (August 4<sup>th</sup>)
17. Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Center Advisory Committee
18. Amendment to San Miguel County Agreement for Confinement
19. Tow/Wrecker Policy
20. Budget Adjustment for Municipal Improvements Fund- Buildings
21. Resolution 2012-03: Commitment of \$1,589,400 from the Gross Receipts Tax Funds
22. Request to Purchase new truck for the Parks Department- Reallocation of budgeted amounts in Municipal Improvement Fund- Youth & Recreation
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25. Request for Facility-Use from Girl Scouts
26. Terrace Garden Presentation/Proposal
27. Library Grant MOU with Rio Arriba County
28. Approval of Temporary Police Chief Position

**N. 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.

**O. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

29. Canvas Board Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 1:30 PM
30. Swearing In Date for New City Councilors: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5 pm
31. Organizational Meeting Date: Monday, March 26, 2012

**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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City Manager Lujan requested the removal of Item 11.

***Motion by Councilor Ortega to approve agenda; seconded by Councilor Salazar.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Public.

**H. COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Seeds commented that it was his father's birthday.

**I. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Employee of the Month- Desirae Medina

City Clerk Tessa Jo Mascareñas presented her nomination for Employee of the Month, Ms. Desirae Medina. City Clerk Mascareñas stated that Ms. Medina had volunteered to work extra hours to complete the identification of voters that needed to have their registration changed to reflect the correct district. She added that Ms. Medina was always willing to provide assistance and had been a most valuable asset during the election season.

2. Introduction of New Employees

Chief Leo Montoya introduced four (4) new certified officers- Cody Martinez, Salomon Romero, John Vigil and Joseph Salazar Jr.

Administrative Services Director Joyce Sandoval introduced the new Procurement Officer, Ms. Marla Maestas-Valdez and the new Head Cashier, Ms. Madeline Baca.

3. RediNet Status Update

Mayor Lucero stated that this project was progressing well and work had begun in the Plaza area.

4. Legislative Report

Mayor Lucero announced that \$300,000.00 in Capital Outlay had been appropriated by the State Legislature. She explained that \$250,000.00 had come from Senator Richard Martinez and \$50,000.00 had come from Representative Debbie Rodella. Mayor Lucero stated that this money would be used for the engineering and architecture design of the new library. She added that she had met with Governor Susana Martinez the previous Spring who assured her that she was in favor of education and children which was what the library would service.

5. Northern New Mexico Regional Drug Summit

Mayor Lucero stated that the Implementation Team continued to meet on a monthly basis and had planned the Annual Drug Summit for April 14<sup>th</sup> at Pojoaque High School.

6. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

Mayor Lucero presented a key to the City mounted onto a plaque to Councilor Rosario "Chayo" Garcia in appreciation for eight (8) years of service as a member of the City Council.

Mayor Lucero presented a key to the City mounted onto a plaque to Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar in appreciation for six (6) years of service as a member of the City Council.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that the people of Española were the best anywhere and it had been a pleasure to serve. She thanked the public for the opportunity and added that it had been an honor to work with the other Councilors and Mayor. She stated that she planned to continue to be active in the community.

7. Proclamation- Tribute to Teacher Excellence Day

Mayor Lucero read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Gwen Casados as a representative for teachers in the area.

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. **Ordinance 2012-05:** Amending Ordinance 2008-08, the City of Española Floodplain Development Ordinance

City Planner Larry Valdez stated that this ordinance was completed in response to the Rio Arriba County flood insurance study.

Mayor Lucero opened the public hearing at 6:35PM.

After requesting comment from the public on three (3) occasions, Mayor Lucero closed the public hearing at 6:35PM.

*Motion by Councilor Ortega to adopt Ordinance 2012-05; seconded by Councilor Valdez.*

Councilor Seeds asked if such an ordinance was already in place. Mr. Valdez replied that in the affirmative but specified that as studies occur by the counties, the City was required to amend the ordinance.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Cory Lewis</b>	<b>In Favor</b>

9. **Ordinance 2012-06:** Code Adoption for the Code of the City of Española

City Attorney Coppler asked that this item be pulled from the agenda.

10. **Ordinance 2012-07:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Española, Ordinance No. 313, as amended, and changing the zoning classification of .076 acres, more or less, from B-2 (General Commercial), to R-1 (Rural Residential). The property is located at 410 Calle Borrego, within the City of Española, county of Rio Arriba requested by Antonio and Connie Valencia.

Mayor Lucero opened the public hearing at 6:38PM.

Ms. Connie Marquez-Valencia asked that her request be considered because she wished to move back to the area to be close to her parents. She added that her father had just turned 90 years old.

Mayor Lucero closed the public hearing at 6:40PM.

*Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve Ordinance 2012-07; seconded by Councilor Seeds.*

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Cory Lewis</b>	<b>In Favor</b>

**K. REPORTS**

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

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that a committee meeting had been held and some of the action items had been placed on the agenda.

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

Councilor Seeds announced that the NCRTD building was just about complete. He commented that the parking lot had presented a problem. Councilor Ortega added that a long-time employee had retired- Ms. Ivan Guillen.

City Manager Lujan stated that E-911 would be assisting the City with the purchase of a plotter for the Planning & Zoning Department.

**13. City Manager, including Finance Report and Staff Reports**

City Manager Lujan stated that Public Works had been working at Prince Ranch to prepare for irrigation season. He explained that the land had been taken over by gophers and groundhogs. City Manager Lujan announced that NNMC may need fields to plant their crops so they may utilize the land.

ASD Sandoval called attention to her recap sheet. She explained that the top captions were related to the general fund and revenues were above expenditures by \$667,300. ASD Sandoval cited the water fund specifically as its revenue was \$117,252 above expenditures. She added that the Wastewater Department was holding its own.

ASD Sandoval announced that expenditures had been reduced from the prior year by approximately \$624,000.

Councilor Valdez commended ASD Sandoval for her work and asked if the county had turned in their property taxes. ASD Sandoval cited page 5 of her report and stated that \$191,000 was received during the month of January. She stated that she expected the remainder to come in during the month of May.

City Manager Lujan stated that the Department Directors were being frugal, but not holding back services. He added that crews had painted buildings and fixed potholes.

Councilor Seeds asked if the Police Department was fully staffed. Chief Montoya stated that there was one more open position.

City Attorney Coppler stated that land had been sold to the schools pursuant to the an appraisal and the approval by the City Council. He explained that there had been a closing and he would be holding the deed and a check until the sale was approved by the State Board of Finance set to meet on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### L. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 14. Minutes

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***Motion by Councilor Ortega to approve the consent agenda; seconded Councilor Valdez.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

Councilor Ortega asked if the request for facility-use by the Girl Scouts could be moved up on the agenda.

#### M. ITEMS PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### **Request for Facility-Use from Girl Scouts**

Ms. Vanessa Wheeler stated that their intent was to request usage of a facility where the girls were in the community for their activities. She stated that they had struggled with locations for events and hoped to find a home for their groups.

Mayor Lucero mentioned that they would be planting a garden. Community Services Director Len Cata stated that they discussed community garden projects in the plaza.

Ms. Alisha Duran indicated that the plants would be donated by Lowes.

City Manager Lujan stated that the Governing Body had a standard agreement before them. He added that the group had mentioned locations for overnight events. City Manager Lujan suggested the Prince Ranch house and added that the approval of such events would be brought before the Governing Body at another time.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the Request for Facility-Use from the Girl Scouts; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.***

Councilor Ortega commented that this would be an excellent thing and added that Congressman Ben Ray Lujan had submitted a request to the White House for a tour during a trip for Girl Scouts from the Northern New Mexico area.

***Motion carried 7-0.***

15. Consideration of Beer Garden at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show (August 4<sup>th</sup>)

Councilor Salazar wished Mr. Tomas Martinez a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Andres Valdez read a request letter.

Mr. Tomas Martinez clarified that they had already received approval to hold the event, but had been asked for a plan with respect to the beer garden. He stated that they had looked into a sponsorship of the event. He stated that Premier Distributing was willing provide plaques up to \$6,000, radio ads on every station in NM, flyers, banners, signs and posters. He stated they would provide between \$10,000-\$20,000 to help promote the event.

Mr. Martinez stated that Saints & Sinners would assume distributing responsibilities and ProSec would be doing security in the area of the beer garden. He stated that they would ensure every spectator received a wristband and every time they entered the beer garden, there would a hole punched in the band. Mr. Martinez stated that they would attempt to have card verification scanner for the authentication of IDs. He reassured the Governing Body that he and his group would ensure safety at the event.

Councilor Ortega asked who would be handing out the wristbands. Mr. Martinez replied that known and trusted security guards would distribute them. Councilor Ortega stated that he had attended events like this before where it had not been difficult to obtain a second wristband or find someone to give their band away. He stated he wanted to be assured that they were doing everything possible to ensure this would not happen.

Councilor Garcia disclosed that her family owned a liquor license and added that she had several issues with the plans. She stated that she was well-aware of the liability if alcohol was sold to an already-intoxicated individual. Councilor Garcia stated that she wished to clarify that that Premier Distributing was Budweiser and questioned whether a sponsorship was needed. Councilor Garcia stated that, in her experience, attendance figures dropped when alcohol was served.

Councilor Seeds commended the group on their efforts. He asked if they had considered hiring some of the Police Department Officers. Mr. Martinez stated contest vehicles and owners would be searched prior to entrance. Councilor Seeds stated that he would feel more comfortable if there were certified officers present. Mr. Valdez replied that, with the recently approved co-sponsorship, the police officers would be involved. Councilor Seeds expressed his opinion that the Espanola Police Officers and Rio Arriba Sheriff's Department deputies should be given first priority.

Councilor Garcia stated that this same issue had been discussed at prior meetings with regard to the provision of the security services to Walmart. She expressed her concern that Councilor Seeds was giving the officers the credit they deserved. Councilor Seeds stated that he believed that should be given the opportunity to earn overtime.

***Motion by Councilor Ortega to approve Beer Garden at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car show; seconded by Councilor Salazar.***

Councilor Valdez stated that he would be voting against the issue as he was against liquor.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Robert Seeds</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Pedro Valdez</b>	<b>Against</b>
	<b>Helen Kain-Salazar</b>	<b>Against</b>
	<b>Dennis Tim Salazar</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Rosario (Chayo) Garcia</b>	<b>Against</b>
	<b>Greg Ortega</b>	<b>In Favor</b>
	<b>Cory Lewis</b>	<b>In Favor</b>

***Motion carried 4-3.***

16. Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Center Advisory Committee

Mr. John Werenko stated the Vision Statement had been approved as 3-year Strategic Plan.

He explained that the members of the Advisory Committee would be: Mayor Lucero, Administrative Services Director Sandoval, City Manager Lujan, Community Services Director Cata and NMRAC Director John Werenko.

***Motion to by Councilor Ortega to ratify the Northern New Mexico Regional Arts Center Advisory Committee; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

17. Amendment to San Miguel County Agreement for Confinement

Mr. Patrick Snedeker, warden and facility administrator for San Miguel County, stated that he wished to make the Governing Body aware of how much San Miguel County values the current relationship with the City of Espanola. He asked their review and consideration to house and care for arrestees at the San Miguel Detention Center.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the amendment to San Miguel County for confinement; seconded by Councilor Ortega.***

Councilor Seeds asked what was stipulated in the previous contract. City Manager Lujan answered that it was passed in March 2011 for a period of one (1) year. City Manager Lujan stated that there had not been a price locked in.

***Motion carried 6-1, with Councilor Lewis voting in the negative.***

## 18. Tow/Wrecker Policy

Chief Montoya stated that this item had been passed by the public safety committee. He explained that it required wrecker companies to maintain storage areas within city limits and be fenced.

***Motion by Councilor Ortega to approve Tow/Wrecker Policy; seconded by Councilor Valdez.***

Councilor Seeds stated that he owned the wrecker service in the community and had not received an invitation to the meeting. Chief Montoya informed him that all businesses within the city had been invited to show up. Councilor Lewis yielded the floor to Mr. Anthony Vandervossen. Mr. Vandervossen stated that he had reviewed tow policies throughout the US and found this to be a good document, with only a couple of issues that needed to be addressed.

***Motion by Councilor Garcia to table and send back to the public safety committee; seconded by Councilor Ortega.***

***Motion carried 6-0, with Councilor Seeds abstaining due to a personal interest.***

Chief Montoya stated that said he would send a letter to all companies on the rotation regarding the committee meeting. Councilor Ortega suggested having a special meeting of the public safety committee.

Mayor Lucero requested that Item 24 be moved up on the agenda.

### **Co-Sponsorship of Mayhem Mudd Bog Event**

Ms. Alisha Duran announced that event would be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Ohkay Casino. She stated that proceeds would go to Officer Jose Talache who had been battling cancer so it could pay for medical bills. Ms. Duran stated that they wished to utilize the City's backhoe. She added that the City of Espanola had co-sponsored the event for the last 4 years.

Mayor Lucero asked City Manager Lujan if the operators of the backhoe had to be City employees. He replied in the affirmative and stated that the employees would flex their time that week.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the co-sponsorship of the Mayhem Mudd Bog Event; seconded by Councilor Salazar.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

## 19. Budget Adjustment for Municipal Improvements Fund- Buildings

ASD Sandoval stated that this Budget Adjustment was necessary for the 124 fund. She clarified that this would take \$100,000 from the prior year's cash special revenue fund that was established in 2008. ASD Sandoval added that the combined cost for the municipal building had exceeded what was pulled from the investment pool.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the budget adjustment for Municipal Improvements Fund; seconded by Councilor Ortega.***

Councilor Garcia asked where the money would be spent. Mayor Lucero replied that it would be used for the court remodel.

***Motion carried 7-0.***

20. Resolution 2012-03: Commitment of \$1,589,400 from the Gross Receipts Tax Funds

ASD Sandoval explained that this resolution was necessary because EPA representatives required the city to pass one that dedicated city funds in order to do a match on some of the water/wastewater projects.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve Resolution 2012-03; seconded by Councilor Ortega.***

Councilor Valdez stated that he was glad the money would be used for projects in the works for many years.

***Motion carried 7-0.***

21. Request to Purchase new truck for the Parks Department- Reallocation of budgeted amounts in Municipal Improvement Fund- Youth & Recreation

ASD Sandoval stated that the request was for monies from the 124 fund. She stated this was dedicated for youth and recreation. She added that funds had been budgeted but none specifically for a truck and they wished to move money from other line items.

Councilor Ortega stated that they had discussed this at length during the Finance Committee meeting. He expressed his concern that they had gone with state contract instead of giving local businesses the opportunity to sell this.

***Motion by Councilor Ortega to send item out to bid; seconded by Councilor Seeds.***

Councilor Valdez stated that he believed going with the state contract would save money in the end. He added that the City would probably pay an additional \$3,000 in town.

Councilor Garcia stated that this had been discussed at length and it was agreed that this money should be spent in the area. She added that it is obvious they needed the truck.

City Manager Lujan asked if the Governing Body could approve the purchase of the vehicle allowing them to transfer the money and then proceed with how they would conduct the purchasing process.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the appropriation of monies to purchase of the vehicle in the amount of \$26,000; seconded by Councilor Ortega.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

Governing Body returned to the first motion regarding the bid for the purchase of the vehicle.

***Motion carried 5-2, with Councilor Kain-Salazar and Councilor Valdez voting in the negative.***

22. Approval of Out-Of-State Travel and Actual Expenses for Mayor Lucero

Mayor Lucero stated this money was for a trip to Washington DC with the LANL Coalition. She explained that there had been an announcement that LANL would have to eliminate 400-800 positions by April and they wished to meet with lawmakers to dissuade the removal of budget from LANL.

***Motion by Councilor Valdez to approve the Out-of-State Travel and Actual Expenses; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

23. Terrace Garden Presentation/Proposal

Ms. Beata Tsosie-Pena with Tewa Women United explained that they had completed several community garden projects. She stated that that they were proposing and offering to create a fruit tree terrace garden behind City Hall.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated that this item had been passed by the Community Services Committee.

***Motion by Councilor Salazar to approve the Terrace Garden Proposal; seconded by Councilor Seeds.***

***Motion carried 7-0.***

24. Library Grant MOU with Rio Arriba County

Librarian Teddie Reihl stated that Santa Fe County had offered to donate \$20,000. She explained that she had spoken with Rio Arriba County Commissioner Barney Trujillo regarding the donation and he asked that a request be brought before their commission.

***Motion by Councilor Ortega to approve the Library Grant MOU; seconded by Councilor Kain-Salazar***

Councilor Seeds exited at 8:22

***Motion carried 6-0.***

Councilor Seeds reentered at 8:23..

25. Approval of Temporary Police Chief Position

City Clerk Mascareñas stated that she had made a typographical error and the item should actually be a request for a temporary deputy chief position. She apologized for the mistake.

City Attorney Coppler advised that due to this error the item should be re-advertised and heard at a later date.

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**O. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

26. Canvas Board Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 1:30 PM

City Clerk Mascareñas stated that the canvas board would consist of herself, Magistrate Judge Madrid, Councilor Valdez, Councilor Seeds and Councilor Ortega.

27. Swearing In Date for New City Councilors: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5 pm

City Clerk Mascareñas stated that this date had been chosen because the High School Basketball State Tournaments were being held in Albuquerque that weekend and, as such, many people would be out of town.

28. Organizational Meeting Date: Monday, March 26, 2012

City Clerk Mascareñas stated that State Law required this meeting be completed on or before March 27, 2012.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Councilor Ortega to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Garcia.*

*Motion carried 7-0.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM.*

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

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2012.



*Tessa Jo Mascareñas*  
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Tessa Jo Mascareñas, City Clerk

*Alice A. Lucero*  
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Alice A. Lucero, Mayor