

**Minutes of
Public Works Committee Meeting
September 15, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee for Wednesday September 15, 2010 was called to order by Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair at 6:00 p.m. Present were:

COUNCILORS: Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair
Rosario "Chayo" Garcia, Member
Cory Lewis, Member
Pedro Valdez, Member

STAFF: James Lujan, City Manager
Marvin Martinez, Public Works Director
Sylvia D. Tafoya, Administrative Assistant
Carlos Rodriguez, Wastewater Treatment Plant Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Kain-Salazar read the agenda aloud.

Councilor Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW ITEMS

Compliance letter deadline is 9/24/10 to NM Drinking Water Bureau to address uranium issues for Wells 5 & 6 by Marvin Martinez

Marvin Martinez addressed the committee. He stated the City has until September 24, 2010 to submit a compliance letter to the New Mexico Drinking Water Bureau. The letter is currently in draft form to be reviewed by the City Manager. Options will be defined in the letter and he will be consulting with John Shoemaker & Associates to come up with a blending ratio. The cost will be approximately \$5,000.00 for new lines and apparatus. Finances will be taken care of at a later date.

Councilor Garcia asked about looping the system at Calles Gallegos.

Mr. Lujan stated that it is part of the 40 year water plan.

Pumice Mine – sealing of the (3) three test wells – permit review

Mr. Martinez reported the update to the committee. He stated the City presently has 3 monitoring wells. He has obtained price quotes to seal the 3 wells as part of the permit

requirement through Energy, Mines and Minerals. The cost through state contract will be \$5,500.00. We will proceed within the next week.

Mr. Lujan explained that the City needs to put up a \$15,000.00 in an isolated surety bond in a separate account for approximately 10 years for seeding as required for erosion control. Energy, Mines and Minerals representatives have been up at the pumice mine for inspection and they are very happy with it. There is growth eliminating the erosion.

Councilor Garcia asked about selling.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated it is still being discussed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant issues by Carlos Rodriguez

SWPP permit

Carlos Rodriguez addressed the committee. He explained the SWPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention) plan permit. They can move forward as soon as they receive the 3 proposals. The scope of services include: development of drawings to incorporate the sewer water drainage and diversions, the inspection point, and things of that nature. He has spoken with Diane McDonald from EPA. The city is being given some leeway because there are other municipalities that also need to submit their plan. As long as we remain in contact with EPA and let them know our progress, its fine. We do need to move forward quickly.

Mr. Martinez stated we will be sending them status updates on a regular basis. The cost will be \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00 to hire an engineer.

Councilor Garcia asked what the plan entails.

Mr. Rodriguez explained EPA is requiring a plan to protect the Rio Grande River should there be a flood.

Mr. Lujan explained they need to know what would be done to prevent contaminants from the wastewater treatment plant from getting into the Rio Grande should flooding occur. This is a nationwide requirement. An engineer's design is required.

Removal of Bio-Solids

Mr. Rodriguez explained to the committee that sampling has been completed to determine heavy metals and other sampling requirements. There is an issue with Waste Management. We need to revisit and obtain information on acreage and how they are going to remedy the problem. There will be a \$150.00 fee from the NM Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau to obtain the permit. They will not release that permit until Waste Management has completed the requirements in removal of waste.

He went on to explain the Class B waste bio-solids. Special permitted trucks are needed to move out waste from the WWTP to be transported to Rio Rancho.

Mr. Martinez explained it needs to be dried before transported. That is where the problem exists.

NMDOT – Caution light on State Road 76 by Anthony Trujillo

Mr. Martinez explained to the committee. He stated the City had applied for \$100,000.00 but that has not been executed to the City. He has been trying to get in contact with Elias Archuleta of N.M.D.O.T. and he will keep trying. The location is for caution lights at State Road 76 at Calle Pacheco at the blind spot. Price quotes have been obtained at approximately \$30,000.00 each. Solar is more expensive.

Councilor Garcia asked about road signs. We need to follow up with D.O.T. for signs at the Santa Clara Bridge and at the Chimayo Trading Post and at State Road 76.

Mr. Lujan stated they will work with D.O.T. to make sure those signs are put back in place as new construction is completed. He stated that anyone in need of street signs can contact Sylvia Tafoya at the Public Works Department to make sure the signs are ordered and installed by the Streets Department. Also, paint has been bought for painting of speed bumps, crosswalks and curbs citywide.

Mr. Martinez reported to the committee the ongoing clean up citywide.

Matters of the Chair

Change of Public Works Committee meeting time to 5:30 p.m.

The committee agreed to change the meeting time to 5:45 p.m.

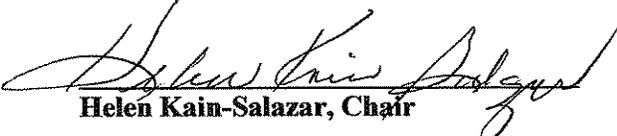
It was suggested by Councilor Kain-Salazar that each councilor go on a field review with the Public Works Director to help them understand the different items that come before the Public Works Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

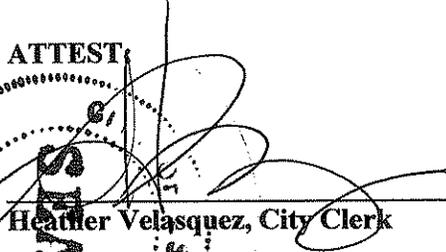
Councilor Valdez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Garcia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sylvia D. Tafoya, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF November, 2010


Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair

ATTEST:


Heather Velasquez, City Clerk