

**Minutes of  
Public Works Committee Meeting  
August 3, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday August 3, 2010 was called to order by Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair at 6:00 p.m. Present were:**

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

**STAFF:** James Lujan, City Manager  
Anthony "Hawk" Trujillo, Streets Department Supervisor  
Sylvia D. Tafoya, Administrative Assistant  
Antonio Chavez, Water Utility Foreman

**OTHERS:** Michele Martinez, North Central Solid Waste Authority  
Sally Baxter, North Central Solid Waste Authority  
Kristin McFarland, Rio Grande Sun  
Mukhtiar Khalsa, Cuatro Villas  
Kari Edenfield, SMA w/Cuatro Villas  
Steve Finch, John Shoemaker & Associates

**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/ACTION ITEMS**

**Presentation by John Shoemaker and Associates on City of Espanola 40 Year Master Plan**

Steve Finch from John Shoemaker and Associates presented this item to the committee. He stated the project began in 2003. The water rights attorney has reviewed the plan and the State Engineer wants the City to have the plan.

Mr. Finch presented a hard copy of the plan to committee members and explained 1) The planning area 2) Alternatives for developing water supply. He read the plan aloud to all present. He explained water rights usage. The City has not completed the 40 year water plan. There is no dead line from the State Engineer.

He went on to state Well 8 has the best production and best quality, with 1,000 acre feet available. Storage amount is 2,000 acre feet. Usage is approximately 1,000 acre feet. Water and storage can be leased.

The Agua Sana lease agreement has expired but the City still has almost 3,000 acre feet available in water rights in good standing with the State Engineers office. He went on to explain the planning area recommended. The current capacity of the City's water supply has been reviewed and is 946 acre feet. The ability to use wells with blending equals 1500 acre feet per year. Shallow wells can be placed at Prince/Carter Ranch to increase supply. The report presented tonight is based on the report done in 1983. Drilling wells closer to the Rio Grande well produce more water that is less expensive because they are shallow wells. A population of 11,000 is served. 2,000 acre feet of water supply is available. Agua Sana and Greater Chimayo are similar. Wells 4 & 7 blending program is currently underway. There is a need to know what the planning region is in order to pursue further to calculate final numbers. It is recommended to include all involved. The City needs to adopt the water plan through the full city council.

Councilor Garcia asked about Santa Clara Pueblo and Ohkay Owingeh.

Mr. Finch stated that they can be considered but not included in the final calculations. Public law incorporates the planning region. Cuatro Villas needs to be included in the planning area.

**Councilor Kain-Salazar asked for another presentation to the full city council at their September 16<sup>th</sup> workshop.**

Mr. Finch agreed to present to the full council to include maps, graphs, definitions, etc.

**Cuatro Villas MDWUA for waterline project along NM Highway 106 by Makhtier Khalsa**

Souder, Miller and Associates Representative Kari "Juanita" Edenfield and Makhtier Khalsa explained the 12" water line located on State Road 106. They stated the needs of the City and Cuatro Villas should be included. There is a need to finalize the agreement. Regionalization is the key to funding approval. They referred to the map included in the 40 year plan.

James Lujan stated the proposed JPA is currently being reviewed by legal counsel. There is no conflict. The wording is being worked on. There are concerns on high uranium content. Well 5 and 6 can be shut down and Carter Ranch Well 8 turned on.

**Update on North Central Solid Waste Authority by James Lujan**

Mr. Lujan stated he has met with NCSWA and proposed \$50,000.00 per year with EGRT and has discussed the possibility of turning over the billing to NCSWA. Franchise fees are owed and are to be offset. NCSWA began billing the City July 1, 2010. There is a

possibility of doing away with franchise fees. Landowners are currently charged, not tenants.

Ms. Martinez thanked Mr. Lujan. She stated it is the most cooperation she has seen from the City.

**Councilor Kain-Salazar stated this is to be taken to the Finance Committee and Mr. Lujan will continue to meet with Ms. Martinez. The JPA needs to be updated with in-house attorneys to keep legal fees down.**

**Update –address the flooding at the Lucero Center Parking Lot**

Councilor Garcia stated there is a need to look at the lack of drainage at the Lucero Center parking lot.

The committee did a field review of the parking lot.

It was decided that a berm could be cut and seed laid down.

Anthony Trujillo was directed to find a solution to prevent future flooding. Mr. Trujillo stated he would schedule work through the Streets department for Thursday morning.

**Update-address the Street Lights on Riverside**

Councilor Garcia asked about the street light outage on Riverside Drive caused by the current highway construction project.

Mr. Trujillo explained that the meter loop was not in the original plans and correction of this problem may take approximately 6 weeks. He stated that D.O.T. will direct connect 25 lights at the new construction area until the meter loop comes in.

Councilor Garcia asked about a bike path on the shoulder.

Mr. Trujillo stated he would check the striping scheme.

**Water Quality Notice-address the need for additional information to be sent out**

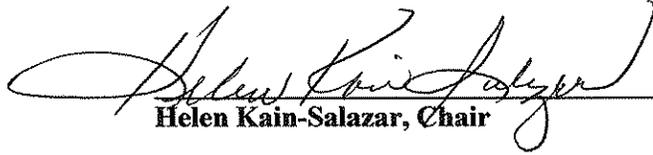
**Antonio Chavez was directed by the City Manager to provide the Water Quality Notice to all Council Members in the future. These are sent to consumers annually.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

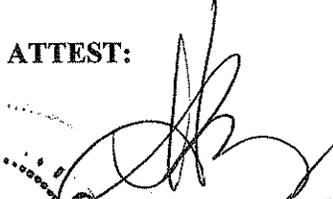
**Councilor Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Garcia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

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

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF November, 2010

  
Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Heather Velasquez, City Clerk

