

**Minutes of
Public Works Committee Meeting
June 8, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday June 8, 2010 was called to order by Councilor Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair at 6:09p.m. Present were:

COUNCILORS: Helen Kain-Salazar, Chair
Cory Lewis, Member
Pedro Valdez, Member
Robert Seeds

STAFF: Joe T. Duran, Interim City Manager
Ben Ortega, Public Works Director
Anthony "Hawk" Trujillo, Streets Department Supervisor
Sylvia D. Tafoya, Administrative Assistant
David Bustos, Wastewater Collections Foreman
Carlos Rodriguez, Wastewater Treatment Plant Director
Antonio Chavez, Water Utility Foreman

OTHERS: Peter Fant, Souder, Miller & Associates
Michele Martinez, North Central Solid Waste Authority
Jose Castillo, North Central Solid Waste Authority
Tandy Freel, Bohannan- Huston & Associates
Ron Mosher, Molzen-Corbin & Associates
Clayton Ten Eyck, Molzen-Corbin & Associates

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Kain-Salazar read the agenda aloud. Item #8 was moved to become #4 on the agenda.

Councilor Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Valdez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010. Councilor Valdez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Update on completed Uranium Study at Wells 5 and 6 by Molzen-Corbin and Associates

Ben Ortega presented update on Molzen-Corbin and Associates on the completed Uranium Study at Wells 5 & 6. He read from report and presented to Committee members.

Ron Mosher explained the report.

He stressed the need to address this problem. Councilor Valdez recommended implementing Carter Ranch well.

Mr. Mosher explained the process of studying water content.

Councilor Valdez recommended taking to the Legislature and to pursue through 2011-2012 budget. Also, there is a need to look into using the Rio Grande Well water (non-potable).

Mr. Ortega stated he will be presenting a water master plan to be included in the analysis (uranium) production & distribution.

Councilor Seeds stated the City is only trying to meet minimal standards instead of exceeding them. He voiced his worry about the water content and the safe drinkability of the City's water.

Mr. Ortega explained looping the water system in future plans.

Councilor Seeds requested to Antonio Chavez that the City keep a schedule to flush dead end lines throughout the City.

Ron Mosher presented a report (supplemental study) to the Committee.

Mr. Mosher explained that uranium becomes a regulatory product under commission. The County needs to come in and deal with this off site. He recommended the City find another supply of water without Wells 5 & 6.

Mr. Chavez stated that El Llano well was capped off in the 80's. He asked if the committee wants a broader spectrum on the El Llano well.

The committee directed Mr. Ortega to bring back this information in August.

Councilor Seeds asked Molzen-Corbin for a treatment standpoint explanation.

There was brief explanation and it was determined that a centralized treatment facility would be a huge cost.

Charles Lujan stated reverse osmosis will take care of most contaminants. Uranium is completely different.

Preview of North McCurdy Road Improvement Plans by Bohannan-Huston and Associates

Mr. Ortega presented Bohannan-Huston. Representatives from Bohannan-Huston gave a presentation to the Committee. Visual boards were presented and the project was explained.

They stated that they have met with the City of Espanola Planning & Zoning in regards to a 50' right-of-way. They have met with the acequia representatives. They have had favorable feedback from all involved or affected. There will be minimal impact. There are 5-6 parcels to Pueblo land that will be impacted.

Mr. Ortega stated that the right-of-way will be into existing properties. A public meeting was held in May but was not so specific. It did not show the property impact. There were 14 sheets included in the presentation. 10-15 people attended the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010 and is an open public meeting that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Seeds stated we will need to explain to the public it is not set in stone yet. We are still looking for ways to get this project done and to get it in place to where it works for everybody.

Review and recommendation to forward new Street Light and Sewer Lift Station Policies to the City Council

Mr. Ortega referred to the Street Light Policy that was provided to the committee.

Anthony Trujillo stated that the cobra head is required by law due to the Dark Skies Act. Railroad Avenue and Fairview Lane need street lights 300' apart. A copy of the Dark Skies Act was provided to the committee for their review.

Councilor Valdez stated he wants the city to dictate where street lights are placed.

Mr. Trujillo explained this was just a guideline.

Councilor Seeds stated lights should be placed on an as per need basis. Not everyone is in favor of bright lighting. Lights are for safety.

Mr. Trujillo stated there are not sufficient funds available for lights. This is not for businesses, just for the general public.

Councilor Seeds stated if we need a policy, we need to cover everything. Everything needs to be stipulated in the policy so we can service any needs of the citizens that come forth and show a real need for a light.

Councilor Kain-Salazar stated the information presented will be reviewed by the committee to be presented in the August City Council Workshop.

Mr. Ortega stated the Planning Director requested the policy be in place to be followed by that department.

Lift Stations Policy

Mr. Ortega stated the City does not have funds for private lift stations. The budget for lift stations was cut in half. He stated he and wastewater department personnel met with Bosque Farms to review their policy. He stated we are not funded adequately to undertake lift stations on private property.

Councilor Valdez asked for the current ordinance for comparison and also a copy of the minutes addressing private lift stations.

David Bustos advised Councilor Valdez that nothing specific was addressed in the Ordinance. From January 2010 to present there have been 8 replacement pumps at a cost from \$4,200.00 - \$8,000.00 per system.

This item is to be brought back to this committee at a later date.

Review of proposed Joint Powers Agreement with Cuatro Villas MDWUA for waterline project along NM Highway 106

Mr. Ortega presented this item to the committee. He stated Cuatro Villas had approached the City along with Santa Fe County and this was primarily to be exclusive to the City of Espanola. This proposes to build jointly, 2/3 to be completed by City, 1/3 to be completed by Santa Clara Pueblo, primary feed to Cuatro Villas. A different approach is NM Finance Authority providing for the City and Cuatro Villas. We cannot build on Santa Clara Pueblo land. They would be responsible to build. This is informational only. Attorneys for the City and Cuatro Villas have reviewed and have input their comments. It will now go to the full City Council.

Councilor Valdez asked that employees be involved as with Agua Sana to see that everything is completed up to standards.

Councilor Seeds agreed saying standards must meet or exceed ours.

Mr. Ortega stated the line will be used as an emergency. The committee was encouraged to complete a field review with Ben Ortega to see where the line runs.

Update on groundwater monitoring proposal by Souder, Miller and Associates at former City El Llano landfill

Mr. Ortega introduced Peter Fant of Souder, Miller & Associates. Mr. Fant addressed the committee. He explained that 5 wells are currently being monitored at \$1,500.00 per sample. The City needs to stay in compliance. Jim Farmer, Public Works Director at the time, began the monitoring in 1992. The first sampling was completed in 2003. Sampling was also completed in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Councilor Valdez attended a field meeting and is hoping for negative contamination. Sampling is needed for the end of 2010. Mr. Fant will request approval for 2011. A 30 year commitment on monitoring is required to be submitted to BLM. This is for both ground water and methane testing.

Councilor Valdez made a motion to send this item to the Finance Committee for approval of 2010 sampling. Councilor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Under discussion, Councilor Seeds asked if the cost of \$40,000.00 per year as worst case scenario was correct. Mr. Fant agreed.

This item will go to the Finance Committee.

Update on proposal for preparation of Industrial Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan, Inspection, and Drawing Preparation Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant by Souder, Miller and Associates

Peter Fant of Souder, Miller & Associates presented this item to the committee.

He explained this is federally required. Plans and maps are needed and personnel need to be identified for the first year. There will be an evaluation every five years thereafter.

Mr. Ortega presented a cost proposal of \$15,000.00 to train staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilor Valdez made a motion to recommend approval to the Finance Committee. Councilor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Preview of Proposed Resolution from Councilor Valdez re: use of ESGRT's for North Central Solid Waste Authority

Councilor Valdez presented a handout to committee members and read it aloud. He referred to Ordinance #496 Environmental Gross Receipts Tax. He stated the City is part of the North Central Solid Waste Authority. We need to help.

Councilor Kain-Salazar agreed. This item needs to be sent to the Finance Committee.

Michele Martinez stated she worked with the City billing department. The billing system is well established. Equipment is old. Employees are suffering working 10 hour days to

make sure trash service is being done and NCSWA wants to work with the City as a partner. She stated that the complaints from March were addressed in June. Ms. Martinez stated she will respond to all complaints individually. They are doing their best with the 39 employees they have. She thanked Councilor Valdez. She stated that a Transfer Station needs to be built.

Mr. Lujan from Ohkay Owingeh spoke. He stated that it took 7 years to develop the Joint Powers Agreement from Sangre de Cristo. Now with only 4 owners, the City of Espanola is one of the key components and main contributor. Gross Receipts tax intent was to go towards supporting development and expansion to include the transfer station and the landfill. They faced the NIMBY attitude (Not in My Back Yard). A commitment from the City of Espanola is needed.

Councilor Kain-Salazar spoke favorably on the resolution. This item will go to the Finance Committee then on to the full Council. A 5 year commitment is needed on the environmental tax.

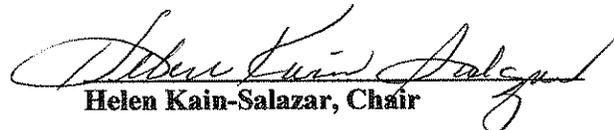
Councilor Kain-Salazar thanked Mr. Lujan.

ADJOURNMENT

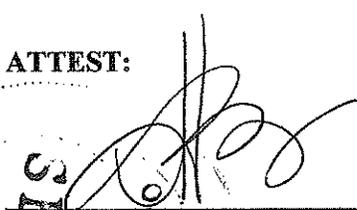
Councilor Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Valdez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

