

**FINANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 PASEO DE ONATE ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor: Joseph Maestas
Mayor Pro Tem: Alice Lucero
Councilors: Helen Kain Salazar
Rosario "Chayo" Garcia (absent)
Eddie Maestas
Alfred Herrera
Danielle Duran
Cecilia Lujan
Dennis Tim Salazar

Interim City Manager: Jeff Condrey

City Clerk's Office: Veronica Martinez
Beverlee DeAguero

Interim City Attorney: Kathleen Kentish-Lucero

Mayor Maestas led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Councilor Lujan made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Kane-Salazar; the motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Maestas presented the minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting for approval. Councilor Lucero asked for a spelling correction; the clerk noted the changes.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilor Maestas; the motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Public Presentations

Mustafa Chudnoff of Glorieta Geoscience presented information to the Council. This company has been working for the City for about five years and provided a summary of the work that they have done regarding water issues in the City.

Matters from the Mayor

Mayor Joseph M. Maestas reported that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Governor regarding the proposed LANL gross receipts tax issue and would keep the Council posted on any development.

Mayor Joseph M. Maestas stated that he was very pleased to be able to make this next appointment, that of our new City Attorney, Angela "Spence" Pacheco. Mayor Maestas spoke highly of Ms. Pacheco and all of the risk management and code enforcement experience and expertise that she would bring to this office. Mayor Maestas asked for a motion to ratify his appointment.

The Mayor also thanked Kathleen Kentish-Lucero for taking on the task of helping the City of Española during its transition. He stated that he was very grateful for her participation in this important change and her sound advice provide. Several of the Councilors concurred.

Councilor Lujan made the motion to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Angela "Spence" Pacheco as the City Attorney, seconded by Councilor Lucero; the motion passed 7/0.

Resolution 2006-16

Mayor Maestas introduced Resolution 2006-16, A Resolution In Support of Property Easement. The purpose of the Resolution was to show support of the Española Public Schools to provide an easement to the City of Española for the mutual benefit of the parties as well as to the Department of Transportation. The easement would be used to build a drainage pond on School property that would help to alleviate some of the drainage problems that occur on and around Industrial Park Road when it rains. The Resolution was amended to state that the easement would be from the School District to the City.

Councilor Duran made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-16, seconded by Councilor Lujan. The motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Resolution 2006-17

Mayor Maestas presented Resolution 2006-17 Establishing Utility Allowance for the Housing Authority. Mayor Maestas stated that this was a regulation of HUD to have this resolution passed.

Councilor Maestas made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-17, seconded by Councilor Lucero; the motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Resolution 2006-18

Mayor Maestas presented Resolution 2006-18 Restricting the Sale or Use of Fireworks. Fire Chief Alex Sisneros spoke in favor of the resolution, stating that it would be a good deterrent to residents to use fireworks in these dry conditions.

Councilor Lujan made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-18, seconded by Councilor Kane-Salazar; the motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Matters from the City Manager

City Manager Jeff Condrey reported to the Council that he and finance staff had been working on trimming the budget in order to be able to provide a balanced budget to DFA, and outlined the changes for the Council, but stated that at this point, they still showed a \$350,113 deficit. He stated that he and staff would work further to eliminate that deficit, probably from vacancy savings and anticipated revenue.

Josie Lujan, Acting Finance Director, outlined the budget changes for the Council on a projection screen so that they could see the changes that were made to bring the budget from the \$1,000,000 deficit to a \$350,000 deficit. The Council was asked to provide input to Mr. Condrey and city staff to make further adjustments to the budget in an effort to get it balanced. Mr. Condrey also stated that he would be asking staff for their input on possible savings to include in the budget for approval on June 28.

Councilor Lujan stated that she did not like the idea of selling land to cover operating expenses. Mr. Condrey agreed that this is not a good policy.

Mayor Maestas asked for the final budget and summary of final changes to be submitted to the Council at a special meeting just before the scheduled Community Services Committee meeting on June 28, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Contract for Transport of Prisoners

Gene Aldaz spoke about the details of the revised contract for the transport of prisoners with Gallup-McKinley Adult Detention Center. He explained that one of the major changes is

that the City would only have to transport the prisoners to Santa Fe, which should result in significant cost savings.

Councilor Salazar made the motion to approve the Contract, seconded by Councilor Maestas; the motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Executive Session

Councilor Lucero made a motion to go into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters not subject to the open meetings act, as authorized by section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Councilor Kane-Salazar seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilor Salazar, for the motion, Councilor Lujan, for the motion, Councilor Duran, for the motion, Councilor Herrera, for the motion, Councilor Lucero, for the motion, Councilor Maestas, for the motion, Councilor Kane-Salazar, for the motion. Motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

The governing body entered into closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Councilor Lucero made a motion to come out of executive session, stating that the only matter discussed was personnel matters not subject to the Open Meetings Act and that no action was taken. Councilor Kane-Salazar seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilor Salazar, for the motion, Councilor Lujan, for the motion, Councilor Duran, for the motion, Councilor Herrera, for the motion, Councilor Lucero, for the motion, Councilor Maestas, for the motion, Councilor Kane-Salazar, for the motion. Motion passed with a 7/0 vote.

Councilor Lujan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Duran.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED JULY 24, 2006.

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