

PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2006
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 Paseo De Oñate, Española

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following present:

Chair	Alice Lucero
Councilors	Alfred J. Herrera Cecilia Lujan Dennis Tim Salazar
City Clerk's Office	Veronica Martinez
Staff	Marvin Martinez David Bustos Louis Lujan

Approval of Agenda:

Councilor Lujan made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Salazar seconded the motion; it passed with a 3/0 vote.

Approval of Minutes:

The committee moved this item to the end of the meeting, before adjournment.

New Business:

The recommendations for revision of the Utility Ordinance were on the agenda for this meeting, but due to time constraints for the sub-committee to meet, Marvin Martinez and Veronica Martinez asked that this item be held off until next meeting, as their work was not yet complete.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to table this item, seconded by Councilor Lujan; the motion passed 3/0.

Marvin Martinez addressed the recommendations for the revision of the collection policy and procedures. He stated that procedurally the policy was useful; it just needed some grammatical changes and clarification, and asked that the committee grant the authority to enforce the policies and procedures.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to direct staff to meet with the City Manager regarding the enforcement and implementation of the Standard Operating

Procedures for utility collection, seconded by Councilor Salazar; it passed with a 3/0 vote.

The subdivision regulation item was discussed. The committee felt this item should go before each of the other committees before this committee gives its recommendations to the full council.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to table the subdivision regulations, seconded by Councilor Lujan, it passed 3/0.

Water Services:

Marvin Martinez spoke to the items of Arsenic Abatement and Drought Contingency. He stated that the Task Orders from Molzen Corbin & Associates were for Preliminary Engineering Reports to provide information about the possibilities for treatment of the water contaminants. He stated that these PER's were necessary in following the schedule set forth by EPA on the extension the City of Española was given to comply with arsenic water standards. He also stated that this PER would also cover the fluoride contaminant issue that the City faces. The funding source is a Bureau of Reclamation Grant and a legislative appropriation.

Councilor Salazar made a motion to send Task Order 59 and Task Order 61 to council with a do-pass recommendation, seconded by Councilor Lujan; it passed 3/0.

Louis Lujan gave information about the NMED Superfund site; this was provided for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilor Lujan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Herrera, which passed 3/0.

Councilor Lujan made a motion to adjourn.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED JUNE 6, 2006.

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