

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MARCH 8, 2016**

**RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JENNY TURNBULL, COMMISSIONER
ERICA MARTIN, COMMISSIONER**

**AL HERNANDEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER
GEORGE STRAFACE, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
STEPHEN THIES, CITY ATTORNEY
NANCY JACOBS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Mayor Pro-Tem Rentschler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Clerk Jacobs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Rev. Victor Colton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Former Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Rentschler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

CANVASS OF ELECTION

1. Consider, and act upon, declaring the results of the Official Canvass of Election of March 1, 2016. (Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk)

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve declaring the results of the Official Canvass of Election of March 1, 2016. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rentschler asked to make some comments. He said he was proud to have served on the Commission and it was an honor. He thanked Interim City Manager Straface, Public Works Director Brian Cesar, Finance Director LeeAnn Nichols, City Clerk Nancy Jacobs and Deputy Clerk Rachel Hughs for their service. He was glad to see the Desalination Project become a reality and was sorry he would not be on the Commission when it was completed.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

2. Administration of the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor At-Large and City Commissioners. (Magistrate Judge James Scott Newton)

Mayor At-Large Boss, District 5 Commissioner Hernandez, District 1 Commissioner Baldwin, District 6 Commissioner Martin, and District 3 Commissioner Payne were sworn in as the newly elected officials.

Interim City Manager Straface gave Mayor Boss a key to City of Alamogordo.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

3. Selection of the Mayor Pro-Tem. (Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk)

Commissioner Turnbull nominated Commissioner Hernandez for Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

4. Selection of Seating Order. (Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Turnbull kept their present seats. Commissioner Martin will sit next to Commissioner Turnbull and Commissioner Payne will sit next to Mayor Boss.

5. Determine Order of Business - Rule 6, Rules of Conduct for City Commission Meetings. (Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk)

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the Order of Business - Rule 6, Rules of Conduct for City Commission Meetings. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT**Ken Bass commented on the following:**

Mr. Bass spoke about Item #11 on the Consent agenda, Snake Tank Well No. 5. He did not feel the well needed to be refurbished as it has never been used.

Eugene Downer commented on the following:

Mr. Downer spoke about planting trees in the City. He felt the cottonwood trees on Indian Wells Road were very dangerous, because they were old and falling down. He mentioned we have \$7,000 in grants for planting trees.

He spoke about the location of the Family Fun Center (FFC) and how confusing the signs are regarding the FFC.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**Interim City Manager Straface made the following remarks:**

1) He congratulated the new Commissioners and Mayor and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

2) He reminded the Commission of the work session on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Fire Station 5 beginning at 8:30 am. He mentioned the meeting was open to the public.

3) He highlighted the following dates:

March 22nd - Work session during the regular city commission meeting regarding the second FFC conceptual design and review of the 5-Year Street Maintenance Program.

March 19th - 116th birthday of the Library from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

March 26th - Easter in the Park from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

May 14th - Military Appreciation Day at Griggs Field from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the Minutes for February 23, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting. (Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk) WITHDRAWN

7. Approve Resolution No. 2016-05 requesting approval of the Housing Authority Board Open Meetings Act. (Evelyn Huff, Housing Manager) (Roll Call vote required)

8. Approve Resolution No. 2016-08 requesting written approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance & Administration, State of New Mexico for the revised budget figures computed as of March 8, 2016. (Kathy Gilsdorf, Budget Analyst)) (Roll Call vote required)

9. Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2016-09 supporting the New Mexico Department of Tourism Litter Control and Beautification grant for Keep Alamogordo Beautiful (KAB). (*Jan Wafful, Special Events Manager*) (Roll Call vote required)

10. Consider, and act upon, Lodger's Tax Expenditures for Tourism & Travel. (*Jan Wafful, Special Events Manager*)

12. Consider, and act upon, the Application for Participation in the 2016 Law Enforcement Protection Fund. (*Roger Schoolcraft, Acting Police Chief*)

Commissioner Baldwin asked to remove Item #11 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve items 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 of the consent calendar. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken for items 7, 8, and 9. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

11. Consider, and act upon, Change Order No. 5, RFQ No. 2013-05, to CDM Smith, Inc. related to the engineering and design services for the 1MGD Desalination Plant project, in an amount not to exceed \$166,304.62, including tax.

Public Works Director Cesar explained the Engineering Department needs to work through New Mexico Environment Department for permit approvals. He said they were ready to bid out construction at the Snake Tank Well Field located nine miles north of Tularosa. He confirmed Well 5 was a well that has not been pumped for the nine years it has been there. He said they were going to redevelop the well, clean it, and test the well so they are able to put the well online when the Desalination Facility is complete. He mentioned this is the last part of the loan secured through New Mexico Finance Department.

Commissioner Baldwin asked Director Cesar if this could happen to any of the other wells. He answered the monitoring wells are part of the budgeted construction. Commissioner Hernandez asked if they were steel cased wells. He said yes.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve Change Order No. 5, RFQ No. 2013-05, to CDM Smith, Inc. related to the engineering and design services for the 1MGD Desalination Plant project, in an amount not to exceed \$166,304.62, including tax. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Consider, and act upon Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Otero County concerning recycling containers. (*Stephen Thies, City Attorney*)

City Attorney Thies talked about the different recycling locations the City had in the past but the contract with a third party expired so the containers were no longer there; they could not come to an agreement with the third party. The County had a recycling program and he recommended approving the agreement between the City and the County. The agreement would not expire unless the City or the County opted out.

Erica Martin asked if under the last agreement the company was paying the City for items they were taking. He said they were paying a couple hundred dollars a month. Interim City Manager Straface said it was two hundred dollars a month and what the City was asking for was more revenue, \$500 a month. That is why they did not come to an agreement with the third party.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Otero County concerning recycling containers. Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

14. Consider, and act upon, the appointment of a board member and alternate for Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments (SNMEDD/COG). *(Nancy Jacobs, City Clerk)*

Commissioner Sikes asked what this would entail. Interim City Manager Straface explained there are eight meetings a year, four are policy and four technical with the commissioner attending the policy sessions in Roswell, and City Staff attending the technical sessions. Commissioner Turnbull asked what day of the week it would be, and was told Thursday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez volunteered. Commissioner Sikes volunteered for alternate. The Commission accepted the names by acclamation.

15. Consider , and act upon, the appointment of three Board Members to represent the City of Alamogordo on the Otero County/ Greentree Solid Waste Authority (OCGSWA). *(Brian Cesar, Public Works Director)*

Public Works Director Cesar explained the meetings were once a year and we would need three members to volunteer. Commissioner Sikes asked him if it required the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem and he said no; the only required were the City Manager and the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Turnbull, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Payne volunteered. The Commission accepted the names by acclamation.

16. Appointments to Boards and Committees. *(Richard Boss, Mayor)*

Mayor Boss read the openings and appointed Teresa Carr to the Mayors Committee on Aging. No one was opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

REMARKS FROM THE COMMISSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez made the following remarks:

1. He thanked City Clerk Jacobs, Deputy Clerk Hughs, and all the staff that worked on the election. He mentioned it went smooth and they did an excellent job.
2. He asked that the City stay on top of billing the owner of the sewer line that was replaced on 10th and McKinley, if that is what the City is going to do.

Commissioner Baldwin made the following remarks:

He congratulated Mayor Boss, Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez and the new Commissioners. He echoed Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez in thanking the City Clerk's office for doing a great job on the election. He thanked Interim City Manager Straface for his leadership of the City. He said there is no reason we can not accomplish what we want to and it will take work to get Alamogordo where it needs to be.

Interim City Manager Straface made the following remarks:

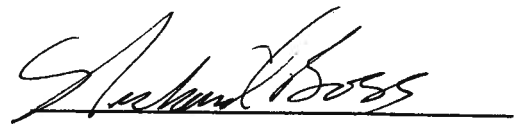
He mentioned what Mr. Downer presented was accurate, and he admired his tenacity on this issue, however, at this time he could not fulfill his request. He said the City was short on staff that the planting of trees would require, and his other concern was water.

Commissioner Sikes made the following remarks:

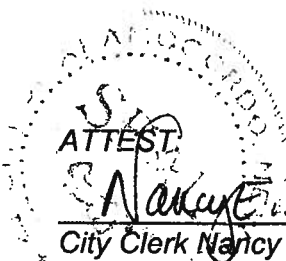
She thanked the City Clerk's staff for how well the election went. She mentioned Commissioner Turnbull and she helped canvass the election and their job took so little work because the staff had already done all the work. She was honored to help with the canvas and said it was a learning experience. Commissioner Sikes congratulated the new Commission.

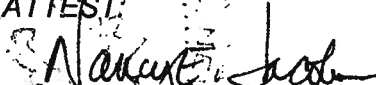
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baldwin moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.



Mayor Richard Boss



ATTEST:

City Clerk Nancy E. Jacobs

(Prepared by Rachel Hughs, Deputy City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2016.