

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
September 24, 2019**

**RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER**

**JASON BALDWIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM
DUSTY WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN CESAR, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
PETRIA BENGOCHEA, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Boss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin was absent. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Bishop Westover and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wright.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation follow up from the White Sands Balloon Festival. (*G.B. Oliver, Chamber of Commerce President*)

Mr. Oliver presented a video from the White Sands Balloon Festival. He said this would not have happened without the support of City staff. There were 150 volunteers with no fender benders. He thanked Police Chief Peete and the police department. He said 60 percent of the 21,000 plus attendees were from out of town. He said in the first 4 days of the announcement of the event there were over 89,000 hits on the Chambers website. He stated the feedback they are getting from restaurants, is they had the biggest turn out on Friday and Saturday. He apologized to Parks Manager Marion for tearing up the field. He said they brought in 800 tons of field dirt to fill in all of the ruts. He asked the Commission to come to their office so they can share the information on what they think drew this many people to this event. He said Special Events Manager Sides and staff picked up 44,000 pounds of trash. Mayor Boss thanked everyone involved with the event.

2. Alamogordo Senior Volunteer Programs Advisory Council presentation. (*Sue Hopkins, Acting President of Senior Advisory Council*)

Senior Volunteers Programs Administrator Baker showed a Power Point presentation. She talked about the purpose of the Council, volunteer hours provided to the community, background on their programs, projects accomplished and future projects. She said between January 1 and July 31, 2019 their Senior Volunteer Programs volunteered 51,914 hours. (See Blue Book for PowerPoint)

On behalf of the Commission, Mayor Boss thanked Senior Volunteers Programs Administrator Baker, the volunteers and everyone on the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Downer commented on the following:

He spoke of Operation Round-up. He said he got an application from Cloudcroft made some changes and printed one for Alamogordo. He said they will come up with an estimate. He also said he spoke

with Interim City Manager Cesar who was concerned with the anti-donation clause and the State Constitution.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Cesar made the following remarks:

1. He stated the F-4 has been delivered to the airport and staff will continue working on finding a permanent location for the F-4. They will be bringing plans, proposals to the Commission for approval.
2. He said he, the Mayor, the Public Works Director and Water Operations Manager met with the State Engineer. He said that meeting was very successful. He said they discussed the City's application to the Water Trust Board for the parallel pipeline from the Snake Tank Well field, the restoration efforts to Bonito Lake and Aquifer Storage and recharge.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Rardin made the following comments:

He said he received a phone call about the video arcade at the Fun Center. He said if he is not mistaken, it does state in their contract that they will have an arcade in there, or that was what was sold to the voters. Interim City Manager Cesar said he believes that went to the voters and does not think it was in the lease. Commissioner Rardin said this was not the first person to talk to him about it. He also said the Fun Center was approved at \$1.5 million in 2017 and \$750,000 for video games. That was money spent but they don't have any video games. Interim City Manager Cesar said he will go back and review the contract. Commissioner Rardin asked if they can get an answer, for the constituents, of when they will get that.

Commissioner Payne made the following comments:

She said at the last meeting they had a few things to discuss in Executive Closed Session. She explained that Executive Session is the only opportunity for the Commission to speak privately. She read a post from social media. She said historically this person likes to attack the City. It is really interesting because that was not said in public, the first time they talked about it was in Executive Closed Session. She explained that the law prohibits them to talk about agenda items until the Commission meetings. She said unless the Offices are bugged, then somebody was talking to Mr. Bass and if this is how it is going to be, then what is the point of Executive Closed Session, why not just talk about it in public, have it all out in the open. She said they shouldn't have to read this on social media, it is important that this stuff stays private not because they are trying to hide anything or because they are not transparent because of regardless of what Mr. Bass says, the City is very transparent. She said there are times when they can't be transparent and it's to protect an employee or a situation. She said she is very disappointed with this, just like she is disappointed when somehow, he receives information that he could have only received because somebody decided to slip it to him. Mayor Boss said he did not say that. He echoed everything Commissioner Payne said. Commissioner Payne said not one word of that was said publicly, so wherever it came from, it came from one of them.

Commissioner Rardin said he concurs with them. He said he went to the City Clerk's office and spoke to the Deputy Clerk and asked to hear the end of the meeting to see what was said. He said he feels the same way, and also mentioned that there were only seven of them in that room.

Commissioner Payne stated they need to protect their employees and the City, and they don't need to embarrass or shame people. She stated shame on whoever did it.

Mayor Boss explained that no decisions are made in Executive Session and if they make a decision they have to come back out and have a motion made and a second and it has to be vote upon. He also said it is limited to certain things; property, employees and litigation. He said they are doing things to protect the public and anything they do in there the public is aware of. When they come back out, he will read a statement that they did or did not take any action.

Commissioner Sikes said for the record, she would never talk about anything in an Executive Session nor would she never spend some time speaking to a sensational Journalist, who she knows is streaming the meeting as they speak. Commissioner Wright agreed with Commissioner Sikes.

Commissioner Hernandez made the following comments:

He said he had the privilege to attend a CDBG Grant Proposal with Grant Coordinator Osborne in Albuquerque. He said he was impressed with what Grant Coordinator Osborne does and how she does it. He said Grant Coordinator Osborne gave her presentation and gave them all the information needed and was asked only one question. He said they go back on the 2nd to hopefully receive their grant.

Commissioner Sikes made the following comments:

She said in the past 3 weeks, the City has had quite a bit of rain and the City has taken care of it. In the last rain, the Alamogordo Police Department got word that a wall of water was heading down the mountain towards the intersection of Scenic and Florida and immediately APD was on the scene. She said it is great that the City cleans up after the fact and they are very conscientious about taking care of the citizenry, in regard to the road, but they need to figure out what they are going to do about that intersection.

Interim City Manager Cesar said the drainage channel that Commissioner Sikes talked about has been studied extensively. He said the City has the sizing and type of concrete box culverts that need to go in. He said right now it is a matter of funding and design.

Commissioner Hernandez said this is a Corp project. He has already asked Interim City Manager Cesar to look at some other funding to do these things. There were several plans in the past, in using the corner property as a detention pond. There is new debris that comes every time because the culverts are round and if they were box culverts it would have a better chance of flowing through and passing on down. The price to replace the culverts under the road is expensive and that is where the problem is. He said he told Interim City Manager Cesar when they do Fairgrounds, the County talked about doing a temporary bridge across the arroyo to access the property, that they extend the box culvert down further, and go to the County and see if they would pay for that. He said they have been planning it for a long time, it's just the funding because it is a Corp project. He said if you are going to do it, you have to go through the Corp and make sure that you are going to do the right size according to their calculations because the City has theirs, but the Corps' may be different.

Commissioner Rardin said in 2013, he brought a proposal to executive session to look at purchasing the Bloom property because that is where the problem starts. He said this last rain, it looks like what the Corp did in the Oasis Trailer Court where they built that detention pond, the only road that seemed to flood was Florida on up to Scenic and Fairgrounds. He said it looks like they may have got it solved from downstream from Fairgrounds. He said at one time, they had budgeted \$250,000 a year to go into a fund to replace all of the box culverts and somewhere along the lines that kind of went by the waste side and never got done. Interim City Manager Cesar said they did one at 24th Street and that \$250,000 was nowhere near enough. Commissioner Rardin said they should brainstorm and get together and look at a fix at the top where the problem actually starts at Scenic and Florida. Interim City Manager Cesar said they would start down at Canal and work their way upstream. He also mentioned they are looking at using a portion of fund 109, the Street Maintenance money and would not try and tackle all the box culverts in one project.

Mayor Boss made the following Comments:

He said he had the Honor and Privilege in proclaiming Sunday September 22, 2019 as Sergeant Willie Estrada Day. He read the proclamation. He also recognized City Planner Rael for obtaining the position of President of the NMLZO (New Mexico League of Zoning Officials) Board of Directors. Mayor Boss said City Attorney Bengoechea was awarded the Daniel J. Curtain "Young Public Lawyer of the Year Award" by the International Municipal Lawyer's Association.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the minutes for the September 10, 2019 Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
4. Consider, and act upon, final publication of Ordinance 1599 to amend certain sections of Chapter 2 relating to Campaign Disclosure. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)* (Roll Call Vote Required)
5. Consider, and act upon, a leak abatement request for 2820 Carmel Dr. in the amount of \$2,818.00. *(Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager)*
6. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2019-39 requesting written approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, State of NM for the revised budget numbers computed as of September 24, 2019. *(Evelyn Huff, Budget Analyst)* (Roll Call Vote Required)
7. Consider, and act upon, acceptance of grant award of trees from Apache Corporation. *(Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)*
8. Consider, and act upon, grant application to the New Mexico Library Foundation. *(Sharon Rowe, Library Manager)*
9. Consider, and act upon, grant application to Petco Foundation. *(Dwain Martinez, Animal Control Manager, and Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)*
10. Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2019-40 approving the submission of an application in the amount of \$3,340,000 and a \$334,000 City match for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority Water Trust Board for the parallel pipeline project. *(Larry Garner, Public Works Manager/Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)* (Roll Call Vote Required)
11. Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2019-41 approving the submission of an application in the amount of \$1,200,000 with a \$120,000 City match for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority Water Trust Board for the rehabilitation of the Lower Heights Water Storage Tank. *(Larry Garner, Public Works Manager and Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)* (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Hernandez asked to remove Item # 4 and 5 from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve items #3,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 of the consent calendar. Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4. Consider, and act upon, final publication of Ordinance 1599 to amend certain sections of Chapter 2 relating to Campaign Disclosure. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)* (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Hernandez pulled this item because he does not support it.

Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.

Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 3-3-0. Motion failed.

Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Payne and Mayor Boss voted nay.

Mayor Boss said it is a tie. City Clerk Hughs announced the Ordinance did not pass and will stay as it is. Mayor Boss asked if it will come back again and the answer was no.

Commissioner Sikes asked if it reverts back to the Ordinance as previously written. City Clerk Hughs answered that is correct. Commissioner Sikes said rather than loosen it up and report less and less often, they are going back to the way it was before, so congratulations.

Mayor Boss asked if it could be brought back adjusted. City Clerk Hughs asked what he would like to adjust. She said right now the Ordinance is going to stay the way it is, so they are going to have 4 reports out of the year.

Commissioner Rardin asked how it is going to work since this is final reading, but it has already passed for first reading. City Clerk Hughs said the first reading is for publication only, and this is for the adoption of this Ordinance.

Mayor Boss asked if there is any way in this meeting to reverse what they did. City Clerk Hughs answered that they can because they are still on the item. Mayor Boss asked if they can call the vote again because he did not consider that, and his vote would change.

Commissioner Sikes said point of order, she thinks that is not the way they have to do it.

City Attorney Bengoechea said Robert's Rules of Order says that it could be brought back but it will have to be brought back by someone that prevailed. Commissioner Rardin said neither side prevailed. City Attorney Bengoechea said it was defeated, so whoever voted nay, technically prevailed and those people can ask for it to be put another agenda for it to start over again.

5. Consider, and act upon, a leak abatement request for 2820 Carmel Dr. in the amount of \$2,818.00. (Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager)

Commissioner Hernandez said he pulled this for transparency. He asked for Customer Service Manager Threadgill to give a rundown of the request.

Customer Service Manager Threadgill said the customer made the request and met the criteria set by City policy. He said the only reason it is before the Commission is because it exceeds the dollar amount that staff is allowed to approve.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 15 was moved up on the agenda by Commission

15. Consider, and act upon, approval of changes to City of Alamogordo Leak Abatement Policy. (Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager)

Customer Service Manager Threadgill explained the revisions to the policy. He said it will add some clarity to what is considered a leak and what is subject to abatement. He said right now a leak abatement is such a broad reading and there is no definition of a leak inside the policy. It is very vague and open to interpretation. This will also take out a section of unexplainable consumption. He said once it passes the meter, it is unexplainable. That is an overly broad statement that cannot be shown one way or another. They have also added language on the winter quarter average for the sewage consumption rates when there is a leak during those months. They are also requesting an amendment

to the policy as far as, final approval of leak abatements in excess of \$2500. That approval would come from the City Manager, instead of having to bring those to the Commission.

Commissioner Hernandez wanted to make it clear that there is a "Checks and Balances" System. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said right, there is no one person that could make that decision.

Commissioner Rardin asked if they want to put a dollar amount if it exceeds a certain amount so that it still has to come back to Commission. Commissioner Hernandez said he does not think they should, unless it is commercial. Commissioner Rardin said maybe \$5000 or \$6000. Mayor Boss said if they have established criteria to write it off, then he does not see why they would, but maybe they do.

Commissioner Rardin said in this policy it states that leak abatements will not be granted for leaks in toilets, faucets, sprinkler irrigation systems, coolers, softeners, reverse osmosis systems, icemakers, water heaters or any other appliance or fixture. He said he had a customer that his water softener and RO system were leaking, but they run into a drain and it leaked. The only reason he found out that he had a problem is because he started having septic system problems because it was getting too much water. He has an issue with that because they may have a customer that has a leaky RO system and never know it.

Customer Service Manager Threadgill said when they were looking at bringing these changes to the leak abatement policy to the Commission, one of the things he did was go back and look at the originals, what the discussion was. He said the intent at that time was to assist those people because of the corrosive nature of our water and especially with some types of materials and the age of our service lines from the meter to the house or even some of the internal plumbing. He said over a period of time, it's kind of expanded because of the liberal wording in the policy to include almost anything that could happen. When they were looking at this and saying what do we really want to do and how do they want to get this down. In 2018, they had 266 leak abatements approved for a total of \$178,000 that was abated. He said the largest number of leak abatements were the service line from the meter to the structure. He said some of these are things that are not leaks and are just maintenance issues, so that is why they included those in the policy. He asked are these things truly a leak in the sense that the leak abatement policy was originally intended to address.

Commissioner Rardin stated he can see a leaky toilet or faucet because those are things that you use daily and can tell that they are actually leaking. He said he had another customer where their house settled because of a leaky control valve. These are things that are out of sight, out of mind because they do not look at it every single day. Customer Service Manager Threadgill asked if the City is to be the coverage for all things that might be water leaks and that is the Commission's decision to make. Commissioner Rardin said a toilet or faucet are things that are noticeable but some of these other ones in here are big ones. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said they also have a method now that they didn't have when this was brought. They have the Aqua hawk, where a customer can go on and get warnings themselves, rather than the City having to go out and physically give them a warning. He said they sent out over 2000 courtesy notices in 2018, letting people know that they had some kind of continuous water consumption; they were not all leaks. The Aqua hawk can give them notification if they have continuous consumption much quicker than they are doing it manually.

Commissioner Sikes asked just for clarification if her water softener was going awry, would Aqua hawk give her notifications. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said yes and explained how it would work if she went in and set up thresholds. She asked if she sets the threshold. He said the customer sets those thresholds. She asked if she would get those notifications via email or text. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said email or text. Commissioner Sikes said when she went through it a couple of times, she was under the impression that a customer would have to bring them an actual bill that a leak was fixed before the Commission would decide, and there was no language in this policy in regard to that. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said the customer has to prove to them that the leak was fixed. He said their primary thing is to stop the leak.

Commissioner Hernandez said he agreed with everything he has in there, but the only thing he would add or figure out how to do is give you discretion. He gave a scenario of him on his way out and he flushed the toilet and headed out the door and got on an airplane and took off for a week. He said yes you have Aqua Hawk, but there is no way that he can come back and turn the water off. He said even a water heater blows out 15 minutes after you leave the house and you are gone for a week. Customer Service Manager Threadgill asked if that same logic could not be applied to any appliance. Commissioner Hernandez said that is what he is saying, to give him discretion that if somebody is not able. He said if someone can prove that they were not there. He said being able to give him the discretion to be able to say it meets our criteria based on this. He said he doesn't know how many of those he would have. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said there is probably going to be quite a few, it is not a rare occurrence. Commissioner Hernandez asked him if this is something he agrees with or disagrees. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said he would have to write some stuff out to see how it would look, as far as discretion goes. Commissioner Hernandez said it still has its checks and balances. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said it does, but then it gets to at what level is that discretion finalized and who has the final say. He asked if that is put back on the City Manager because that is almost would have to be. Commissioner Hernandez said it's still at the levels, it ends with the City Manager.

Mayor Boss asked the Commission if they want to delay action on this because they are not going to find every little instance that can occur with a water line. Commissioner Hernandez said he thinks they can approve it as it is. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said he would like to write some language. He said he does better when he can read it and go through all the permutations that might happen. Mayor Boss said if they can live with this one, they can approve it and then they could bring it back in a couple of weeks and adjust it.

Commissioner Sikes said Customer Service Manager Threadgill made sure he included the fact that if anyone is getting a major leak abatement, they have to sign up for Aqua Hawk. She asked if a person is signed up for Aqua Hawk and they take their phone everywhere and should their water be running continuously for 24 hours could that person call Customer Service Manager Threadgill and ask him to go and turn off the water. He answered yes. Mayor Boss stated not everyone has a cell phone.

Commissioner Rardin said this ordinance is making it if you have a leak and you want an abatement that they have to sign up for Aqua Hawk. He said if they have an elderly person that does not have a smartphone, they probably won't have a way to sign up for that. Customer Service Manager Threadgill said they could use a computer. He said most of the people that have registered for Aqua Hawk are over 50.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 5-1-0. Commissioner Rardin voted nay.

12. Consider, and act upon, first publication of Ordinance 1600 for refunding of the City's outstanding 2009 loan agreement. (Chris Muirhead and John Archuleta) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Mr. Archuleta announced that George K. Baum and Company has been bought out by Stiefel, Nicolaus and Company. He wanted to let the Commission know that things will remain as they are, and Stiefel will be taking over the contract that they have with the City of Alamogordo. He, himself, will continue working on the City's account and there will be no increase in fees or increase in anything else. He said they will be back on October 22, 2019 and at that time they will have the final interest rates for the transaction.

Mr. Muirhead said since the last time they were here, the application did get approved by the Finance Authority. He said the Ordinance authorizes the redemption of the 2009 bonds for interest cost savings. The pledge is the net system of the joint utilities system. He said they are comfortable to

move this forward with publication. He said they will be back on the 22nd to approve the Ordinance and then close within 30 days after that. Once the rates are set and the Ordinance is approved the City will be locked in and they will know on the 22nd what interest rates and savings they will receive.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

13. Consider, and act upon, award of Public Works Bid No. 2019-005 to Stone Electric & Power, LLC related to the Replace Emergency Generator at Alamogordo Police Department project in an amount not to exceed \$77,554.80, including NMGR. (Bob Johnson, Engineering Manager)

Engineering Manager Johnson explained that the bid is to replace a backup emergency generator. Mayor Boss commented about the difference in the bid amounts. Engineering Manager Johnson explained that the other two bidders are from out of town and they are setup to pay a slightly different wage scale.

Commissioner Rardin asked if this is just the labor cost. Engineering Manager Johnson said the generator was purchased by the City several months ago, this is for the labor and some wire pulling. Commissioner Rardin asked how much wire they will be pulling. Engineering Manager Johnson said this new generator will supply backup power to the entire building. The existing generator is about 25 years old and is only sized to support dispatch only.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

14. Consider, and act upon, an MOU Agreement with Alliance for Regional Military Support to hire a consulting group Cypress International for \$10,000 a year for 3 years for a total of \$30,000. (Ed Brabson and Tom Thomas)

Commissioner Sikes asked Mr. Brabson how they will work with MainGate, New Mexico TRUE and all of the things that are currently going on. He said they will create a four- or five-member Commission here that will reach out to all the other entities including MainGate. He said they would like to have a representative from the City, the County and then 3 or 4 other people so that everybody has some input. He said the idea is to get as broad of base as they can.

Commissioner Rardin asked where they were going to pull this money from. Finance Director Hernandez said they have a contingency line under the City Manager's control. Commissioner Rardin asked how much that budget is a year. Interim City Manager Cesar said it fluctuates every year. Budget Analyst Huff announced, from the audience, it is about \$250,000.

Commissioner Payne asked Mr. Brabson if the County is on board with this. He said they make their presentation to the County on Thursday.

Mayor Boss asked if they heard anything from Las Cruces. Mr. Brabson said Las Cruces passed it, as well as the County. Commissioner Rardin asked how much Las Cruces is giving. Mr. Brabson answered that it is \$5000 each, for the City and the County. Commissioner Rardin asked why Alamogordo has more invested than Las Cruces. Mr. Brabson said Alamogordo has more invested, Holloman is an economic engine for us where White Sands is only a partial economic engine to them. Mr. Dayoub clarified that they do not have confirmation from Las Cruces yet. Commissioner Rardin asked what they would be asking from Otero County. Mr. Dayoub answered \$10,000. Commissioner Rardin said he does not understand because Dona Ana has the majority of the Missile Range. Mr. Brabson said the contribution from the Missile Range to Las Cruces is not as great as everybody thinks

it is, and that is part of the reason for the disparity. He said Holloman is a major contributor to Alamogordo and Otero County.

Mayor Boss said he supports this, but he thinks that Las Cruces gets a big benefit. He said he has come from Las Cruces on many occasions, during rush hour traffic, going to White Sands Missile Range and a lot of them go on to Holloman. He thought they may have underestimated that, but also thought it was a moot point.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

16. Consider, and act upon, first publication of Ordinance 1601 Adopting a Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and Repealing Ordinance 1594 titled "An Ordinance Implementing Hold Harmless Tax". (Stephanie Hernandez, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Item withdrawn by Interim City Manager Cesar

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

Mayor Boss read the openings and appointed Chuck Keller to the Mayor's Committee on Aging. No one was opposed. Mr. Keller was in the audience, Mayor Boss thanked him for his volunteerism.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION (Roll Call Vote Required)

18. Recess into Executive Closed Session in compliance with 10151(h)(2), NMSA (as amended) to discuss Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager). (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Payne moved to recess into Executive Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Hernandez moved to reconvene into open session at 8:32 p.m.

Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0

Mayor Boss asked for a motion to consider and act upon hiring Brian Cesar as the permanent City Manager.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve.

Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Interim City Manager Cesar was appointed as City Manager.

Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT



ATTEST:


City Clerk Rachel Hughes


Mayor Richard Boss

(Prepared by Eric Barraza, Deputy Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2019.