

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
November 19, 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. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Commissioner Payne and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Payne.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the agenda.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Presentation of Small Business Saturday Proclamation. (*Richard Boss, Mayor*)**

Mayor Boss presented Ms. Gill, Ms. Gandi, Ms. Livingston and Communications/Marketing Assistant Cosio, on behalf of Communications/Marketing Administrator Brideaux, with the Small Business Saturday Proclamation. He encouraged the community to shop small, shop local.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Gene Downer commented on the following:**

He saluted City Manager Cesar for the tree planting around town. He acknowledged Commissioner Hernandez for his stunning property. He mentioned some of the older buildings on White Sands Blvd.

Commissioner Sikes asked the younger people in the audience to come up and say who they are and why they are here. A young man came up to say they are in the Cub Scouts so they came there to learn how to be an adult.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**City Manager Cesar made the following remarks:**

1. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and let the Commission know some staff would be out for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION**

**Commissioner Sikes made the following comments:**

She said last week they had the ICIP meeting, and City staff did a wonderful job presenting the City's projects and thanked staff.

**Commissioner Payne made the following comments:**

She said her mother-in-law passed away. She was 89 years old and was amazing. She said Thursday night Love Inc. is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Otero County and invited everyone to go.

**Commissioner Hernandez made the following comments:**

He said Mr. Powell passed away. He said Mr. Powell served on the Commission for many years. He said when the pledge was recited, it was neat to hear the children's voices. He said it means a lot to him when people show up and don't leave when their item is done. He thanked the Cub Scouts for coming.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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2. Approve the minutes for the November 6, 2019 Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
3. Approve the Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2019, in accordance with the City of Alamogordo Investment Ordinance. *(Stephanie Hernandez, Finance Director)*
4. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2019-46 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 November 19, 2019. *(Evelyn Huff, Budget Analyst) (Roll Call Vote Required)*
5. Consider, and act upon, approving a grant application from the Alamogordo Public Library to the American Library Association for \$2,000. *(Sharon Rowe, Library Manager)*
6. Consider, and act upon, the award of RFP 2019-004 Utility Statement Printing, Mailing, E-Billing & Payment Services to the high score qualified proposal, Postal Pros. *(Mark Threadgill, Customer Service Manager)*

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the consent calendar.

Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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7. Consider, and act upon, changing the time of Regular Commission Meetings to 6:00 p.m. beginning January 2020. *(Brian Cesar, City Manager)*

City Manager Cesar stated this is something that has come up several times since the meetings were changed from 7:30 p.m. He said some staff stay until the meetings. He does not believe there needs to be a whole lot of discussion, it is either they want it or don't want it. He does not think this will affect attendance.

Mayor Boss said in speaking personally, he thinks if they can make it convenient for the employees that have already worked 8 or 9 hours that day, to enable them to go home a half hour earlier, then he thinks it is worthwhile to change the time.

Commissioner Hernandez said he suggested they do the daylight savings time meetings. He said his only concern is that they start doing it at a certain time then they are limiting who can serve on the Commission. He said he understands the staff issue, and said it is important not to think just about staff but also think as the Commission as a whole, and who can and cannot serve.

Commissioner Rardin stated he is not in favor of changing the time, 6:30 p.m. is a good time.

**Commissioner Payne moved to approve.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried with a vote of 2-5-0.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin, Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Rardin and Commissioner Hernandez voted nay.**

Commissioner Hernandez asked if the Commission would consider changing the meetings with daylight savings time. Commissioner Sikes said she agrees with Commissioner Hernandez. She said she can be anywhere at any time, but a lot of her colleagues work. She said getting to a meeting at 6:00 p.m. could be difficult if you worked until 5:00 p.m. She stated he sympathizes with staff, but we have to remember whose meeting this is, this is a Commission

Mayor Boss asked if they can change this or do they have to bring it back. City Attorney Bengoechea said they should bring it back and prepare a resolution for the next meeting and take another vote.

Commissioner Hernandez asked what the consensus was, there is no reason to bring it back if no one wants to do it. Mayor Boss said he thinks it is a great idea. Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin said he has no objection. Commissioner Payne said she really does not care. Mayor Boss said they will bring it back. Commissioner Sikes asked if the consensus was 6 o'clock except in the summer they can start at 6:30. Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin said he was ok with that. Commissioner Rardin said he is alright with that. Mayor Boss said they will bring it back in two weeks. Commissioner Rardin asked if it would change with the spring and fall and Commissioner Sikes said yes.

**8. Notice of Vacancies to Boards and Committees. (Richard Boss, Mayor)**

Mayor Boss read the vacancies for the Boards and Committees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**9. Adjourn into Executive Closed Session in compliance with 10-15-1(h)(8), NMSA (as amended) to discuss Real Property - 210 Delaware, Alamogordo, NM.**


**Commissioner Rardin moved to adjourn into Executive Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.**

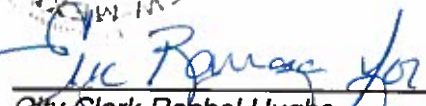
**Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call vote was taken.**

**Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0**

**ADJOURNMENT**



ATTEST:  
  
 City Clerk Rachel Hughes

  
 Mayor Richard Boss

(Prepared by Eric Barraza, Deputy Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2019.