



Alamogordo City Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Emergency Meeting Agenda

March 23, 2020 - 3:00 PM
City Hall, City Commission Chambers
1376 E. Ninth St.

- Richard Boss Mayor
- Nadia Sikes Mayor Pro-Tem, District 2
- Jason Baldwin District 1
- Susan Payne District 3
- Josh Rardin District 4
- Sharon McDonald District 5
- Dusty Wright District 6

- Brian Cesar City Manager
- Petria Bengoechea City Attorney
- Rachel Hughs City Clerk

MISSION STATEMENT as Adopted by the City Commission on March 24, 1995.

The City of Alamogordo is a Municipal Corporation that exists solely for the purpose of providing the best possible services to our customers, the citizens of Alamogordo. We are committed to providing these services with honesty, integrity, compassion, fairness, and a commitment to excellence.

We are committed to the long-term financial stability and responsible growth of the City and all decisions will be driven by our commitment to provide the best services possible in a financially sound and responsible manner given the economic realities facing the City.

In accordance with Section 10-15-1.D, NMSA 1978 (2010 Cumulative Supplement), this agenda has been posted on the bulletin board located in the east/west lobby of the City Hall and in the glass case located outside a the north entrance of the City Hall, distributed to the appropriate news media, and posted on the City website: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us> within the required time frame. As a courtesy, the entire Agenda Packet has also been posted on the City of Alamogordo website: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

The Mayor and City Commission request that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate. Members of the audience are requested to step outside the Commission Chambers to respond to or to conduct a phone conversation. The Alamogordo Commission Chambers is wheelchair accessible. Other special assistance for disabled attendees must be requested 48 hours in advance by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 575-439-4100.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Announce the presence of a Quorum.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2020-23, a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in Alamogordo, New Mexico. (*Brian Cesar, City Manager and Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney*)
2. Consider, and act upon, giving Mayor Richard Boss permission to sign a letter on behalf of the Commission to the New Mexico State Legislature regarding taxes. (*Brian Cesar, City Manager and Stephanie Hernandez, Assistant City Manager.*)

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO

CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 3/23/2020

Report Date: 3/23/2020

Report No: 1.

Submitted By:

Subject: Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2020-23, a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in Alamogordo, New Mexico. (*Brian Cesar, City Manager and Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney*)

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Budgeted:

Fund:

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation:

Background: A Public Health Emergency was declared on March 11, 2020 by the State of New Mexico. Since then, several public health orders have been issued which shutter businesses, cancel mass gatherings, and require social distancing. These orders have had a devastating impact on the local business community, and local businesses may never recover.

In addition, the City has had to send home at least half of its workforce in order to comply with these orders and ensure that essential operations remain functional should the City's workforce become ill. These measures have similarly had a catastrophic impact on the City's revenue and operations, and the budget cannot sustain this for much longer. As such, the City is declaring a State of Emergency in order to help recover the funds it is expending by complying with the State's orders.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the spread of COVID-19 globally has occurred rapidly and poses a significant risk and danger to the citizens of Alamogordo and New Mexico as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Alamogordo is located in New Mexico, where Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham declared a Public Health Emergency on March 11, 2020 and since then both the Governor and the Secretary of Health have significantly restricted movement and business within the State in order to protect its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City's business community is of vital importance to both the community and to the City of Alamogordo and has been devastated by the restrictions imposed by the public health orders, and as result of those orders, many businesses will be forced to close and potentially never open and the City's economy will be similarly shattered; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that as a result of the public health orders, approximately half of the City's work force has been sent home to ensure that essential functions remain open functioning properly, and;

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that only working half of the staff in the City is non-sustainable, and the City's budget will not be able to handle paying its employees with most revenue sources shut down due to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it necessary to proclaim that a state of emergency exists in Alamogordo pursuant to Alamogordo Ordinance 10-04-010; and,

WHEREAS, the orders in place by the State of New Mexico last several weeks, this proclamation shall last beyond 48 hours as specified in 10-04-040; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this emergency is ongoing and unlikely to resolve quickly, and as such declares the state of emergency will last until the date that the State of New Mexico declares the public health emergency over; therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALAMOGORDO NEW MEXICO that a state of emergency currently exists in the City of Alamogordo.

DONE this _____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
a New Mexico municipal corporation

By: _____
Richard A. Boss, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rachel Hughs, City Clerk

Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney

AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO

CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 3/23/2020

Report Date: 3/23/2020

Report No: 2.

Submitted By: Petria Bengoechea

Subject: Consider, and act upon, giving Mayor Richard Boss permission to sign a letter on behalf of the Commission to the New Mexico State Legislature regarding taxes. (*Brian Cesar, City Manager and Stephanie Hernandez, Assistant City Manager.*)

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Budgeted:

Fund:

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation:

Background: Last week the City was contacted by the New Mexico Municipal League concerning a special legislative session that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is considering. The League requested that the Mayor, on behalf of the City Commission sign a letter that would urge the legislature to do three things:

1. Postpone the implementation of the 6% hold harmless that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2020.
2. Make no changes to the Internet Sales Tax distribution.

These tax changes could have a devastating impact on the City's budget, which is already strained due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the public health orders that have been issued.