

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
June 28, 2022**

**SUSAN PAYNE, MAYOR
SHARON McDONALD, COMMISSIONER
JOSH RARDIN, COMMISSIONER
STEPHEN BURNETT, COMMISSIONER
NICHOLAS PAUL, COMMISSIONER**

**DUSTY WRIGHT, MAYOR PRO-TEM
KARL MELTON, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN CESAR, CITY MANAGER
PETRIA BENGOCHEA, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Payne 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 Mayor Payne and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Wright. City Manager Cesar was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rardin moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexander Wilson said he lives on 807 Azalea Street here in Alamogordo. He said they need speed bumps. He said that right now there is lady there that takes care of kids, that is her business. You have got people who are trying to make it on time to drop their kids off, as well as trying to make it on time to get their kids out of there. They are coming from up the street and down at the bottom of the street. They are going like forty miles per hour on this street. At this time, it would be nice for you all to say okay, let's go down there and check it out, and see if we can get this neighborhood speed bumps. Maybe they could get us signs that blink, something to slow these people down. Kids are kids; if something happens, it is going to be ugly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Hernandez made the following remarks:

1. She said that progress on the Scenic Extension Project has been at a halt because of all the rain, and if it continues like this, completion by the end of September is doubtful at this point. She said she did not have an estimated time for completion, it just depends on the weather.
2. She said she wanted to give a shout-out to the Library's Summer Reading Program. It has got 500 kids already registered and 150 adults. That is huge, even bigger than pre-Covid.
3. The City is receiving their final reimbursement of 6.7 million for the removal of the debris from the Bonito Project. We are finally finishing up that phase.
4. You may have received an email that say Street Smart on it. Click on it, add it to your inbox, that is notifications from the Streets, Nancy's group, of anything that is going on regarding Streets.
5. She said that tomorrow look in your inboxes, you will be receiving an email from either Nancy or Teresa Gutierrez about the redistricting and all the maps. She said she was told there was about twenty-eight maps. This will come before Commission on July 12th.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Rardin made the following comments:

He asked Assistant City Manager Hernandez why there are 28 maps, last time we redistricted we did about three or four. Assistant City Manager Hernandez said there are three main maps, but she was told that it has individual districts, so you will see the three main maps that you'll approve, and then each individual district. Commissioner Rardin asked so it shows the boundaries of each district, and Assistant City Manager Hernandez said yes. Commissioner Rardin said so there is actually three of the whole City, and Assistant City Manager Hernandez said yes, three that you will get to pick from and choose. Commissioner Rardin said since we didn't really see any Census data, how bad are they changing. Assistant City Manager Hernandez said it doesn't look too bad; our Census grew by like a percent, we didn't grow that much, but as far as the boundaries, it doesn't look like it is changing a lot.

Mayor Payne made the following comments:

Ken Larson passed away; he was a citizen in Alamogordo. He had a really powerful testimony about overcoming addictions. He would start conversations with our homeless out here and bring them socks, and he would do whatever he could all over Alamogordo. He ended up in Kansas and was doing incredibly well.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022, Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
2. Approve the statements related to the Executive Closed Session held on June 14, 2022. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
3. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2022-30 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 June 28, 2022. *(Evelyn Huff, Finance Director)* (Roll Call Vote Required)
4. Consider, and act upon, approval of the Policy for the Acceptance of Debit/Credit Cards or Electronic Transfers for Payments. *(Evelyn Huff, Finance Director)*

Mayor Payne pulled off item 3 from the Consent Agenda the Finance Director's request.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2022-30 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 June 28, 2022. *(Evelyn Huff, Finance Director)* (Roll Call Vote Required)

Finance Director Huff said they need to make an addition to it. We found a variance that we needed to take care of, and it was something we had to take in front of the Commission, not something we could do in-house. We added Revision Number 11, that change is also reflected in the All-Funds Summary that you received at the front of the packet as well.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve.

Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider, and act upon, approval of an "Agreement for the Exchange of Real Estate" of the property at 200 South Florida Avenue for a 150 foot road and utility easement in Section 10, T17S R9E. (Nancy Beshaler, Public Works Director and Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney)

Public Works Director Beshaler said the concept of extending Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard over to Highway 70 has been around for a long time. Back in 2005, the City did an evaluation for different options of the extension. There were various options for the east side of the roadway, but really just one option from Highway 54 over to Highway 70. This agreement is between the City and Michael Shyne to exchange right-of-way for that portion of the roadway extension. The City has agreed to exchange the parcel at 200 South Florida Avenue, which is the old bowling alley that was torn down across the street from the Civic Center, for a 150 foot wide roadway from Airport Road extending to US Highway 70 West. That will allow for the construction of a new road connecting Business Center Boulevard, which is what it is called now; the name has changed from Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. That is the western portion of the roadway, the acreage of the new road right-of-way is a little over sixteen acres which was appraised at \$132,000. The property on Florida is about two acres, it was appraised for \$85,000. We will do an exchange of the property, and the City will pay Mr. Shyne the additional \$47,000 to make an even exchange.

City Attorney Bengoechea said just to be fully transparent, the agreement also says the City agrees for a period of twenty-five years after closing the transaction that we will not utilize any form of property taxation or assessment of any of the adjoining real estate to pay for construction, installation, expansion, repair or maintenance, or otherwise of the roadway and utility lines in the roadway. That is in the agreement, just so it is on the record, and we all know.

Commission Melton moved to approve.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

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

6. Consider, and act upon, the placement of a new "Resident Parking Only" sign for a home located at 907 7th Street. (Dylan Aleshire, Deputy City Clerk)

City Clerk Hughs said this is an application for a residence near St. Frances Catholic School, it is similar to the last one that came before you. The residence is within the 500-foot radius requirement of the ordinance. If the Commission has any questions, Mr. Gutierrez is here.

Commissioner Paul moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

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

7. Consider, and act upon, approval of Resolution No. 2022-31, expressing continued support of Alamogordo MainStreet, along with acceptance of new MOU from New Mexico MainStreet and agreement with Alamogordo MainStreet. (Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Finance Director Huff, on behalf of Grant Coordinator Osborne, introduced Nolan Ojeda as the Director of Mainstreet.

Nolan Ojeda gave an organization presentation on Alamogordo MainStreet of what they are working on and upcoming events.

Mayor Payne said it is exciting to see what is going on with MainStreet.

Commissioner McDonald said she has been to their meetings, and she is very proud of seeing the parking spots filled up.

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

8. Appointments to Boards and Committees (Susan Payne, Mayor)

Mayor Payne read the openings and appointed Erich Wuersching to the Airport Advisory Board, Manuel Gonzalez Jr to the Airport Advisory Board, Cynthia Stevenson to the Alamogordo Public Library Board, Lori Armstrong to the Parks and Recreation Board, and William Clouse to the Parks and Recreation Board. No one was opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Adjourn into Executive Closed Session in compliance with 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA (as amended) to discuss the sale of surplus City property and possible HUD action. (Petria Bengoechea, City Attorney) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Rardin moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright seconded the motion.

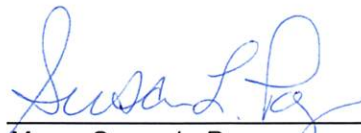
Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:


City Clerk Rachel Hughes


Mayor Susan L. Payne

(Prepared by Dylan Aleshire, Deputy City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2022.