

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., DONALD E. CARROLL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
August 22, 2023**

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

**DUSTY WRIGHT, MAYOR PRO-TEM
KARL MELTON, COMMISSIONER
STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ, ACTING CITY MANAGER
ASHLEY SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Mayor Payne was absent. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Pastor Don Hoffman and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sharon McDonald.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 12 was pulled from the Agenda.

Commissioner Paul moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on the opportunity to create a Coffee Shop Accelerator in partnership with the City of Alamogordo. (Nolan Ojeda, Executive Director Alamogordo MainStreet)

Mr. Ojeda said they were recently selected for the AARP's Community Challenge Grant to beautify the alley on the eastern 900 block. We received \$12,603 from AARP and raised an additional \$6,050 in sponsorships, bringing the project to nearly \$20,000. It is not just a beautification project per our City contract. It will hopefully positively impact some of the crime and homeless community that have been hanging out in that alley. One of the property owners was physically attacked by someone in that alley; there are several studies on beautifying space and decreasing crime. We are also partnering with Many Hands, a newly established community garden organization; this will also act as a community garden space. Per our contract, we listed several projects of opportunity; these were only to be undertaken if we could find funding or resources. We requested \$56,000 from the County to hire a part-time ACD Coordinator, which is standard for establishing an Arts and Culture District. We also asked for funding to do a coffee shop accelerator. We received \$40,000 from the County, leaving us at a \$16,000 deficit for the program. We are seeking funding opportunities to make up for that \$16,000; per our contract, we asked the City if they would remain open to possibly partnering with us on these projects if we could get them partially or mostly funded via other avenues. We are hoping to launch it in January.

He said it is a two-phase program. Phase One is bringing people into a classroom setting, meeting once a week for six weeks for two hours. Tricia from the Small Business Development Center will help them create their business model. It will walk them through necessary permits and licenses, including branding, budget, and taxes. Phase Two is the hope to have them physically open for six weeks in a spot. We will provide basic materials to help them operate the business. We will help them on a larger

scale with more extensive branding products. They do have to pay; they are in the line to give us five percent of their profit at the end of the six weeks to cover costs for throwaway items. You will have to apply for both phases, and you will need to complete Phase One to move to Phase Two. Currently, we have four or five people interested in participating. We have had strong interest from Grounded in Las Cruces, and the Otero County Advocates for Developmentally Disabled are looking to open a coffee shop program to provide opportunities for disabled folks to learn life skills.

Commissioner McDonald asked what advertisements they would do to draw people in. Mr. Ojeda said that Facebook is king for cheap and good marketing and reach in Alamogordo. An extensive social media campaign will be around this rotating coffee shop area. We will also push it out through the Alamogordo Daily News and local radio stations. Commissioner McDonald asked what space this is. Mr. Ojeda said we are looking at four spaces. He said the Flickinger's Patron's Hall, previously a coffee shop, is at the top of our list. We are also looking at Alamo Jump and a vacant building in the 900 block.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chuck Andreas said he was upset last month because his City water was cut off without notice. He said he loudly voiced his concern to the Water Department, and the difficult situation was diffused and met with concern, courtesy, and professionalism by Customer Service Manager Nichole Sierra. Together, we are working on a positive solution. He also filed an IPRA request and received a ton of information from City Clerk Rachel Hughs and Deputy City Clerk Dylan Aleshire. Deputy City Clerk Aleshire was very accommodating to me. We had to sit for several days to review the records, and he was responsible for protecting those records, so he sat with me and worked with me. He was professional, courteous, and if he did not have the answer, he looked it up and got back to me the next day. So, some problems are ongoing, and these three mentioned individuals were willing to work with me to solve those problems. He said he found that very commendable. Lastly, he wanted to congratulate Commission Sharon McDonald for being named the Rotary of White Sand's Professional Person of the Year. He said he understood why she received that commendation. He said he had another situation that concerned her. On September 27th, 2022, he said he gave a City Commission presentation about our public schools. Just prior to that, unknown to him, Commission McDonald received a personal email from Judy Rabon, the President of the Alamogordo Public School Board, which contained erroneous statements and demanded that Commission McDonald pull his public presentation. This is in direct violation of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Regardless, something good came out of this; everyone should be proud of our Commissioner. She could have complied or just ignored it; it was a private email, but she brought it forward to expose it. She did the right and proper thing. Through her actions, she shows that she has integrity, making him both happy and proud that we have representatives like this in our City and community. How ironic that his presentation that night was entitled "APS Schools Behind the Scenes". Here, we have two contrary examples of work going on behind the scenes. One is negative, one is positive. The actions of the above individuals make me so happy to live in the community. He said he has written complimentary letters to respective employee supervisors and just wanted to make his personal positive experience public.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Hernandez made the following remarks:
None.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright made the following comments:

Mayor Payne is out to take her daughter to college, and we wish them safe travels and good luck.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the minutes for the August 8, 2023, Regular Commission meeting. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)

3. Approve the statements related to the Executive Closed Session held on August 8, 2023. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)

4. Approve the weekly City Manager Reports for 8/04/2023 & 8/11/2023. (Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)

5. Consider, and act upon, the adoption and final publication of Ordinance 1678 to amend sections of the City Charter to coincide with State Statutes and the New Mexico Election Code. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk) (Roll Call Vote Required)

6. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2023-40 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 August 22, 2023. (Evelyn Huff, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

7. Consider, and act upon, the Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2023 in accordance with the City of Alamogordo Investment Ordinance. (Sue Ashe, Accounting Manager)

8. Consider, and act upon, an agreement with Otero County for Alamo Senior Center services to County residents, the total amount budgeted is \$48,242.00 (\$28,397.00 for home-delivered meals and \$19,845.00 for transportation). (Magdalena Morales, ASC Manager and Veronica Ortega, Community Services Director)

9. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2023-36 authorizing and approving the transfer of ACC contracts and of real and personal property belonging to the Housing Authority of the City of Alamogordo to the Eastern Regional Housing Authority. (Evelyn Huff, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

10. Consider, and act upon, approval of a grant agreement from the New Mexico Department of Finance, in the amount of \$75,000, for housing and shelter programs in Alamogordo. (Debbie Osborne, Grant Coordinator)

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider, and act upon, approving the vehicle transfer to Otero County Tularosa Basin Regional Dispatch Authority (TBRDA), under the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). (David Kunihiro, Chief of Police and Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)

Acting City Manager Hernandez said this is just a request to approve our transfer to Otero County. All of our dispatchers have moved over officially as of August 8th. This was the vehicle that belonged to our dispatch.

**Commissioner Burnett moved to approve.
Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.
Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.**

12. Consider, and act upon, Case V-2023-0004(A), property owner Patriot Pointe Apartments LLC is requesting to be granted a variance to allow for streets, parking, and amenities to be counted as part of the 2,000 square feet per dwelling unit lot size requirement stated in ordinance 29-03-270. (Stella Rael, City Planner)

Pulled from the Agenda.

13. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2023-31, declaring 1218 Post Avenue to be so ruined, damaged, and dilapidated that it is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace, or safety and ordering its abatement. (Josh Sides, Code Enforcement Manager) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Code Enforcement Manager Sides gave his presentation and recommended approving and ordering the property's abatement.

Commissioner Rardin asked if they could continue burning it down to save on clean-up costs; could the Fire Department do that? Acting City Manager Hernandez said it is not our property, but we could if it was ours.

Commissioner Melton asked why it took four years for this process to start after the fire. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said he did not have an answer. He has been hitting the ground running with many dilapidated structures in town and will bring more to meetings going forward. Commissioner Rardin said that COVID slowed things down for about two to three years.

**Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.
Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was taken.
Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.**

14. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2023-32, declaring 803 Arapaho Trail to be so ruined, damaged, and dilapidated that it is a menace to the public comfort, health, peace, or safety and ordering its abatement. (Josh Sides, Code Enforcement Manager) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Code Enforcement Manager Sides gave his presentation and recommended approving and ordering the property's abatement.

Commissioner Rardin asked what we were asking to do here; are we asking them to go in and clean it? Code Enforcement Manager Sides said should the resolution pass, we would hire a company to go in and clean that. Commissioner Rardin said so clean all the trash out. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said yes, we would hire a company to do it because we have already tried to get the residents who are staying there to do it, and they just keep adding more and more to it. They will not do anything. Commissioner Rardin said he thought that most of them knew this lady. She did not have relatives of any kind. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said not that they could find. He said he knew the lady

from previous careers and had some speculations and doubts, but she did say she was a relative. Commissioner Rardin asked if that was Ms. Carly. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said yes. Commissioner Rardin said that on the assessors, it shows that it belongs to a June Carly, but that was all the way back in 2015. What are we going to do with it after we clean it, just lien it? Code Enforcement Manager Sides said lien it. Commissioner Rardin said in another year, the County is going to be fighting us for it because she is behind two years in property tax. Will we be fighting the State for it? One more year, and the State will foreclose it and sell it on the courthouse steps. How is that going to work? City Attorney Smith said she had to do that research because the County has been starting foreclosures on different properties. One of the things she found was that our liens still remain, even if it sold. So, whoever purchases from the State would still have to pay us because our liens still remain. She found that out from the State and got that confirmation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said so the understanding is that if we approve this item tonight, the City will get this property cleaned up and place a lien on it. What happens if this just gets piled up again from the same people? Commissioner Rardin said what are we going to do to address the actual issue? Code Enforcement Manager Sides said that is something he is working on with City Attorney Smith and the Alamogordo Police Department. We are trying to figure out where we can and cannot do certain things. It is a long process, but ultimately, it will be restarting this process again. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said he sees this getting piled up again before it goes into the foreclosure process. Commissioner Rardin said he thought she had it paid off, but typically, when something like this happens, it goes to probate to figure out who owns it if there are no family members. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said that every time a resolution is passed, the very next day, he prints out his condemnation placards and goes out and posts them. Those condemnation placards say you can no longer live here. You can be here to work on what needs to be worked on. Tomorrow, should the resolution pass, he will get with the Police Department, and we will go over there and tell them you have to go. Commissioner Rardin said so evict them. Are we going to have squatter's rights? He said he was worried that once we condemn it, then technically, we could tear it down, correct? This just needs to be cleaned, and it does not need to be torn down. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said their trash and rubbish are so bad it is spilling over into 801. There is a lot of stuff at 801, too and we are trying to work with that property owner. The property owner is deceased, but we have been in contact with the daughter and made her aware of the situation at 803. Commissioner Rardin said he did not have a problem with us cleaning it up but did not want to see it torn down. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said that is not the goal with this one.

Commissioner Melton said that if the squatters legally make some claim, like they are the source of the garbage, but it is their property, even if they are evicted, what if the City cannot clean it up? City Attorney Smith said that squatter rights are always an issue, but with us condemning it, we are saying it is a public health hazard. Commissioner Melton said that if we pass this, we take over the house and everything in it to clean it up. City Attorney Smith said to get it up to code. Commissioner Rardin said this one is a little tricky. It is still inhabitable, but it is not sanitary.

Probate Judge LaTonya Boyce said that this one came through her court for probate, but she could not go through with it because the daughter, who claimed to be a daughter, had emailed her a will, but to provide the original will if they do not, it has to go to district court. She said she knew she transferred to district court. So it comes out to whatever the district judge has ruled on it, but she did not know the outcome. That will determine if a personal representative was appointed. If a personal representative is appointed, then that individual would be able to handle the estate affairs. If that proclaimed daughter is living in the home right now, the outcome of the district court order will determine if she is still able to be there or not. She really did not know those situations.

Acting City Manager Hernandez said that herself, Chief Kunihiro, and City Attorney Smith were discussing this. If it is declared, we believe that the City can go in there, board it up, and lock it. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright asked if we needed to determine the outcome of the district court case first. Commissioner Rardin said that if she was appointed by that district judge as the representative, granted, she needs to clean it up, but do we have the right to boot her out of the house if the judge declared her as the representative of it. Do you see the legal issue? City Attorney Smith said she could look it up, but she did not have her laptop at the moment. One of the problems we have been having is we have been citing everyone we can. She said she knew that Code cited two people concerning this property, and we have been unable to get anything done. We have taken them before municipal court; they get slapped on the hands, and nothing happens. This is Code's and her last-ditch effort to try to get this place cleaned up.

Commissioner Rardin asked if it had power or water. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said they straight-pipe the water. We called out Utilities to remove it, but is it straight-piped again now? Probably, but he did not stop to look. Commissioner Rardin asked if there was electricity or gas. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said if he remembered correctly, it did not have electricity, but it did have gas still.

Commissioner Burnett said it says in here that the name was changed on that building. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said yes.

Commissioner Rardin said he did not have a problem with cleaning it up. He just wanted to make sure we are not doing something we are going to end up paying for later. Code Enforcement Manager Sides said in his opinion on this particular case we should have enacted the emergency clause and just abated it right away. However, because of how long it took, we had to take this step.

Commissioner Rardin said he will move to approve, but wanted staff to do more research on that district court case to make sure we are not getting ourselves in trouble. City Attorney Smith said that she will make sure that we look into it. Commissioner Rardin said he just did not want to end up paying to replace a bunch of stuff or rebuild the house or something like that.

Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.

Commissioner Paul seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

15. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2023-33, Encouraging citizens to contact Governor Lujan-Grisham and request pre-trial detention reform be placed on the agenda for the upcoming 30-day session. (Karl Melton, District 3 Commissioner and Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Acting City Manager Hernandez said as you recall, at the July 28th Special Meeting for the budget, we said we are going to keep the conversation going to ensure that Officer Ferguson's murder does not get forgotten. It will not be forgotten here, but we want to ensure it does not get forgotten around the state. In his name, we want to make some positive changes for the law enforcement community. She said she promised to keep the Commission updated with anything we are doing. She has been working with Commissioner Melton on this, and we are here to keep you all in the loop in the call to action for our citizens. Our local legislators have been extremely responsive to our requests; sometimes, people do not want to talk to us, and they are out there forwarding emails and getting us in contact with the right people, so shout out to our local legislators. They are helping us educate on the issues that led up to Officer Ferguson's death. The one conversation we continually have is ensuring pretrial services

are properly funded. She said she believed we have a meeting on October 5th, during which we will talk about the needs of pretrial service with that department. We felt that a resolution would be impactful because, as stated in a previous meeting, it is a thirty-day legislative session. Commissioner Melton wanted to make sure that we get a call to citizens to help us in that effort. That is what this resolution is, just requesting that citizens contact the Governor's Office. We put the phone number on the resolution so that we can ensure the conversation keeps going and we can hopefully see some change.

Commissioner Melton said he would add to that a little. This may not seem like a lot, but the Governor herself has, in written statements, hinted at pretrial reform of some kind. She is open to it, but not everyone clearly is. The issue is similar bills have been brought in prior sessions, but they never passed the Committee because they have not been a priority. We are putting this in the citizens' hands. It does not seem like a lot, but just a couple dozen phone calls from the city where this tragedy happened might move the priority up.

Acting City Manager Hernandez said we are going to keep the conversation going, so we expect to have another resolution next month, depending on what the conversations lead to.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said he appreciates staff continued persistence in this. You guys work a lot behind the scenes on top of what we present at these meetings. It is appreciated.

Commissioner Burnett moved to approve.
Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was taken.
Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

**16. Discuss and provide direction for the Joint Meeting with the Otero County Commission.
(Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)**

Acting City Manager Hernandez said she wanted to give the Commission a status update and let them know where staff is. The meeting is on October 31st at 2 p.m. at the Civic Center. City staff wanted to ensure everything was done right, so our BITS team is building a similar setup to what is here, so we can keep it at the Civic Center for future meetings. Our Community Affairs Department is ensuring that the Civic Center will be ready, and that the setup is appropriate for all ten commissioners. The City Clerk and Legal Department is getting information to make sure we follow all appropriate protocol. A joint meeting has not happened since April 2016, so this is new ground for this staff. It is going to be a workshop, and there will not be action taken. It will be more of the County and City deciding that you want staff to work on this. Staff will work on it with the County, and it will come back to you with a solution or whatever it may be. We know that this reflects on the City; we are trying to make things as great as possible.

Commissioner Melton asked if the City or County would be responsible for keeping the minutes and getting it on the Internet. Acting City Manager Hernandez said the City would be in charge of setup. We will be doing this at the Civic Center. City Clerk Hughs will have the setup over there, and we will do the minutes, and we will stream it on YouTube.

Acting City Manager Hernandez said she previously sent an email; Commissioner Paul had said to have a couple of items so that it is not a long meeting, and we can make some headway on it. She said she sent a request to each Commissioner and received some comments back. We can discuss it now if you like. What would you like to see on this? On September 12th, I will bring all of your suggestions so you can narrow it down to three with two alternatives to ensure no overlap. Right now,

she has broadband for the entirety of Otero County, a joint effort to create change for catch and release laws, property tax money that comes to the City, efforts for mental health facilities, affordable housing, Animal Control, and convenience centers. Is there anything else that anyone on the Commission wants to add to that? Commissioner Burnett said the flooding between Scenic and Florida. Acting City Manager Hernandez said you can send an email if you think of something. This will come on September 12th so everyone can discuss, as a Commission, what the top three priorities are.

Commissioner Rardin asked if we would discuss a date at that time as well. Acting City Manager Hernandez said it is October 31st. Commissioner Rardin said we had to schedule it differently than Halloween. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we could; the direction was to get some dates in October. Commissioner Rardin said he did not remember that. Acting City Manager Hernandez said it came from Mayor Payne and County Commissioner Marquardt. Commissioner Rardin said the last he talked to you all, we talked around October 2nd or 3rd. Acting City Manager Hernandez said October 3rd was the most availability, and in fairness to Mayor Payne, since she was the one who called the Special Meeting, she will not be back until later that week. For any Special Meeting the City has, either the Mayor or two Commissioners have to call it. In this instance, she called it for us. Commissioner Rardin said that two and a half months down the road is a little absurd. It just seems like we are kicking the can down the road. He said he read some of the emails, and he agrees with the County that it seems a little far-fetched to go that far out, plus being on Halloween. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we could do it either the day before or after the Commission Meeting; she was just trying to be fair with the Commission's schedules instead of having two long meetings back-to-back. Honestly, we have not had a meeting since 2016. No one is kicking the can down the road; we are trying to be fair to the seven of you and the three of them. She said she personally did not believe that anyone's needs are more important than the others, so it was difficult to ensure all ten of you were equally represented. Commissioner Rardin said it was odd that we talked in early October, and all of a sudden, it is October 31st. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she had spoken to you before, I had to get your dates, if you recall. At that time, I had not received everybody's input and was trying to reach out to everyone individually to see if you could either answer the survey or let me know what dates better suited you. At that time, when I talked to you, that is what it was at that moment. Commissioner Rardin said the 3rd is good for everybody but the Mayor. Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes. That week was pretty good for everybody, but there was a Commission meeting on that Tuesday. Commissioner Rardin said it would be the following week, the second Tuesday. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that was the thing. It was the second Tuesday, but then the County has their meeting on that same week. So, both Commissions would have an extra meeting that same week. We couldn't do it on the 15th or 16th. Commissioner Rardin said it's the third Thursday isn't it. Acting City Manager Hernandez said there is one week where we had a meeting, and they had a meeting, so she did not think it was ideal to have a joint meeting on the same week. We could not have it on the 15th, that middle week, because the Civic Center was booked. That left the last week. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright asked when their October meeting was. Commissioner Burnett said it was the third Thursday of every month. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said that would be the 19th. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she had them on her desk, but she did not know. Commissioner Rardin said ours would be on the 10th and 24th. In all fairness, if nine of us can show up on the 3rd, you know what I mean? Acting City Manager Hernandez said she felt that was unfair. If you and one of your fellow Commissioners called the meeting but could not make it, she would fight equally as hard as for you because you called the meeting. Commissioner Rardin said we have not officially called the meeting yet. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said as far as putting this whole thing together in a joint deal, the Mayor is an important leg of this. Surely, we can check another date that would bring us a little closer than the 31st. Commissioner Rardin asked when the Mayor was coming back. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she did not remember. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said he thought she was gone most of that week. Commissioner Rardin asked about the last week of September. City Clerk Hughs said the calendar is up on the screen. Commissioner Rardin said we have time. You will bring everything back at the next meeting,

correct? As far as the topics? Acting City Manager Hernandez said on the 12th. Commissioner Rardin said it could be tight to get it scheduled for the last week of September, and then we have a meeting that week as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said there could be a potential for October 12th, on a Thursday. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she believed that was their meeting; theirs is the 2nd Tuesday. Finance Director Huff said they have three scheduled on their website. Acting City Manager Hernandez said September 14th and October 12th are their meetings. Commissioner Melton asked about the week of the 16th, that third week in October? Acting City Manager Hernandez said that is when the Civic Center is booked. Our CIT training was booked that week. For someone to make a comment that it is not that hard, as you can see, just getting the seven of you to agree, plus we have to have two Managers, two Clerks, and two Lawyers. Commissioner Rardin said getting staff there is not that difficult, but as far as getting all the elected officials in the same room. Acting City Manager Hernandez said it is important if we want it to run because we have City Clerk Hughs to do it. Commissioner Rardin said we could just bring dates forward at the next meeting and decide then when we decide the topics. What time were we looking at having this meeting? Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said the previous one was at six in the evening and adjourned at seven forty-five. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she put it at two; the County wanted it early, and I know most of you work, so that was not feasible for you all. You like it in the evening because most of you work, so I tried to get that middle ground compromise at two. Commissioner Burnett said as long as he has enough advance notice to get off. Commissioner Melton said the six of us work full-time jobs. You would think they would be more willing to meet in the evenings. Commissioner Rardin said they will probably make that work if we say two o'clock. Commissioner Paul said he thinks this is why there has not been a meeting in seven years.

Commissioner Rardin said if it makes any difference, he asked to have one in 2018, but it never happened. What if we change the location since the Civic Center is booked? Acting City Manager Hernandez said such as where? Commissioner Rardin asked if we had a meeting room at the bowling alley. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that is not a facility we can control; she was unsure to live stream it and have all that logistics. Commissioner Rardin asked what buildings the County had, maybe the Flickinger? Acting City Manager Hernandez said we do not control that. Commissioner Rardin asked if staff could reach out and ask if the County had a venue or area we could use. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright asked if the Tays Center was an option. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we would have to pay for that one. Commissioner Rardin said the County has the Flickinger they could probably utilize, and they have a bigger room downstairs at the County Admin Office. Acting City Manager Hernandez asked Commissioner Rardin what dates he was looking for. Commissioner Rardin said the week of the 16th, one of those days that week. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said he thought that week was open for the County or City Commission. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that was correct.

Commissioner Melton said he did not wish to speak for everyone, but he was not opposed to having two meetings in one week. He said he knew of the week of the 9th that we are meeting on the 10th, and they are meeting on the 12th, but that Wednesday or Monday. Acting City Manager Hernandez said the 9th or 11th. Commissioner Rardin said it would probably be an hour and a half. Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said the last one was an hour and forty-five minutes, but that was different Commissioners.

Acting City Manager Hernandez asked for a direction on dates. Commissioner Melton said the 9th or 11th. Commissioner Rardin said the week of the 9th or week of the 16th, and see if the County has a suitable space for us to meet in. Commissioner Melton said not that week, that is the following week. Commissioner Rardin said ours is tied up on the 16th but not the 9th. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that was correct. Commissioner Rardin asked if that training was all day. Acting City Manager Hernandez said the CIT Training was all week. Commissioner Rardin asked how long in the day. Acting City Manager Hernandez said seven to seven. Commissioner Melton said we could reschedule

our meeting from the 10th to the 3rd and move it up a week if they are only able to meet on the 10th. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she thought Monday would be okay. We don't need to change that meeting. Commissioner Rardin asked if that was enough to go on, and we can bring this back on September 12th to decide at that time? Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes, but we are moving it up two weeks. Does that really make a difference? She understood about the 31st.

Commissioner Paul asked if everyone was able to make the 31st. Acting City Manager Hernandez said everybody. Commissioner Paul said so, why are we even considering rearranging that time now? Commissioner Rardin said he was never asked if he could make the 31st; he got an email saying the meeting was moved to the 31st. Commissioner Melton said the meeting is on Halloween. Commissioner Paul said he understood that, but the meeting is at two in the afternoon. We are going through a lot of trouble rearranging a date with ten people when the majority is already available. Commissioner Rardin asked if the County confirmed the 31st. Acting City Manager Hernandez said the 3rd and the 31st were the two dates with the most available. Commissioner Rardin said that would be alright as long as we are out of there by six. We can make it work as long as the County is okay with it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wright said the County was good on the 31st. The consensus is that we will stay with the 31st at two. From the minutes of the last one, it was only an hour and forty-five minutes long. Acting City Manager Hernandez said the last one was the PSAP is you are looking at the 2016 one. We are getting six items: three from the City Commission and three from the County Commission. It may be a little longer. If anybody else thinks of a topic they want to bring forth on the 12th, just email me.

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

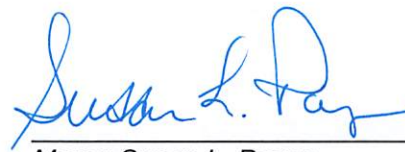
Mayor Pro-Tem Wright read the openings and reappointed Kristina Marzano to the Parks and Recreation Board. No one was opposed.

Commissioner McDonald moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT



Mayor Susan L. Payne

ATTEST:



City Clerk Rachel Hughes

(Prepared by Dylan Aleshire, Deputy City Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2023.