

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M., DONALD E. CARROLL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
May 31, 2024**

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

**MARK TAPLEY, COMMISSIONER
WARREN ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER
RICK HOLDEN, CITY MANAGER
ASHLEY SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Deputy City Clerk. Deputy City Clerk Aleshire announced there was a quorum present. Mayor Pro-Tem McDonald, Commissioner Tapley, Commissioner Burnett, and Commissioner Paul attended remotely. Mayor Payne said there would not be an Invocation or Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2024-35 declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Alamogordo due to the Blue 2 Wildfire surrounding Bonito Lake. (Susan Payne, Mayor) (Roll Call Vote Required)

City Manager Holden said our primary concern is our water supply. The fire has literally burned all around the lake, including areas not previously burned by the Little Bear fire. It is capable of putting a lot of debris back into the lake. We are trying to move quickly and get a declaration into place to qualify for available funding. We already engaged engineers to help us put this together, and we have a game plan. We are working with King Industries, the State Forestry Division, and federal grants with a seventy-five and twenty-five match. By Monday, equipment will be mobilized, and they will begin excavating on the south side to mitigate debris flow. An archeologist will conduct a survey, and after that, they will start on the north side. Once that is done, they will get debris ponds. Our engineers are asking for up to sixteen ponds to start mitigating this for the future. With the resolution, we will be able to get this started.

Mayor Payne said in the next regular meeting, I would like to see an agenda item about how we got to this spot and what we are going to do. City Manager Holden said absolutely. At that time, you can give direction to staff. We couldn't do this at Tuesday's Regular Meeting because it was not on the agenda.

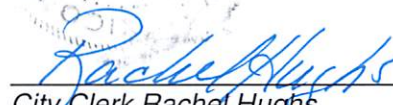
Commissioner Rardin moved to approve.
Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was taken.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

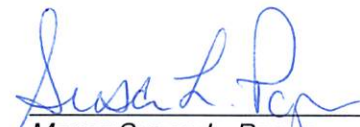
Commissioner Rardin moved to adjourn at 2:07 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem McDonald seconded the motion.
Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.



ATTEST:



City Clerk Rachel Hughs



Mayor Susan L. Payne

(Prepared by Dylan Aleshire, Deputy City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2024.