

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 PM, DONALD E. CARROLL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
February 10, 2026**

**SHARON MCDONALD, MAYOR
JOSHUA RARDIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM
BAXTER PATTILLO, COMMISSIONER
STEPHEN BURNETT, COMMISSIONER
WARREN ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER**

**VACANT, COMMISSIONER
MARK TAPLEY, COMMISSIONER
STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ, ACTING CITY
MANAGER
DARRELL MORI, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken by the Deputy City Clerk. Deputy City Clerk Aleshire announced there was a quorum present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Pastor Joshua Dancer from Bethel Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Robinson moved to approve.
Commissioner Pattillo seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.**

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Russel Davis said he wanted to talk about the Alameda Park Zoo's Earth Day Celebration. In 2025, it was scheduled for the same day as Easter in the Park. From a vendor standpoint, it took organizations weeks to round up everything. We could not set up the day before. We set up in the morning. Earth Day was from 10:00 AM to 4 PM, and Easter was from 9 AM to 12 PM. The wind closed the event early at 12:30 PM. This year, it's on the same day as the Holloman Air Force Base's Legacy of Liberty Air Show. The City said there was no malice involved in any of that. But attending both events isn't realistic for some people and organizations. In 2027, the City may or may not hold the event. There could be conflict again. It is a tragedy that this is happening for a second year in a row. On the City's Facebook pages, the comments are off. There is only an application on the Zoo's website. I do not know if they are reaching out to past vendors. I encourage everyone to speak up and reach out to the City.

2. Evan Lambert said we need continuity, stability, and professionalism. No matter who is picked for the City Manager position, that person will lean heavily on Acting City Manager Hernandez, unless Acting City Manager Hernandez herself is chosen. We let go of a very good previous City Manager after an escapade involving a franchise owner. There aren't enough opportunities here, and we need a hard focus on community involvement. There is a vacant seat for District 5. We have candidates and the traditional appointment process for that. We need transparency with that.

3. Jerry Martinez said he was a pastor and that the City has been more transparent since the Mayor was elected. Our City and County need to be more transparent about items and issues. Not fighting amongst each other or covering things up. Acting City Manager Hernandez is well qualified. People I have talked to in the community are rooting for her. She has the qualifications. There is no transparency regarding that. People are pretty upset.

4. Kim Great White Owl Murillo said on October 22nd, a Commissioner stated that he had no conflict of interest. In my view, that was profoundly misleading after my investigation. I presented a detailed letter to each Commissioner about my concerns, but received no response from anyone. We have a right to have responsible public servants who respond to our concerns. I read an article about the City Manager position and Acting City Manager Hernandez. Even amid controversy, she has risen above, taken responsibility, and managed the problem. I don't know what you are looking for, but I, along with other citizens, am looking for her. I am glad that you are going through the process which has brought the truth. We need and demand the truth.

5. Rudy Contreras said he spoke to a lot of people about the City Commission. A lot of people do not believe in the City Commission. There is no transparency, honesty, or commitment to citizens of the community by certain

Commissioners. I would like to know each of your votes for a City Manager. Why are you delaying this appointment so much?

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Hernandez made the following comments:

1. All City facilities will be closed for the upcoming holiday on Monday.
2. To follow up regarding Commissioner Tapley's question, the RV is gone. Our officers took care of it.
3. We are in budget week. That is where the City Manager and Finance Director go through every single line. We actually started the process in November. In December, managers enter their budget and go over it with directors. Directors make changes through mid-January. Reports are compiled. Then we bring every single director, who can choose to bring managers, and we sit down and go line by line. We have gone over ten thousand lines this week, and we make them justify every single line. It can get cumbersome. People can get concerned because we will cut. However, we will also increase the budget if you are doing extremely well. We realign your budget. We want to ensure that what was presented to the Commission last year, is what is happening this year, and we want to ensure we are confident in what is brought before you in May. I do not like cutting, but I do not like government waste even more. We have a finite amount of money. If the department does not do what they say, we will not waste money on that. We will realign with what they are supposed to be doing. We will be doing this all week.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Robinson asked if we had started with the bowling alley lanes yet. Mayor McDonald said yes, it is done. Commissioner Tapley said that he had been out there on Thursday, and heard a lot of positive things out there from the people running it. It is much easier and smoother. They tell me that Fridays and Saturdays are pretty busy.

Commissioner Burnett asked for an update regarding RAD Retrocade and the White Sands Theater. Acting City Manager Hernandez said White Sands Theater cleaned out the building, but they are working on getting Oppenheimer up. The goal was to get them open by December of this year, so they could do that. After Oppenheimer, they will start working on the construction plans. The plans for RAD were recently in TRC, and I know that they passed first approval. I know some interior stuff was done, like cleaning out. Commissioner Burnett asked about the audit for Ultra Health. Acting City Manager Hernandez said a letter was sent out. Finance Director Huff said we have been unable to get them to comply. We have tried sending certified letters to addresses here and to corporate addresses. At one time, we got hold of a person who said they would provide information. They gave the information to another person, who came back and told us that they did not field. We passed all the information over to City Attorney Mori. At this point, we will have to file legal action against them to recoup the money. I do not believe they are going to be able to comply with an audit. So, it is in City Attorney Mori's hands. Commissioner Burnett said for Mayor McDonald's event, what happens if four or more Commissioners show up? Acting City Manager Hernandez said we will post a possible quorum.

Mayor McDonald said she received information from a citizen regarding Code Blue at the last Commission meeting. I reached out to the County, specifically County Commissioner Marquadt. I was hoping to get an answer by this meeting. I know they met today. I can reach out to them tomorrow. They were going to look into it and get back with us. We spoke with others about the other issue with trash in Downtown. We have something in the works for that. Items being brought before the Commission are being looked at. On Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, the Dudley Community Center and Park at 623 Maryland Avenue will hold the District 5 Commissioners Forum, where people in our community can meet candidates and ask questions. A set of questions has already gone out. When the seat became vacant, people asked me about it with concerns. At the time, I told them I did not know. I have told them about how the appointment will take place. Lastly, I had the opportunity to be a judge for the Royal Angel Pageant this past Saturday. I met several of the candidates, and I thought it was really great for the children and parents to come out. I was proud to be a part of that. Children are a spotlight in our community, and they show courage in coming out and being a part of that. Thank you to the people who organized it, who allowed me to be a part of it.

Commissioner Burnett asked if the Commission could get a comprehensive plan for the Golf Course. What are we doing and getting? Acting City Manager Hernandez said we had the budget meeting for the Golf Course today. I believe he will come before the Commission on March 24th to discuss what has happened, where we are, and what we are doing. A comprehensive plan has already been approved by the Commission. Commissioner Burnett asked if something could be done for the pothole on 13th Street. Acting City Manager Hernandez said Public Works Director

Vargas was on it. Commissioner Burnett said it was not something that could be fixed just by filling it in. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said it was around west Florida to Indiana Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve the minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting on January 27, 2026. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)**
- 2. Approve the statements related to the Executive Closed Session of the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2026. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)**
- 3. Approve the statements related to the Executive Closed Session of the Special Meeting held on February 5, 2026. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)**
- 4. Consider, and act upon, an amendment to the grant funding from the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department for the Senior Companion Program (SCP), Care Companion Program (CCP), and Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) FY26 contracts. The purpose of the amendment is to revise the original SCP contract amount from \$49,532.50 to \$31,532.50, thereby decreasing the total dollar amount by \$18,000.00; the original CCP contract from \$27,000.00 to \$18,000, thereby decreasing the total dollar amount by \$9,000.00; and the original FGP contract amount from \$69,525.00 to \$42,525.00, thereby decreasing the total dollar amount by \$27,000.00 (Magdalena Morales, ASC Manager, Eileen Flint, Community Services Director)**
- 5. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-06 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 February 10, 2026. (Evelyn Huff, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)**

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve.
Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Consider, and act upon, the fireworks display, cost, and contract. (Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager, and Darrell Mori, City Attorney)**

Acting City Manager Hernandez said fireworks are a controversial issue. Last year, we did drones, and the year before that, we canceled because of the fires in Ruidoso. There are a lot of mixed feelings, and so we brought it forward to the Commission to see what you want to do. Commissioner Rardin asked if a public poll could be put on the City's website. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we have to make a decision because it is the 250th Anniversary. We are running out of time and vendors. Commissioner Rardin said it is February. Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes, there are no longer drones available. Commissioner Rardin asked if we could do both drones and fireworks. Acting City Manager Hernandez said you are talking about over \$100,000. Drones alone are over \$80,000 this year. Commissioner Rardin asked if the fireworks were \$55,000. Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes. There are no drones.

City Attorney Mori said regarding concerns, the normal firework provider that the City has used is no longer available, so we have to look outside the area. The one provider that is willing has given us a copy of their contract. The terms are dangerous on the City's side. The provider has the final say on whether the fireworks go off or not. It is not up to the City or the Fire Department. If the provider decides to cancel the fireworks because of a weather event, which isn't a defined term, or even if they postpone or change the day, if it isn't done on the original or optional day, then the provider would get the full price with no fireworks to show. There are risks to the contract. We reached out to see if they would be willing to negotiate some terms, but we have not heard back from them. As it is the 250th Anniversary, our selections are slim, and we are at the mercy of these providers. At the moment, we only have one. We wanted to bring it to the Commissioner for a decision.

Commissioner Pattillo said historically, for the past five years, how many times have we had a fireworks display? Acting City Manager Hernandez said three. One year was canceled, then the next year we did drones instead.

Commissioner Burnett asked if the previous contract was similar to this new one, or if it was very different. Acting City Manager Hernandez said it was similar, but this new one is less favorable. Our local provider passed away, so we had to go and find someone willing to come down here and do a fireworks show. Commissioner Burnett asked if the provider had contracts with other municipalities. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we did not ask. We were just happy to find someone willing to come do it.

Mayor McDonald said she saw the certificate of liability insurance for \$5,000,000. What does that cover? Acting City Manager Hernandez said we require it to name the City as an additional insured in case of accidents or if something happens.

Commissioner Burnett asked if Johnny had reached out. Acting City Manager Hernandez said not him, but someone did, yes. Commissioner Burnett said he had reached out to me asking if we were going to do it. I think he needed to schedule some things as well.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said so the options are basically fireworks or nothing this year. Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said the City has done this my whole life, short of the last two years. I think they moved it to Grigg's Field once, where it didn't really work. We should just go ahead and do the fireworks this year. The drone show last year was cool, but \$80,000 is a lot of money.

Commissioner Pattillo said so we are basically gambling on whether the weather would call this off, and sinking fifty percent of the cost towards that, correct? City Attorney Mori said that when it is a weather-related incident or cancellation, the common term you will hear is "Act of God" cancellation. Here, we have a backup day. So if it is canceled on the 4th, we will move to the 5th. If those conditions are still there, and the fireworks provider decides the conditions still exist, they will cancel it again. "If the display rescheduled on the alternate date, as stated here, is canceled due to force majeure, the seller has the right to retain, and the buyer agrees to pay the seller one hundred percent of the total contract price." So if a weather condition precludes it from happening on the fourth or fifth, we would have to pay one hundred percent of the price, which is the \$55,000. I believe that is what happened a few years ago when the fireworks were canceled due to fires.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked if the language could be changed. City Attorney Mori said we are asking, and it has been done in the past. We just want direction from the Commission first before proceeding. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said that is standard language for contracts. City Attorney Mori said we get to pick an alternate day. The 4th is the initial day, and the 5th is the alternate. If conditions continue, that is when we may see issues. City Attorney Mori said they reached out to see if they are willing to alter terms, specifically if they are willing to pay one hundred percent, should they cancel it, which is the risky part. The decision is solely on the seller, based on this contract, on whether conditions merit a show or not.

Commissioner Pattillo asked how long the search for vendors has gone on. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we started in October. Commissioner Pattillo asked if we felt confident this was our last chance. Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes, and they are waiting for your answer. Commissioner Burnett asked when the deadline was. Acting City Manager Hernandez said tomorrow. City Attorney Mori said we were to hold on until we talked to the Commission. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we only got it on the day of the last Commission Meeting, so I was unable to put it on until now.

Mayor McDonald said it has been warm for a winter season. Say that we enter into fire season, and it gets dangerous for fireworks. If we say yes tonight, and if fire conditions prevail, would we be stuck with a \$55,000 bill? City Attorney Mori said if it was canceled on both days. We do have an alternate date. If conditions continue on both days, we would foot the bill if they cancel. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that is one of the concerns. We have had a dry monsoon season, and this winter wasn't particularly cold. We are concerned the fires will start earlier, but to be fair, that is always a concern in the desert.

Commissioner Burnett asked what would happen if we canceled, like two months prior. City Attorney Mori said he believed we would be on the hook for the fifty percent. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we owe fifty percent as

soon as we sign the contract. City Attorney Mori said yes.

Commissioner Pattillo said it was worth the gamble, with it being the 250th Anniversary. I wonder what our partners at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range would say if we opted not to do the line item for that.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin moved to approve the \$55,000 for the fireworks display and to authorize staff to enter into negotiations.

Commissioner Tapley seconded the motion.

Motion Passed with a vote of 5 - 1 - 0. Mayor Sharon McDonald voted nay.

7. Discussion and refresher on executive session confidentiality, open government requirements, and ethics obligations for elected officials. (Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)

Acting City Manager Hernandez said we have an obligation here to the Commission and staff. The attached materials were from Ethics Trainings held in 2023 and 2024. We chose not to do it in 2025 because of the possibility of four new Commissioners. In essence, we did not want to waste the money and just have to do it again in early 2026. I am bringing this forward at this time because unresolved issues within the Governing Body have begun to affect City operations. Disagreements among the Governing Body are healthy and expected. However, in recent weeks, these disagreements have resulted in operational consequences affecting staff and City operations. Departments such as the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk's Office, and Finance have all been pulled into these issues. It places employees in uncomfortable situations and negatively impacts morale among directors, managers, and staff. She proceeded to go over the attachments.

City Attorney Mori said he spoke briefly on confidentiality at the meeting last week. We have one new Commissioner now, and are set to have another one in the next few weeks. I reached out to Clinton Nicely, who presented last week regarding the Self-Insurer's Fund. He and I will do another OMA and GCA training on March 24th. It will be a reminder to sitting Commissioners and new training for the two new Commissioners. The Commission and the public can always have a good refresher on the law, so we can ensure we are being as effective as possible for the City. Commissioner Robinson asked when that would be. City Attorney Mori said it would be at the Regular Commission Meeting on March 24th. He and I will both be doing the training as a joint measure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said there is equipment hanging from the ceiling in the room that we do Executive Sessions. Does that record? Acting City Manager Hernandez said no. It only records if you are on a Zoom meeting and actually hit record. All of that is speakers. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said it flashes blue lights sometimes. Acting City Manager Hernandez said it sometimes updates, and you will hear a sound. Like everything, they are scheduled for updates. They do not record. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said in Teams meetings that a transcript is produced. Acting City Manager Hernandez said no, that is only if you turn that on. City Attorney Mori said there is a feature that can do that, especially if you are going to record a meeting. In this case, the Commission has hosted every one. So it would only be if someone actively hits record. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said three or four sensors hang in there. I did not know if they record what was discussed. Acting City Manager Hernandez said those are the speakers. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said so they are not on the microphone side. Acting City Manager Hernandez said they are both.

Mayor McDonald asked what was stated that was not defined at the last meeting. What was actually said by you through a phone call, and what was actually said by Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin had previously said he was advised by the City Attorney. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said he had a conversation with City Attorney Mori, yes. Acting City Manager Hernandez asked if that was what Mayor McDonald was referring to. Mayor McDonald said yes. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said he was told that we should not go back behind closed doors to talk about what we were to discuss. City Attorney Mori said that the conversation was just a general advice question on the Open Meetings Act and what can and cannot be discussed in Executive Session. The Executive Session is a limited exception to the Open Meetings Act. When the Commission is body goes in there, it has to be narrowly tailored, and the Commission has to stay on the subject. Otherwise, certain topics have to be held in an Open Session. That was just a direction to ensure that, as the Commission goes into Executive Session, you are clear on what is going on in that Session. That way, we can be fully transparent with the public. Commissioner Burnett asked for an example of an item. City Attorney Mori said we recently went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and legal matters. If in those discussions, something with Parks or Streets came up, we cannot divulge into that. We have to stay on-topic with what was put on notice to the public. Acting City

Manager Hernandez said that for a government, there are five exceptions, but you can only stick to what was noticed. Commissioner Robinson said so the public is not privileged to those sessions. If they want transparency, we cannot have transparency if we are dealing with in a private setting, right? Acting City Manager Hernandez said yes. Those are set up to protect the City from potential litigation and giving away positions. Those Executive Sessions are really to protect the City and talk about your one employee. Personnel issues are typically confidential. You are allowed to go talk about the City Manager or City Manager recruitment process. Commissioner Robinson said if the public made an IPRA request on what happened, what would you inform them? City Attorney Mori said it depends. What is said in Executive Session is confidential, but the Commission has the ability to disclose what was said, but certain things, like if staff is given a direction, not to act upon, but lets look into options. If a record exists, then that can be, if there is a record. The transparency comes out of the Executive Session because the Commission cannot make an official action. Acting City Manager Hernandez said let's say we want to purchase a piece of land, a parcel. We would go into Executive Session and give the information. We would ask what you are allowing us to negotiation, and you would give us authority by direction. We have noticed the property, and it is on the agenda. We do not want to give away position to protect the City's finances. Once City staff can make the agreement, we would bring it to an open meeting and the Commission would make that decision. We can only stay within the Commission's direction to do. If the Commission only gave direction up to \$100,000, but we could only get it to \$110,000, we would have to go back into an Executive Session and say this is the best we can do, and do we have authority, and can we go back to negotiate? Then we would bring that forward at the next meeting's Executive Session. Commissioner Robinson said so when we go into Executive Session, we need to stay on the agenda and not veer off. City Attorney Mori said absolutely. It all comes back to, for an official action, it would come back out here to an open session. Commissioner Robinson said so the public would know what we decided, but not how we decided it. Acting City Manager Hernandez said not always. Going back to the previous example, if you gave authorization to go up to \$100,000, but nothing came of it. We would never come back into Open Session. Mayor McDonald said the point I was trying to make is to stick to the subject matter in the last meeting. Not so much that confidentiality was breached. City Attorney Mori said we just want to make sure the Commission stays on topic when they go into Executive Session.

8. Consider, and act upon, the use of LEDA funds. (Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)

Acting City Manager Hernandez said we had a discussion on LEDA funds last year. Because I thought we were going to use all those funds, I turned away a lot of applications. Once the last applicant withdrew, I asked if some were still interested. Some have reached out to me. We are limited on funds. I listed everyone who has reached out. Direction is all we need. We can also use those funds for demolition or for other City-owned facilities.

Commissioner Robinson asked how much funding we had. Acting City Manager Hernandez said approximately \$950,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked where that number came from. Last year we had \$1,900,000, and we spent \$650,000 on the bowling alley. Acting City Manager Hernandez said I failed to remember we had the economic development contract out of that one. We did the Zoo wall. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked how much that was. Acting City Manager Hernandez said \$385,650. Then the contract. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked how much the contract was. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she got a number from Finance Director Huff's projections. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said it shows here as \$385,000 for a transfer-out, then \$2,725,000 budgeted expenditures with a balance of \$934,847. Finance Director Huff said correct.

Commissioner Burnett said he spoke to the EDD a couple of times regarding the appropriate use of LEDA funds. Unfortunately, they could not give me a direct answer regarding whether we were using funds correctly. Acting City Manager Hernandez said they won't. What they will provide is direction. I have spoken with Kevin and Jim. Commissioner Burnett said he asked about City-owned facilities and using those funds. They said they do not think it is an appropriate use of the funds. Acting City Manager Hernandez said through LEDA, it is not. We are saying through a referendum that was approved to use. We cannot use LEDA funds on a City-owned facility like that. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said through the referendum, it only authorized up to \$4,000,000 to use on the pool, correct? Acting City Manager Hernandez said no. It had no less than \$4,000,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said he was under the impression we were moving \$4,000,000 from LEDA to the pool. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we did. He said so then the remainder of the fund was to be used for other LEDA projects? She said we could use it for other LEDA projects or City-owned facilities. That is how we were able to pay for the bowling alley and Zoo.

Commissioner Pattillo asked if there was an approximate figure for the listed demolition projects. Acting City Manager Hernandez said she had an old one for La Placita. I asked for an updated one for Oregon. Half of it is a little over

\$100,000. The full Oregon School would be \$400,000. I do not know about the hotel by Applebees, which we are in foreclosure on. It will be a hefty one. Once we take ownership, I anticipate pressure for us to knock it down or sell as-is to a developer. We would have to get it appraised for that. Commissioner Pattillo asked what the pros and cons were for leaving the funds in the Fund for now. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that it is a Commission decision. I will always think we need to invest in our own assets, but we also have some cool businesses that could potentially benefit. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked how far we were with the foreclosure process regarding the hotel. Acting City Manager Hernandez said that the process depends on the judge's calendar and how quickly they turn over paperwork. Once that occurs, we still have a redemption period of a year. We are probably looking at eighteen months. City Attorney Mori said if we get awarded the property, they have a year to redeem it and bring it back up to compliance or standard and pay whatever debts are on there. There would be nothing the City could do until a year after the judgment is given, if the City prevails. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said so for example, if we got it tomorrow morning, it would be next June or July before we could reasonably touch it. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we may be able to do something sooner since it is a health and safety issue. It would be a City-owned facility, so we may be able to do something. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said we are still looking at roughly a year. City Attorney Mori said we are still at the mercy of the District Judge's schedule. Commissioner Pattillo asked if there were any restrictions or harm that would result in keeping the funds in the LEDA fund and tabling this. Acting City Manager Hernandez said no, not at all. City Attorney Mori said the City was just looking for direction. People were interested, and an application was sent forth. We want to know what the Commission wants to do. Do they want to see the applications? Table it and wait? Or go in a different direction? Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked how many applications we had. Acting City Manager Hernandez said three. I am giving the other two businesses time. They reached out last year and I told them no, and we wouldn't have any more money. They are gathering information now. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked if there was enough in the fund to help all three businesses. Are they asking for more than that? Acting City Manager Hernandez said it depends on how you split it. You may be able to help two, but for the most part, they are all asking for the full amount. Two are asking for amounts that are less, but I am not sure about the ones that have not yet come in. I have an idea, but I have not seen it on paper.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said regarding the possession of the hotel, we do budget \$300,000 a year for demolition. Acting City Manager Hernandez said we do. We have a list of one hundred properties that we need to go through. The hotel would skip to the top because it is a true eyesore. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin said it is a true health, safety, and welfare issue. Where else could we pull money from? She said there is the General Fund.

Commissioner Pattillo said he would like to request a written plan for what the demolition costs would be, and that the existing and any incoming LEDA applications be distributed. Acting City Manager Hernandez asked if he meant distributed as in raw and no analysis. Commissioner Pattillo said when it makes sense to, an idea on the approximate price and basic strategy for the three properties in addition to the LEDA applications. I would just ask for more time and information. Acting City Manager Hernandez said so just the LEDA application, no staff analysis or any of that? Commissioner Burnett said we should be able to see all the applicants and what they have to offer. We can go through and make a decision based off that. Mayor McDonald so said no demolitions? Commissioner Burnett said yes, we already asked for that. Acting City Manager Hernandez said so the plan for the three properties, and when we have all the information gathered, we will bring that all forward. So it will not be piecemeal; you will see it all complete. Commissioner Pattillo said yes ma'am. Any staff recommendations would be helpful.

Commissioner Pattillo moved to table this item and have staff come back at a later date with a written plan for all three properties and all applications that have been received.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Robinson moved to adjourn at 7:43 PM.

Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Sharon McDonald
Mayor Sharon McDonald

Rachel Hughs
City Clerk Rachel Hughs

(Prepared by Dylan Aleshire, Deputy Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2026.

