

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS
May 23, 2017**

**RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JENNY TURNBULL, COMMISSIONER
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER**

**AL HERNANDEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM
ERICA MARTIN, COMMISSIONER
MAGGIE PALUCH, ACTING CITY MANAGER
LAUREN TRUITT, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. Mayor Boss, Commissioner Turnbull and Commissioner Martin were absent. Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present. Invocation was given by Pastor Dwight Harp and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sikes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on Holloman's Big Give 10th Anniversary. (*Sargent Warren Spearman*)

Sargent Spearman spoke on the Holloman Big Give. He said the Big Give is made up of recreational teams that help with various needs in the community. He announced this year there will be 35 teams helping the Tularosa Basin area. He invited the Commission and community to a Music Fest on June 29th out at Holloman Air Force Base.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Crabb spoke in the City Manager's report section.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Maggie Paluch made the following remarks:

1. She gave an update on the First and Florida project. Contractors will begin to pave South Florida Ave next week, then move on to pave First Street. In July traffic will move to the paved lanes and begin work on the other side of First Street. The project will be complete in November.
2. She announced the Corp of Engineers permit for the restoration of Bonito Lake has been approved. Bid for construction will go to the public for in July with Commission approval in August. The campground will be used as a staging area for a portion of the project and will remain closed for the entire duration of the project for the next two years.
3. She gave a shout out to Cynthia Quairola from the Purchasing Dept. for her great skills on eBay. She has sold over \$135,000 of surplus equipment and capital. The funds from the sales are returned to the departments where the equipment was from.
4. She announced the first Fourth Friday this week. Admission is free, the event is from 6 pm- 10 pm. Homegrown Boys is the band playing and the Beauty and the Beast is the movie that will be shown.
5. She said she attended the memorial service in Washington D.C. for the fallen Police officers across the nation and showed pictures. The candlelight vigil was May 13th at the National Mall and the memorial was May 15th at the Capital Building. President Trump was the Key note speaker. During the ceremony Officer Corvinus was honored in the reading of the names. APD placed a photo of K9 Clint

aka Brutus by his name on the wall. She thanked the officers that work for the Alamogordo Police Department and for their dedication and commitment to the City.

6. She asked Beth Crabb to come and introduce the White Sands Pupfish.

Beth Crabbe commented on the following:

She introduced the White Sands Pup Fish and asked Coach Chris Stout to speak to the Commission.

Chris Stout thanked the City of Alamogordo for their support. He shared some of the team's community involvement. He asked if anyone is willing to be a host family for any of the players while they are here, it would be greatly appreciated. He also said if anyone would like to follow the Pupfish they are on facebook and on whitesandspupfish.com.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the minutes for the May 9, 2017 Regular meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*

3. Approve the minutes for the May 10, 2017 Preliminary Budget Hearing meeting. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*

4. Hold a public hearing and consider Resolution No. 2017-14 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget. *(Kathy Gilsdorf, Budget Analyst)* (Roll Call Required)

5. Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2017-13 removing uncollectible and unsecured Utility, Library, Recreation Center, Public Housing Authority, other miscellaneous accounts from the City's accounts receivable and returned checks. *(Julianne Hall, Finance Director)* (Roll Call Required)

6. Consider, and act upon, Ordinance 1537 for a map amendment to the official zoning map of the City of Alamogordo to rezone the properties located at 2310 & 2400 Collins Ave. from M-2 Industrial District to R-4 Multiple Family Dwelling District. Case Z-2017-001(A) *(Darron Williams, City Planner)* (Roll Call Required)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez asked to remove Item #4 from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve items 2,3,5,6 of the consent calendar.

Commissioner Sikes seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken for items No. 5 and 6

Motion carried with a vote of 4-0-0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4. Hold a public hearing and consider Resolution No. 2017-14 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget. *(Kathy Gilsdorf, Budget Analyst)* (Roll Call Required)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez said he pulled this item mainly because it is a public hearing and asked for any comments on this item.

Commissioner Sikes said before they approve the Final Budget in July, there are some things that I think are necessary to revamp and change. I will support it this evening, but I am hoping we can come to a consensus on some of the items in the budget before July.

Commissioner Baldwin said there are a few funding sources and some beliefs of where those funding sources should come from, I just want to make sure that those are well thought out and planned out. There are just a few changes we would like to make when it comes back to us. He thanked all staff for their hard work on the budget.

Commissioner Payne agreed with Commissioner Sikes. There are few things that we need to change before the final budget. I don't know if I am 100 percent comfortable with them. I think for tonight, we are probably okay.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez was concerned with some of the funding. My biggest concern is we continue to spend money and we do not have as much coming in. It continues to dwindle down. We are not sure what the legislature is going to do with their Special Session, it could hurt us additionally. I for one do not want to enact the hold harmless tax, and I would probably not ever support that. We need to be very careful on our spending habits. I would also recommend the Commission get with staff and bring them their concerns.

Acting City Manager Paluch said from the concerns of the Commissioners, staff is pulling together various options to bring before the Commission, in June, to have a full discussion on those items.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 4-0-0.

WORK SESSION

7. Workshop and update on Alamogordo Main Street Program. (*Darron Williams, City Planner*)

City Planner Williams spoke on the Main Street Program. He introduced President of Alamogordo Main Street, Claudia Powell and Executive Director of Alamogordo Main Street Cam Wilde. Ms. Powell gave a brief presentation on how the Board has evolved. She introduced the Volunteer Board including: Vice President Keri Mack, Lenora Stevens, Laurie Anderson, Claudia Loyola, Pennie Espiritu, Trish Livingston, Joseph Harold and Todd Hacker.

Executive Director Cam Wilde presented a power point and said they are non partisan, local non profit organization who's core goal is to economically develop, through revitalization and beautification efforts, historic downtown Alamogordo. Their primary partnership is with New Mexico Main Street. New Mexico Main Street supports and assists over 40 communities throughout the State. By meeting and exceeding State Requirements, Alamogordo Main Street has the distinction of being recognized as a nationally accredited program through Main Street America. The Alamogordo Main Street District extends from 8th to 13th Street and from East side of White Sands to Michigan and Delaware Avenue. These four points: organization, design, economic vitality and promotion all serve as the four key areas Main Streets has been using as a guiding framework. New Mexico and Alamogordo Main Street use the Main Street four point approach as the basis for developing transformative economic development. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Main Street Organization needs to be in place in order to effectively operate and remain qualified for additional public funds when considering larger scale projects. The partnership with the City will inherently involve some City resources in order to realistically achieve projects. Should the City choose, they will serve as the fiscal agent for Capital Outlay, LEDA funds and similar sources. This is usually done on a phase project basis. As each phase is complete, the City is reimbursed for that particular phase. Alamogordo Main Street is a resource that could provide opportunity for a large scale project funding. He said we can provide priority financing benefits, research and assistance, but ultimately it is the City that must approve and apply for these types of infrastructure projects. Relatively smaller projects that still enhance and improve the downtown Main Street district that do not require infrastructure, modification or monies are implemented and carried out only through the Main Street organization. Alamogordo Main Street

provides opportunities to the City that would not be available without an accredited Main Street. The City of Alamogordo's financial commitment is \$40,000 per year, based solely on population.

Mr. Wilde said we are currently developing an asset map, which will ultimately provide us with a needed tool that will help us continue to effectively engage district businesses, building owners and investors and determine shortfalls that we may need to be filled or approved upon within the district. We are looking closely in areas of opportunities within the district and continuing promotional efforts through the development of a new and improved website and business promotion program. We are focused heavily on attainable beautification efforts such as the completion and the promotion of the two murals in the district. We've rolled a successful fundraiser into the premier of Flickinger Films, which was made possible by the Flickinger Center and Alamogordo Main Street Partnership, that resulted in \$113.5 thousand dollars in LEDA funding to purchase and install the new digital projection system.

Mr. Wilde said in the future we are still working with Mr. Williams with New Mexico Main Street and furthering the Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) plan development. This plan will serve to provide more general strategies, economic data, project suggestions and additional sources of funding in order to feasibly implement larger scale infrastructure projects. Further the MRA plan will serve as a detailed addition and enhancement to the developing of the City's Comprehensive Plan and White Sands Initiative. Alamogordo Main Street was recently named one of three Cities in the State to receive an enhanced design service from the State. They also received \$5,000 from the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance to improve the facades of three highly visible buildings in the district. Their hope is to attract further private investment in the district and encourage businesses to open. He said Capital Outlay funding does not look promising for Fiscal Year 18, however we will continue to pursue smaller obtainable grants and funding in order to continue to pursue projects that support our economic transformation strategies. An obvious goal for the organization is to be reaccredited next year by the State and Main Street America, to continue to receive services and assistance from both. He said we would like to come back and provide a short update on our projects and activities every six months and provide a thorough update annually. He said they will report to Mr. Williams should any significant project or funding sources come up that we feel is best served through the City's involvement. (See Agenda for Power Point).

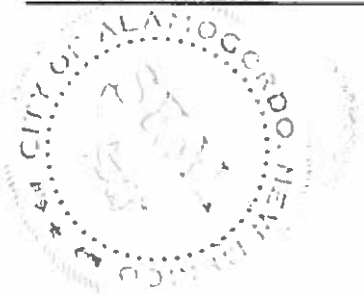
8. Adjourn into Executive Session in compliance with Section 10-15-1(H), NMSA 1978 (as amended), to discuss Pending Litigation (1507 Rockwood and 1201 Monroe). (Roll Call Required)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hernandez called to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Motion carried with a vote of 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT



ATTEST:


City Clerk Rachel Hughes


Mayor Richard Boss

(Prepared by Eric Barraza, Deputy City Clerk)

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on June 13, 2017.