

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, in full conformity with the rules, regulations and ordinances of the municipality.

At such meeting the following were present, constituting a quorum:

MAYOR	Tommy Roberts
COUNCILORS	Linda Roberts Mary M. Fischer Gayla A. McCulloch Nate Duckett

constituting all the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	Bob Campbell
CITY ATTORNEY	Jennifer Breakell
CITY CLERK	Dianne Smylie
DEPUTY CITY CLERK	Andrea Jones

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM AWARDS

Employee Council President Kathy Farley recognized GIS Supervisor Bobby Kimball as the Employee of the Month award recipient for November 2015 and Staff Accountant II Sarah Talley as the Employee of the Month award recipient for December 2015. Mr. Kimball and Ms. Talley were presented with plaques and gift certificates and the Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for their dedication to the City.

NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE/DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE MARCH 1, 2016 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

At the request of City Clerk Dianne Smylie, a motion was made by Councilor Duckett, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the Notice of Names of Candidates for Office, Designation of Polling Places and Precinct Board Members for the March 1, 2016 City of Farmington Regular Municipal Election, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL AUDIT/COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Roberts announced that staff has requested that the annual audit be withdrawn from consideration and rescheduled for the February 16, 2016 Work Session agenda.

REPORT/DOWNTOWN ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Utilizing a Powerpoint presentation, Lieutenant Josh Laino and Officer Robert Decker reviewed the limited personnel assigned to the District Coordinator Unit ("DCU") and illustrated the increased number of inebriates and recent criminal acts committed in the Downtown area. Lt. Laino reported that as part of a concentrated downtown enforcement effort, the DCU increased patrols including after "regular" hours, met with business owners, distributed "Intoxicated Subject" flyers and conducted a walkabout on Main Street and Broadway Avenue and he pointed out that there was a large misconception among business owners regarding the legality of being intoxicated in public. Lt. Laino reiterated that it is not illegal to sleep in a public park or to be intoxicated in public and noted that legally the Police can only perform a welfare check on those persons. Responding to inquiry by Councilor Duckett, Lt. Laino explained that the Police can invite intoxicated persons to the new volunteer sobering house but emphasized that they cannot force them.

Continuing with the presentation, Lt. Laino reviewed statistical data pertaining to detoxification transports and incidents involving intoxicated subjects and confirmed that each incident is counted even if

a single individual is responsible for multiple events. He reported that the "Downtown Overtime Patrol" project ran from November 30, 2015 to January 1, 2016 in the Downtown area and noted that the total cost of the project was \$9,201 and resulted in 31 arrests, five municipal citations, 24 detoxification transports, four trespasses and 85 downed subjects/welfare checks. Lt. Laino stated that a "plain clothed" DCU Officer was reassigned to the Downtown area from November 1, 2015 to January 13, 2016 which resulted in 44 arrests and pointed out that the remainder of the DCU performed 61 arrests during that same timeframe while working uniformed patrol citywide during regular duty hours. In response to the Mayor's inquiry, Lt. Laino surmised that this is a community issue that cannot be solved by arrests and explained that during the winter season these inebriated individuals remain within an eight to 12-block radius of the City's winter shelter (The Roof). Police Chief Steve Hebbe pointed out that the Police have shown the ability to influence where inebriates congregate but reiterated that it is not through arrests.

Responding to multiple inquiries by Councilor Fischer, Lt. Laino could not confirm the approximate number of "street people"; reported that for the months of October and November approximately 17 percent of individuals were first-time detoxification users; stated that outside of traditional alcoholic beverages that a mixture of hand-sanitizer and water called "zonk" is widely used for intoxication purposes; confirmed that inebriate "camps" are an ongoing year-round concern; and noted that incidents in alleyways have not increased. Councilor Fischer commended everyone who has been involved with addressing and improving the community inebriate issue.

Councilor Rodgers expressed her appreciation of the Police Department for their continued enforcement efforts carried out in a caring and compassionate manner toward this population and announced that the "Intoxicated Subject" flyer was quite enlightening. Responding to Councilor Rodgers' inquiry, Lt. Laino reported that DCU did not see an increase in aggressive behavior by intoxicated persons but did confirm that the subject population is younger in age in comparison to previous years.

Councilor Duckett reported that he recently participated in a Police "ride-along" and thanked DCU and everyone involved in this concentrated enforcement effort. He announced that it is unfortunate that he, as a City Councilor, is receiving more reports of incidents than the Police and suggested that this effort could be an effective program on a seasonal basis. City Manager Rob Mayes noted that the concentrated enforcement effort is a valid tool to bring awareness to certain areas even though we cannot arrest our way out of this problem and reported that there are many unknowns surrounding the Joint Intervention Program ("JIP") which includes sobering and detoxification, but reminded the Council that the pilot program showed positive results.

Mayor Roberts provided his personal account of time spent in the Downtown area on Friday evenings and stated that he has never been approached by a panhandling individual nor personally seen intoxicated persons wandering the area. Responding to the Mayor, Lt. Laino estimated that on a scale of one to ten, with one being the least concerned, the Downtown business owners' indicated a concern level between two and three and reported that Officer Decker has implemented a closed Facebook page for business owners to discuss issues of concern amongst themselves. Officer Decker explained that he has overseen the page for the past year and noted that it has been a great tool for making businesses aware of problems encountered by other business owners in the area.

Following further discussion, Councilor McCulloch thanked the Police Department immensely for their dedication to this community concern. Mayor Roberts commended Chief Hebbe and staff for embracing a "softer" philosophy by reducing use-of-force incidents despite the increased number of contacts in 2015.

DEMONSTRATION/ONLINE MAPS FOR ELECTION AND ZONING PURPOSES

Providing opening remarks, City Manager Rob Mayes reported that staff has received multiple requests from Council to make city maps more user-friendly and robust and introduced GIS Supervisor Bobby Kimball. Mr. Kimball displayed the online map for election polling places and demonstrated how to use it. He pointed out that after inputting a specific address the map will provide a pop-up that gives information

regarding the nearest polling place with directions and its hours of operation. Mr. Kimball displayed the online zoning map, noting that it is similar to the election polling places map and he demonstrated its use and reviewed the information available to users.

Mayor Roberts expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kimball and the staff of Information Technology Department for creating and implementing these interactive maps and contended that it will make the mechanics of voting in the upcoming election much easier.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Apple Ridge Apartments

Councilor Fischer reported that the recent conference call with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") officials was quite disappointing and relayed that HUD has taken the position that Apple Ridge Apartments is being well maintained and managed despite the contradictory documentation provided to them. She thanked Assistant City Manager Bob Campbell, City Attorney Jennifer Breakell, Sergeant Chad Byers and Officer Robert Decker for their support in this matter and requested that staff research whether adopting an ordinance that allows staff to deem a certain location a nuisance based on the number of calls-for-service could remedy the problem. City Manager Rob Mayes confirmed that staff will research what legal options are available regarding her request.

Monthly Report

At the request of Councilor Duckett, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to include seasonal statistics in the monthly report concerning police, fire and electric utility activity compared to prior years.

Paving Policy

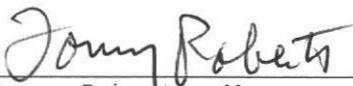
Councilor Duckett requested a consensus from the Council to direct staff to compose a policy that clearly illustrates the City's stance on paving dirt roads. City Manager Rob Mayes reported that there is not a "one size fits all" policy but stated that staff could create a "white paper" that provides historical information, criteria and principles that staff and Council could apply to the paving of dirt roads. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to create a white paper as suggested by Mr. Mayes.

Legislative Session

Responding to Councilor Fisher's inquiry, City Manager Rob Mayes briefly reviewed the direction given to the City's legislative delegate and announced that initial reports of pre-filed bills showed nothing of extreme concern. Mayor Roberts noted that the session begins at noon today.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

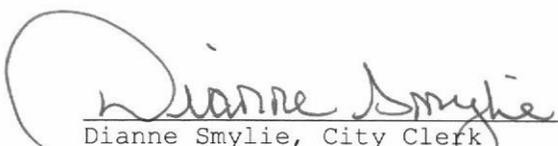
APPROVED this 9th day of February, 2016.



Tommy Roberts, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Dianne Smylie, City Clerk