

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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	Nate Duckett
COUNCILORS	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino

constituting all the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER	Julie Baird
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY	Russel Frost
CITY CLERK	Andrea Jones
DEPUTY CITY CLERK	Anita Vigil

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CARES ACT FUNDING (CDBG-CV)

General Services Director Edward Smylie explained that the purpose of today's presentations is to allow the Council to hear and evaluate the proposals received in response to the request for proposals for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Cares Act Funding ("CDBG-CV") public service projects. He announced that the presentations will be given in alphabetical order with \$27,187.71 available in funding and he stated that direction to staff and award of the funding is scheduled for the July 25, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

Childhaven

A representative from Childhaven was not in attendance to provide a presentation.

Convicted by Christ

Convicted by Christ Executive Director Brian Myers thanked the Council for their past support and explained that their faith-based organization helps men coming out of prison learn how to successfully reenter society through a wide-array of support services and their transitional living facility, Byron's House of Hope ("BHH"). He announced their request for \$10,000 will be utilized for facility plumbing and indoor flooding repairs to mitigate the spread of infectious disease.

Masada House, Inc.

Executive Director Flora Hillgartner and volunteer Pat Gross announced that Masada House provides a safe and secure home environment for women recovering from substance abuse and can practice the skills needed to become independent and productive members of the community. Ms. Gross stated their facilities were not adequately prepared for the isolation needs of those affected by COVID-19 and she confirmed their program has been diligently remedying this issue. Noting their need for new appliances and air filters to prevent the spread of disease, Ms. Gross announced that Masada House is seeking \$4,213.28 in funding and thanked the City for past support.

San Juan County Partnership, Inc.

Douglass Joe, Housing Program Supervisor for San Juan County Partnership ("SJCP"), provided a brief synopsis of their history as a community action organization that focuses on substance use prevention, housing assistance and youth health and wellness efforts. He stated that

the requested \$10,000 will help serve the homeless and those at-risk for displacement due to lingering economic factors from the pandemic and provide housing counseling and subsistence payments.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION AND ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION (CTED) FUND

Providing opening remarks, Deputy City Manager Julie Baird announced that staff will be presenting this year's strategic planning for Community Transformation and Economic Diversification ("CTED") projects in smaller, "targeted" sessions. Referring to a handout provided to the Council, Ms. Baird provided actual and projected revenues, reoccurring expenditures and debt service activity within the CTED Fund for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 through FY2026. She briefly reviewed the remaining balances from FY2022 and FY2023 projects and the FY2024 projects already approved by the Council, noting that there is a balance of \$4.9 million in "uncommitted" funds. Referring to another handout summarizing the projects being discussed in today's session, Ms. Baird explained that some projects are informational and others include a recommendation for action.

Downtown Art Exhibition

Ms. Baird invited Economic Development Director Warren Unsicker to start the presentation with a "success story". Mr. Unsicker confirmed that nine art sculptures were installed as part of the inaugural Downtown Art Exhibition with a cumulative value of \$168,650. He outlined the associated expenses of installation and the juried art show and reported that \$35,886.97 remains from the original \$50,000 budget. Mr. Unsicker presented the sculptures on display and he advised that the City will receive a 25 percent commission on any sales.

Responding to interest from the Mayor and Council, Ms. Baird confirmed that the City has the opportunity to purchase any of the sculptures for permanent display.

Boundless Adventures Park

Ms. Baird displayed a rendering depicting project phases of the Boundless Adventures Park and an itemized list of secured and committed funding sources. She pointed out that there is a \$3.2 million gap in the \$8 million cost and advised that two additional sources are pending for \$1.3 million. Ms. Baird stated that staff's recommendation is to continue pursuing grants, capital outlay and fundraising to offset the project's remaining \$1.9 deficit.

Gateway Park/Farmer's Market Pavilion

Ms. Baird reported that the Farmer's Market Pavilion in Phase 1-A of the Gateway Park project has reached a point where contracts need to be secured before further conceptual work can proceed on the desired upgrades to the prefabricated structure. Following discussion of the project's scope of work and budget, Ms. Baird provided staff's request for \$1 million in CTED funds to secure the needed contracts.

Juniper Basin Bike Park

Ms. Baird pointed out that staff has responded to several requests for additional project information for the Juniper Basin Bike Park for the past two years and she happily announced the State is recommending increasing the City's request to \$755,425 for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Noting that the City has not received the official documentation, she advised that staff has not had any conversation that suggests the City's required match would increase from the original \$250,000 match and she relayed that staff has received project review questionnaires from the National Forest Service and other federal agencies in final review of the proposed project. Ms. Baird reminded the Council that the project already secured a \$99,999.99 New Mexico Trails+ grant and noted that the International Mountain Bike Association's conceptual project designs did not include drainage, grading and amenities. She stated that staff is requesting \$60,000 in CTED funds for the remaining design services for the Juniper Basin Bike Park's drainage, grading and site amenities.

Worley Field

Ms. Baird explained that pipeline right-of-way and encroachment issues delayed the Worley Field improvements and she advised that the design work should be completed in October and construction should fall between November, 2023 and March, 2024.

Animas River Trails/North Trail Extension

Emphasizing that projects within a river corridor involve intricate construction timing, Ms. Baird provided a high-level depiction of the Animas River Trails North Trail Extension and Bank Stabilization project and she reviewed the specific known funding, deadlines and challenges within the Browning Parkway, Gateway, Middlefork and Middlefork East segments of the project.

Whitewater River Wave

Ms. Baird explained that the New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee has awarded approximately \$2 million for construction of a whitewater wave feature and redesign of the North Farmington Ditch's diversion from the Animas River in FY2025 as part of the Gold King Mine spill settlement. She stated that staff is requesting \$500,000 for the design and permitting of the adjustable wave feature to be located behind Gateway Park.

Floating Aqua Park at Lake Farmington

Ms. Baird advised that the Floating Aqua Park for Lake Farmington is under contract and the design approved by the Council is being manufactured and on schedule for use in the summer of 2024.

Civitan Miniature Golf Course

Ms. Baird announced that an update regarding the Civitan Miniature Golf Course will be presented at the August 15, 2023 City Council Work Session.

Piñon Mesa Park

Ms. Baird explained that the Piñon Mesa Park encompasses 780 acres of land on the La Plata Highway and will be presented in-depth at the August 15, 2023 City Council Work Session, noting that there is the potential for a New Mexico Trails+ grant to fund the park's master plan.

At the Council's request, City Manager Rob Mayes confirmed that staff will schedule a discussion regarding the opportunity to bond finance several potential projects at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to approve the following CTED Fund projects for FY2024: \$1 million for the pavilion purchase for Gateway Park; \$60,000 for design services for the Juniper Basin Bike Park's drainage, grading and site amenities; and \$500,000 for the design and permitting of the Animas River whitewater wave feature at Gateway Park, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance and Unauthorized Racing

At the request of the Mayor, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to present information regarding the current noise ordinance and options to combat excessive vehicular noise.

The Mayor and Councilor Rodgers pointed out sections of Broadway and Piñon Hills Boulevard where unauthorized racing has contributed to unsafe driving conditions in addition to vehicular noise pollution.

Parking Lot Concerns at Senior Center

Mayor Duckett reported receiving a letter regarding a constituent's concerns about the safety of the parking lot at the Senior Center. City Manager Rob Mayes advised that he also received that letter and that the matter has been investigated and a response provided to the constituent.

Pickleball Courts

Responding to comments from the Mayor regarding the rising demand for pickleball courts, City Manager Rob Mayes advised that staff has an updated analysis that can be used to assess court needs. Additionally, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Interim Director Natalie Spruell confirmed that nets can be rented from the Recreation Center for use on the double-striped courts located at the Tennis Complex.

Brookside Park Skate Park

At the Mayor's request, staff confirmed that the Brookside Park Skate Park project update will be provided at the August 15, 2023 City Council Work Session.

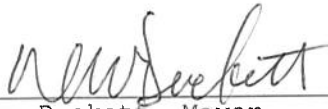
Street Projects

Addressing the Mayor's request for street updates, Community Works Director David Sypher briefly reviewed the factors delaying the start date of the Piñon Hills Boulevard Extension project and he noted that construction is expected to commence in October, 2023. In addition, Mr. Sypher stated that the New Mexico Department of Transportation ("NMDOT") has not provided an estimated timeline on renovations to East Main Street nor have communications with NMDOT been effective and he happily accepted the Mayor's offer of assistance on the endeavor.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m., and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk certified that notice of the foregoing meeting was given by posting pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-1466, et seq.

APPROVED this 8th day of August, 2023.



Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Andrea Jones, City Clerk