

Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The open regular session was held in full conformity with the laws and ordinances and rules of the Municipality.

Upon roll call, the following were found to be present, constituting a quorum:

MAYOR	Nate Duckett
COUNCILORS	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino

constituting all members of said Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	Julie Baird
CITY ATTORNEY	Jennifer Breakell
CITY CLERK	Andrea Jones

The meeting was convened by the Mayor and his honorary guest, Daxx French. Thereupon the following proceedings were duly had and taken:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Duckett asked those in attendance of tonight's meeting to observe a moment of silence in lieu of a prayer.

Daxx French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Mayor announced that those items on the agenda marked with an asterisk (\*) have been placed on the Consent Agenda and will be voted on without discussion by one motion. He stated that if any item did not meet with approval of all Councilors or if a citizen so requested, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard under Business from the Floor.

\*MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Work Session of the City Council held February 15, 2022 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 22, 2022.

\*BID: The Chief Procurement Officer recommended that the bid for civil work for the rebuild of the Bergin Substation (Electric) be awarded to CBKN Dirtworks, Inc. on its low bid of \$492,536. Bids opened February 24, 2022 with five bidders participating.

\*BID: The Chief Procurement Officer recommended that the bid for the purchase of a control building with relay panels for the Bergin Substation (Electric) be awarded to Crown Technical Systems on its low bid of \$1,763,254.17. Bids opened February 8, 2022 with four bidders participating.

\*BID: The Chief Procurement Officer recommended that the bid for the purchase of warehouse inventory (Electric) be awarded to the lowest and best bidder per line item after application of five percent in-state preference (Line Items 1-3 and 6-13 - Western United Electric Supply \$67,711.59 and Line Items 4-5 - Border States Electric Supply \$7,100). Bids opened February 22, 2022 with four bidders participating.

\*ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1838 approving Phase II of the San Juan Boulevard Pavement Resurfacing Project (Sullivan Avenue to East Main Street) and requesting funds from the New Mexico Department of Transportation FY2023 Municipal Arterial Program (M.A.P.) for such project.

\*ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1839 requesting a time extension from the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the North Dustin Avenue Rehabilitation/Improvement Project.

\*WARRANTS PAYABLE for the time period of February 20, 2022 through March 5, 2022, for current and prior years, in the amount of \$6,331,048.10.

There being no requests to remove any items, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye: Linda G. Rodgers  
Sean E. Sharer  
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly  
Janis Jakino

Those voting nay: None

The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

\*CONSENT AGENDA: Planning Manager Beth Escobar requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation marked with an asterisk (\*) be placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission Consent Agenda and voted on without discussion. She asked that if the item proposed did not meet with approval of all Councilors or if a citizen so requested, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard in regular order.

- \*(1) Adoption of the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission as contained within the Community Works Action Summary to approve Petition No. SUP 22-02 from Gravity Pad Partners II, LLC, represented by Kevin Winner, requesting a Special Use Permit to allow for collocation of AT&T wireless telecommunications equipment on an existing tower located on City-owned property at 5676 College Boulevard in the SF-10, Single-Family Residential, District, subject to the towers and antennae being removed at the owner's expense within 180 days of the discontinuance of use unless the City extends this time in writing.

There being no requests to remove the item, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission Consent Agenda, as presented, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION/PRINCIPLES OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

City Clerk Andrea Jones announced that State statutes require cities with a population of 10,000 or more to redistrict following each decennial census and she introduced Michael Sharp, Vice President of Research & Polling, Inc.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Sharp provided a brief company overview and he discussed the different types of elected bodies that redistrict along with the corresponding number of districts and respective authority. He reviewed the guidelines for redistricting as established by State statutes, which require the preservation of minority voting rights and the development of compact and contiguous districts of equal population. Mr. Sharp cited the relevant court cases that constitutionally mandate redistricting and he point out that the 2020 Census reports Farmington's current population to be 46,624, a 1.6 percent increase from 2010. He examined the formula that was used to establish the ideal population of 11,656 per Council district; explained that the population of each Council district must be within  $\pm 5$  percent of the ideal population; and noted that redistricting is based on population figures, not on the number of registered voters in a district. Mr. Sharp provided examples of compact versus not compact and contiguous versus not contiguous districts and he discussed other factors that may be considered when determining where a district boundary could be drawn based on communities of interest. He presented statistical information regarding the population change from 2010 to 2020 in each of the current districts and he pointed out that the 5.3 percent increase in District 2 is mostly due to the annexation of populated land into the city limits.

Concluding the presentation, Mr. Sharp noted that the previous Council strived to achieve a zero percent deviation from the ideal population in each district and he assured the Council that they try to keep all current City Councilors within the district that they represent.

The Mayor and Council expressed their desire to attempt to achieve a zero percent deviation from the ideal population in each district during the redistricting process.

#### PIÑON HILLS GOLF COURSE UPDATE AND CLUBHOUSE RENDERINGS

Construction Project Coordinator Rick Page provided an update regarding the construction progress on the irrigation system at Piñon Hills Golf Course ("PHGC") and he stated that the work on the bunkers and cart paths has not commenced, noting that the current focus is on the irrigation system.

Utilizing a visual presentation, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Shaña Reeves provided images and a brief recap of the new entryway design components for PHGC. Mr. Page presented the PHGC clubhouse renderings created by Formative Architecture and he highlighted the earth tone color scheme, extended restrooms, new semi-transparent fencing, additional storage spaces and new courtyard.

The Mayor and Council expressed their excitement of the overall look and "wow" factor of the updated design. Councilors Rodgers, Sharer and Bingham-Kelly stated that they have concerns regarding the particular design of the semi-transparent fence.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to proceed with the overall color scheme and design concepts for PHGC as presented.

#### COUNCIL BUSINESS

##### City-operated Hot Air Balloon Festival

Mayor Duckett announced that a renowned balloon meister has approached and worked with staff to develop an annual City-operated hot air balloon festival and he emphasized that it would not interfere with any other established balloon festivals. At the Mayor's request, City Manager Rob Mayes reported that the planned festival would take place in the fall, tentatively scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, and he pointed out that there is the potential to tie into the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta with visitors and balloonists participating in Farmington's festival on their way to Albuquerque's. He stated that staff estimates the cost for the festival to be \$40,000 to \$60,000 and opined that private sponsorships could offset much of the total cost. Mr. Mayes stressed that the event would be City-operated rather than City-sponsored which inherently involves additional liability and he reported that staff recommends developing the festival upon Council's approval.

In response to Councilor Sharer's inquiry, Mr. Mayes reported that Lake Farmington is the current location being considered for the festival and he stated that there is a possibility of having an evening balloon glow at San Juan College's campus.

Councilor Rodgers expressed her concern with where balloons would land. In response, Mr. Mayes stated that hot air balloons can land anywhere by right but pointed out that a predicted flight path is created based on weather patterns.

Following brief consideration, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to direct staff to develop a City-operated hot air balloon festival, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

##### 2022 Mayors' Ball

Mayor Duckett expressed his appreciation to everyone who helped organize and participated in the 2022 Mayors' Ball held at the Civic Center on Saturday evening. Councilors Sharer and Jakino stated that they enjoyed the event and thought it was well attended.

Recognition of Police Chief Steve Hebbe

Councilor Rodgers congratulated Police Chief Steve Hebbe for being named the 2021 Citizen of the Year by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

## CITY MANAGER BUSINESS

Recognition of Assistant City Manager Julie Baird

City Manager Rob Mayes requested that this item be rescheduled to the March 22, 2022 regular City Council meeting so that Assistant City Manager Julie Baird's family can be present.

## BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Funding for a Cannabis Hotline

Sha Elmer, 84 Road 5285, announced that she is proposing to create a cannabis hotline to be staffed by volunteers and requested \$12,000 to \$15,000 from the Council to fund four phone lines and educational materials for the volunteer staff.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Duckett suggested that Ms. Elmer approach San Juan County Communications Authority regarding her proposal.

## CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to close the meeting to discuss acquisition of real property for municipal operations, pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(8) NMSA 1978; and to discuss request for qualification-based proposals for professional design services for the All Abilities Park, pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(6) NMSA 1978. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers
	Sean E. Sharer
	Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
	Janis Jakino

Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

The Mayor convened the closed meeting at 7:15 p.m. with all members of the Council being present.

Following the closed meeting, during which meeting the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to open the meeting for further business, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 7:25 p.m. with all members of the Council being present.

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION-BASED PROPOSALS/PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ALL ABILITIES PARK

Chief Procurement Officer Rosalyn Potter reported that qualification-based proposals for professional design services for the All Abilities Park (Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) opened on November 30, 2021 with two offerors participating. She recommended that the proposal be awarded to Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Miller, LTD., as the top evaluated firm based on the pricing schedule for services.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Councilor Jakino, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to award the qualification-based proposal for professional design services for the All Abilities Park to Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Miller, LTD., as recommended by the Chief Procurement Officer, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

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 7:28 p.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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

Entered in the permanent record book this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
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Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:

  
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Andrea Jones, City Clerk