

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

WORK SESSION

MINUTES

The Truth or Consequences City Commission will conduct a Special Work Session at 5:00 PM prior to their regular meeting to conduct interviews for the Planning & Zoning Commission in the Commission Chambers with the following applicant's being interviewed:

Diane Dillon
Timothy Brown
Dennie Gose
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REGULAR MEETING
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TIME & PLACE: The Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the County of Sierra and State of New Mexico met in Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:03 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mulcahy who presided and Mary B. Penner, City Clerk acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following Commissioners were reported present:

Hon. John Mulcahy, Mayor
Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor Pro-tem
Hon. Steve Green, Commissioner
Hon. Mike Kertesz, Commissioner
Hon. Jeff Richter, Commissioner

Also present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Jay Rubin, City Attorney
Mary B. Penner, City Clerk

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

CEREMONY: Mayor Mulcahy stated if you could reflect on some of the events in the last week, and some of the national disasters, and specifically some of the people that dedicated their lives to saving our lives and property and passed away in a bad situation in Prescott, and called for fifteen seconds of Silent Meditation.

Mayor Mulcahy called for the Pledge of Allegiance with Manager Fuentes leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

He stated he would like to comment on how the city crews this past week on the 1st of July how they had to step up and work through the holiday, and the fact that the whole community we acted well, and there was no loss of life, and I'm really grateful for all the things we have in our possession here in the way everybody worked together last week.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA:**

Mayor Mulcahy called for approval of the Agenda, and stated I'd like to speak about one thing, and ask for a movement of an item. And stated just recently in the last two weeks we enacted a new Open Meeting Act guideline which said we have to release the agenda for our meeting 72 hours before the actual meeting...prior to that it was 24, and most of the State didn't understand some of the parts like we didn't which was Saturday and Sunday don't count...so we actually have found ourselves where we have to release the agenda in a permanent way on Wednesday's, and so what I'd like to do is I'd like to ask Commissioners we've written up the Open Meetings Act under a Resolution under item #1...I'd like to send that back to the City for a re-draft to bring to the next meeting so with your permission I'd like to make a motion" to postpone discussion/action on item #1 Resolution #01-13/14."

Seconded by Commissioner Green.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mulcahy stated because of this interpretation I see this Commission having to come back to a re-vote on a resolution at our next meeting that we passed in a previous meeting.

"Mayor Mulcahy moved approval of the agenda with one amendment as mentioned."

Seconded by Commissioner Green.
Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS
FROM THE
PUBLIC:**

Mr. George Szigeti came before the Commission to speak on behalf of the recycling committee, and stated that recycling is up substantially from what is was last year...possibly 30% or more. And stated they are postponing temporarily discontinuing our Saturday recycling drive on the last Friday of the month.

Ms. Sophia Peron came before the Commission, and would like to comment on items on the agenda; re: Audon's presentation, and had questions/comments about the Ralph Edwards Civic Center.

Ms. Diane Dillon came before the Commission, and stated that Susan Dumont is coming from Albuquerque regarding those jobs and training programs, and the funding for them...Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Council Chambers at the Sierra Administration Office, and had comments regarding the Ralph Edwards Park, and the Healing Waters.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR:**

Mayor Mulcahy stated we have several item under the Consent Calendar – City Commission Minutes – Workshop & Regular – 5/28/13 & Regular 6/25/13, Airport Advisory Board Minutes – 6/5/13, Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes – 6/4/13, Public Utility Advisory Board Minutes – 5/20/13, Recreation Advisory Board – 6/3/13 and Accounts Payable Report – June 2013.

"Commissioner Green moved approval of the Consent Calendar as presented."

Seconded by Commissioner Whitehead.

Commissioner Green stated he has a request for the future regarding the Airport Advisory Board minutes they have a break-out of all the fuels that are sold, service charges...but they have gross, service charge, and the net...but they don't have the cost of the fuel so it's very deceiving on how much money actually the Airport is making, and so I would like to see a spreadsheet that has gross revenues, expenses, and then net because they have net, but that is not net. So I would ask that in the future if we could get a spreadsheet on what is sold that shows gross sales, service charges, cost of fuel, and then give us a net amount.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION –

Mr. Audon Trujillo came before the Commission with a power presentation regarding river ramps along the Rio Grande to promote recreation and tourism in Sierra County.

He talked about 4 ramps between Elephant Butte Dam and Williamsburg, and is asking for the City to send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation to obtain permission to construct 4 ADA Compliance ramps along the Rio Grande adjacent to T or C and Williamsburg. And explained the locations of the ramps; the northern most entry would be just below the bridge that's below the Dam, and on the South or East side of the river at Ralph Edwards Park...again located just South of Ralph Edwards Park on the bend, Rotary Park, and the 4th one is Williamsburg.

There were several questions and comments from the Commission.

Mayor Mulcahy stated I would like to talk a little bit about this particular project because my name is on the bottom of that letter for a reason, and indicated I met with James Powell who is the head of the BOR in this region last year, and we set up a meeting with Brett Tanzy, Kay Dunlap, Sal Baquera and Jason Green, and we had a meeting specifically about these 4 ramps. And I have to recollect, and as we talked...ramp 1 was problematic because it's in the State Park, and that the State Park controls all of this piece of the river even though it is BOR property it has been leased over to the State Park...so the BOR wasn't really the player until we came to the discussion about channel flow, and are you doing anything with the channel.

He stated the State Parks ruled in early that the upper ramp was problematic because they're not collecting any revenues at the place where we wanted to put in the bridge/ramp, and the 2nd ramp was a problem because in the view of some of the people present, and frankly in my view putting a ramp at Ralph Edwards Park where children are playing is potentially an invitation to come into the river, and I didn't want the City to incur that liability, 3rd ramp was the one everybody agreed to, and thought you already have pieces of ramp that you're referring to, and they said...that will be no problem, and we'd want to look at it to make sure that it's in kinda the pre-existing place now, and to make sure it wasn't impeding the river flow, but neither party had a problem with Rotary Park. And Williamsburg we're getting into Caballo Park in that direction, and it seemed like it would actually be of no benefit to put one there because it's like a beach, and I can't attest that, but those were the 4 issues that came up last year, and I brought those back...and it kinda died on the vine the whole project, and I appreciate that we're bringing it back but I want to be serious about it if we're really gonna do it.

Mayor Mulcahy stated it sounds like it's the will of this Commission to ask out and go get some more support, and Mr. Trujillo go see the County and Williamsburg and some of the others, and work collaboratively with other municipal entities.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION #01/13-14 – OPEN MEETINGS
RESOLUTION –**

Postponed.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION #02-13/14 – PARTICIPATION
IN LGRF PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY NMDOT FOR FY 2014 –**

Mr. Don Armijo, Public Works Director came before the Commission, and stated this is a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the submission of a completed application for the Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) for participation in LGRF for 2014 to build a new road on Jewel and Glenn Streets.

“Commissioner Green moved approval of Resolution #02-13/14 for Participation in LGRF Program Administered by NMDOT for FY 2014.”

Seconded by Commissioner Whitehead.

Mayor Mulcahy responded Aye to a Roll Call Vote
Commissioner Whitehead responded Aye to a Roll Call Vote
Commissioner Green responded Aye to a Roll Call Vote
Commissioner Kertesz responded Aye to a Roll Call Vote
Commissioner Richter responded Aye to a Roll Call Vote

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION/UPDATE – HOT SPRINGS STUDY –

Mr. Mark Person, Professor of Hydrology, NM Tech came before the Commission with a power point presentation/update regarding the Hot Springs Study. And introduced: Jeff Pepin, Dr. Shari Kelley and Stacy Timmons.

He stated the City entered into a contract with NM Tech for \$50,000 to have us do an assessment of the geothermal resources for the City of Truth or Consequences.

A complete copy of the power point is available at the office of the City Clerk during normal working hours.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION – PROPOSED ORDINANCE (FOR
PUBLICATION) – AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 14-116 –
PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF EXPIRATION DATE –**

City Attorney Rubin stated we have an Ordinance calling for a moratorium for Well drilling, and indicated that Ordinance is set to expire on or about August 19, 2012, and what we are seeking to do is amend the Ordinance which would extend the expiration date to November 30, 2013. And looking at the Ordinance there is one small change, and I referred to sub-section (D), and it should be sub-section (E) that we’re changing, but the rest of the Ordinance if it passes it would be identical to what we’ve already been doing, and we would just change the expiration date.

Mayor Mulcahy stated I’d like to talk a little bit about this because I was involved in some of this. And stated we’ve got some pretty complicated Ordinances to draw up related to discharge and petroleum zones, and we’ve obviously need to get this study in...but more than that we need enough time to spend a lot of time

talking to the public and having workshops, and getting anybody in this community who wants to know anything about what's gonna happen with our hot springs in terms with permitting, and preserving the resource to have every opportunity to do that so I'm kinda encouraging the Commission to give us the time to reach out to the public with all the information we know about discharge and wastewater treatment plant, and petroleum zones, and particularly about all the work that has been done in this study...so rather than rush through it and get it done, and certainly rather than have the public wake up to a brand new Ordinance one day after we have a public hearing, and a small workshop we need to have more of a workshop on this than we've had on anything in years in my opinion...so I would ask for your support to extend this moratorium.

"Commissioner Green stated I would like to propose that this Ordinance as presented by Attorney Rubin go for publication, and it consists being amended by revising Section 14-116 providing or an extension of the expiration date of Ordinance #628...and the new expiration date will be November 30th, 2013."

City Attorney Rubin stated I'm revising sub-section (E), not D...and A, B, C, D and F shall remain unchanged.

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECOMMENDATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD –

City Manager Fuentes stated you were provided with a letter with a recommendation from the Veterans Advisory Board.

Commissioner Green pointed out a typo in the letter of the Advisory Board that the terms expire on June 30, **2013**...it says 2012 in the letter.

"Commissioner Green moved to follow the suggestion and recommendation of the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board, and appoint from American Legion Post #44; Vince Barrett with his designated alternate as Craig Pierson, VFW Post #1389; Tony Grundler, and American Legion Riders, Post #44; Craig Pierson."

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVING THE ABANDONMENT OF THE AIRPORT WEATHERBOX IN FAVOR OF THE WESTERN NM AVIATION HISTORY MUSEUM –

Mr. Bill Slettom, Community Development Director came before the Commission, and stated we have a request from the Cibola County Historical Society, and the Western NM Aviation History Museum in Grants, and indicated they are interested in having our weatherbox as part of their museum. He provided a photo of the weatherbox, and the flight service station building in Grants that they are restoring, and you were provided a copy of the minutes from the Airport Advisory Board where they recommended that we make this contribution to that museum, and you have a letter from the City of Grants making the request, and a letter from the Cibola County Historical Society, and the picture that is being passed around now shows our weatherbox, and you can see it is in restorable condition, but that we are not being good custodians of it...shall we say, also our flight service buildings are on the Airport's CIP for demolition sometime in the future.

He stated that FAA has turned over the buildings and all the properties to us so it

is the Airport Advisory Board's recommendation, and staff's recommendation that we make this contribution to the Western NM Aviation History Museum as part of their display.

City Attorney Rubin stated to emphasize something you said...there is no monetary value to the City.

Mr. Slettom stated they are also going to give us credit as being a participant in their museum...so we will be listed along with the City of Las Vegas, Los Alamos County Airport...so we will be listed as a museum partner.

Mayor Mulcahy stated the item has some value or they wouldn't be asking for it, and do we have more things that we might be able to put our own museum together with.

Mr. Slettom – Besides the buildings themselves which nobody has taken a sharp pencil to doing an analysis of what it would take to restore the buildings as a location...I doubt that we have anymore relics that they would be interested in.

Mayor Mulcahy – Is there anything in those buildings that we really ought to be taking a look at before we give away something that might be valuable to us at a later date.

Commissioners...I would like to ask you to consider the idea that we might postpone this exact Resolution until we find out what is out there, and see if maybe we should have our own museum.

City Manager Fuentes – One thing I would like to add to the discussion is right now there is a potential for a museum out at the Airport right now...but there are no resources available for that effort...as you are fully aware most of those resources are being dedicated towards the improvements of the actual Airport.

Mr. Slettom stated we could modify this request to make it more of a loan to that organization...that maybe someday we'd want it back again.

“Mayor Mulcahy moved to postpone this item until our next meeting until I can go out or someone else and take some photographs...and look if there is anything else out there before we ship this thing off...and say whoops we might have missed something here...it has some value...I'm not confident that they'd be more stuff out there.”

Seconded by Commissioner Green.
Commissioners Whitehead/Green/Mulcahy/Kertesz Voted Aye
Commissioner Richter Voted Nay
Motion carried 4-1

DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL 2 VACANCIES –

Mayor Mulcahy stated we have interviewed 3 applicants this evening, and I see Ms. Wyre is in the audience, and thanked her for coming.

“Commissioner Richter moved to appoint Dennie Gose to the Planning & Zoning.”

Seconded by Commissioner Green.
Commissioners Kertesz/Richter/Mulcahy/Whitehead/Green
Voted Aye
Motion carried unanimously.

“Commissioner Green moved that Tim Brown be offered the position of a

Commissioner on the Planning & Zoning Board.”

Seconded by Commissioners Whitehead/Kertesz.

Commissioners Kertesz/Richter/Whitehead/Green Voted Aye
Mayor Mulcahy Vote Nay
Motion carried 4-1

DISCUSSION/ACTION APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 407 N. BROADWAY –

Mr. Bill Slettom, Community Development Director came before the Commission, and stated he was going to take them through the packet that was presented to the Planning & Zoning at their last meeting.

He explained this is an application for a Special Use Permit at 407 N. Broadway, and the purpose was to allow a residence as part of a commercial space, and referred to the Special Use Permit Application which was submitted by Land Inc., and stated they are the owners of the building, and that they paid the fee and provided the list of the property owners within 100 feet for notification, and two sets of plans.

Mr. Slettom referred to a letter from the occupants of the building explaining their reason for the special use permit, and included two plans; and on the first one shows the store front of 713 square feet, and the living area of 576 square feet, and that breaks out to 55% store front, and 45% as residential. He stated following procedures for the hearing for a special use permit...a notice was posted, and a letter was sent to all of the surrounding property owners as supplied by Sierra County Assessor notifying them of the hearing, and inviting them to attend.

He stated at the hearing itself we have the sign-in sheet for the opponents...for the proponents, and indicated there was only one proponent who spoke, and that was Mr. Howell who is the President of Land Inc., and stated there were no opponents who spoke to this. And when it came to the decision of the P&Z Commission it died for a lack of a second...so it was determined by me and City Manager Fuentes that this would not require an appeal...and now comes to this Commission for your ruling on this special use permit. And I would like to make it clear to everyone that a Use Permit is not a Building Permit, and that the owners must still go through the building permit process...they need to submit their plans of how they are going to mitigate the deficiencies in this particular piece of property, and then they need to apply for the permit, and have the work completed by a licensed contractor, and have it inspected...so what you're doing today is allowing a special use permit...this is a land use issue...this is not a building construction issue until we get into how these different parts of a particular building are being used, and then we refer back to our city code.

Mr. Slettom stated the residence part has to be up to our city building codes, and the commercial part has to fit in with C-1 commercial.

Mayor Mulcahy stated what I'd like to do here is...the Planning & Zoning Commission has apparently made ruling that is a non-ruling...is that what you said.

Mr. Slettom stated they did not have a second to the motion...there is no recommendation.

Mayor Mulcahy – Was it a 2-2 vote or was it just no second.

Mr. Slettom – There was no second...there was no vote.

Mayor Mulcahy – So did someone offer the opposite of that as a motion.

Mr. Slettom – No they did not.

Mayor Mulcahy – So we had a motion to approve and there was no second...but no one made a motion to deny.

Mr. Slettom – That is correct.

Mayor Mulcahy – We're not gonna do that here tonight.

Commissioner Kertesz – You said here are two plans which I can see, but what is the significance of the 2nd plan.

Mr. Slettom – It's simply that we require 2 plans.

Commissioner Kertesz – The people who are in residence there now...they've been living there for months illegally then...is that the correct statement.

Mr. Slettom – Yes that would be correct.

Commissioner Kertesz – Have they come to the building department in the past and asked for a permit or anything.

Mr. Slettom – I'll let our building inspector answer that.

Mr. Robbie Travis – They did come and inquire about it, and we are trying to go through businesses, and they were a new business, and make sure that they do have the proper permits...we're trying to stop people from just moving in, and living in places without being approved.

Commissioner Kertesz – In your opinion...you inspected the facility.

Mr. Travis – Yes.

Commissioner Kertesz – Is it safe to occupy the way it is.

Mr. Travis – Yes it is safe to occupy but there is not a bathing facility there, and so our code or actually the International Building Code requires that every living quarters has a bathing facility.

Commissioner Kertesz – Chief Tooley do you agree...have you looked at the facility.

Chief Tooley – Somewhat but I think the biggest thing we look at from the fire point of view is just the fire safety point of view.

Commissioner Kertesz – I guess the only other comment I have is kinda directed at Planning & Zoning...it is their obligation to come to us with a recommendation, so I would encourage in the future that they come to us with a recommendation as the Mayor points out if there is a situation where there's no second then there probably should be a motion which would be a denial...it would be the opposite of no second...so I would encourage that in the future.

City Attorney Rubin – I agree.

Commissioner Richter – In recent past we approved an occupation for Yarrow Dankert's property how does this differ in any aspect from that application...if it does.

Mr. Slettom – It differs significantly in that Yarrow Dankert property did not have an existing deficient living quarters in it...they were applying for the use and it's a ...they are going to have to do the build out...they understand that they

have to come and get their permit, and that it all has to be...the work all has to be done to code...this situation is one where there was part of a residence in there already and occupied...a deficient residence.

Commissioner Richter – We have approved these in the past that are similar...I mean on the basis of economic...just pure economics they can live in the back...pay their rent we have somebody in the building...do you see this deficiency as standing in the way of eventually achieving his goal.

Mr. Slettom – I do not see this as standing in the way of them being able to correct the deficiency...bring the property up to an acceptable living situation...so staff has no problem with this.

Mayor Mulcahy – It is different in that we have a commercial building...I mean a commercial business in front or planned in front...right from last...where the Yankert building did not necessarily have a business in front.

Mr. Slettom – It was an existing commercial building it was The Little Sprout so they had an active business they wanted to add the residence to it.

Commissioner Green – So they are living in a building right now...and that's questionable because it hasn't been brought up to code...so if the building is brought up to code then a certificate of occupancy would then be issued by the building inspector, and then if everything passed...then they could live there legally...is that what I'm hearing.

Mr. Travis – Yes that is correct.

Commissioner Whitehead – Did the applicant's meet all the City criteria for the special use permit.

Mr. Slettom – Yes they did. If I might add just another note to this...having a residence inside a building that's zoned C-1 does not change the zoning of C-1.

Commissioner Kertesz – There's no time limit established here...people have been living in this place illegally for some months...maybe 7 months I'm told, now if we go ahead and grant this special use permit...there's no time limit on when they would have to impose the repairs...that could go on for years or as long as the permit is valid...is that correct.

Mr. Slettom – Granting the special use permit...that stays with the building, but you're perfectly within your bounds to add a condition to it.

Commissioner Green – To take that and expand it...if we didn't put a restrictive time limit aren't we then condoning illegal use of a C-1 building...so I would think that a fair and reasonable time must be built into this permit otherwise the permit lasts for a year so they could just...for one year so we're basically wink, wink, nod, nod and condoning a behavior that we have rules and regulations about that prohibit it...is that a fair statement.

Mr. Slettom – Yes that's a fair statement.

Mayor Mulcahy stated what we have before us is an action to provide a special use permit.

City Manager Fuentes stated in consideration of this application I think we can also recommend in the motion if...to have a time frame.

Mr. Slettom stated if the motion has a time limit for when the permit must be pulled and the work completed...then I think you would be protected.

“Mayor Mulcahy moved to approve the Special Use Permit and only that.”

Seconded by Commissioner Richter.
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION #03-13/14 – ADOPTING FEES, DEPOSITS AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE CIVIC CENTER –

City Manager Fuentes stated this Resolution deals with the Civic Center, and the Resolution proposes changes to the fee schedule as opposed to what is was before per day for a 24 hour period, and staff is recommending that we charge per hour, and if it's a full day then there is a fixed amount for the full day. And in addition we are recommending as well...and in the original Ordinance there was a tier type of system that would provide for waiver of all fees for non-profits, and what staff is recommending similar to what we recommending in the previous Ordinance is for a change to allow for only and up to a 50% reduction in fees for non-profits, and again we definitely want to have some sort of fee in place to recover some of the cost of operating the facility the Civic Center, and staff time.

Commissioner Kertesz – How many non-profits are using the facility now.

City Manager Fuentes stated the Civic Center currently houses the Quilters uses one of the rooms, and we also have the SCEDO office there, and believes that is it that uses it on a regular basis.

Commissioner Green – I have a suggestion, and I would like to preface that suggestion with 4 bullet points; Valuable Asset, Under-marketed and utilized, Costly to maintain and operate, and we need and edge against every other community that we're in competition with...so I would like to suggest to my fellow Commissioners and Manager Fuentes...where it says Non-Profits will receive a 50% reduction in fees I would like to put in the verbiage...Any non-profit governmental entity or organization holding an event that last at least two days, and has 50 or more attendees staying overnight will receive a 50% reduction in fees. With a 3-day event with 75 or more attendees staying at least two nights they will receive a 75% reduction in fees. Cleaning...and the rest stay's the same.

He stated he did some checking around...Deming, Silver City, Socorro, and our pricing structure is right on the money, and indicated Deming has a capacity of 184 people, and they rent for \$200.00 a day...we can hold 1,000 legally in that building. I would like for example the Municipal League that's a non-profit entity...I would like to give our community and this facility an opportunity to be marketed properly, and to get an edge up on every other community that we're in competition with so I would like the Commission to consider making it governmental entities, and any organization that brings 75-100 people here, and puts them in rooms for two nights or a night, and go in our restaurants, gas stations...we should welcome that, and we should give them a reason to come here rather than someplace else.

Mayor Mulcahy – I think we have maybe one or two things in front of us; one is we either like the Resolution the way it is and we can act on that tonight, or I think what we need to do is ask Commissioner Green to work with the City to go back and try to work it out so that it makes sense on the revenue stand-point, and add a clause in there that gives the City an opportunity to market it better, but I think to do that we're gonna have to postpone.

“Commissioner Green moved to postpone Resolution #03-13/14 until the Commission has an opportunity to work with staff, and craft language that might be acceptable in everyone's benefit and bring it back at our next meeting.”

Seconded by Commissioner Kertesz.
Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER –

City Manager Fuentes stated some updates; Pool Project – Both the CID permit has been granted, and we are waiting on electrical inspection, and (inaudible) has been approved and there will be a foundation/concrete inspection which is the key component of the structure since it will be holding the cover of the bubble will be the railing and foundation that is currently awaiting the concrete. He stated there has been delivery of some the equipment, and we also believe that the cover itself has been delivered, and that is being stored at our City yard...so hopefully we will meet our early August deadline for having this completed.

He stated we will be scheduling a budget workshop on the 23rd before the regular meeting, and I would like to ask the Commissioners if we can dedicate an hour before or two hours before the meeting to go over the final budget.

City Manager Fuentes stated as a reminder/invitation to the Commissioners that tomorrow is the libraries 80th birthday, and as well the invitation is extending to the community.

Mayor Mulcahy – If the pool cover had been up on the 1st of July...would we have been alright?

City Manager Fuentes - It is designed to withstand some high winds, and in the event it ever happens in the future we believe it would hopefully withstand that wind...but again nature is un-predictable and we don't know...and just keep our fingers crossed.

CITY ATTORNEY RUBIN – No report.

COMMISSIONERS –

Commissioner Kertesz – No report.

Commissioner Richter reported that he ran into the surveyors from Larkin Group this afternoon, and indicated they are collecting additional topographic data along Marie Street, and then North on into the Golf Course and this is to supplement existing data they have for our letter of map revision that Larkin Group is going to prepare for our submission to FEMA. He stated originally we had proposed to get a letter of map revision for the Morgan Street Project, however this Pershing Street Arroyo was added later on...so I think this work is continuing on, and on schedule, and I will give you more updates as we get them.

Commissioner Green stated just a follow-up on George Szigeti's announcement that even though the last Saturday of the month recycling drive will not be going on the yard will still be open on Saturday from 9:00-4:00, so please recycle on the weekend. And has a suggestion to the manager if this makes sense...we've spent and rightly so because the Airport is really an asset for this community...we've spent a lot of money on that Airport almost three quarters of a million dollars or more in the last year...year and a half, and what I would love to see is the Airport Advisory Board because they are flyers...and they know what they are looking for when they fly into other Airports...to have a discussion, and come back with maybe some recommendations to staff, and the Commissioners on how we can market the Airport better.

He stated I would like to see a brochure mailed out to all the flying clubs in our 3 State of 4 State region, and I would like to see our website upgraded about the assets of the Airport, and stated here is an asset that we are upgrading, and upgrading, and I think now we should ask the flyers to help the Commission and staff to come up with a flier of what are you looking for...what amenities are you looking for when you fly into a regional local Airport...but we don't seem to market the Airport we fix it up, and we get it ready, and it's all dressed up...but we don't tell anyone about it...and I don't know how to do this, but I know I

believe I think I know what should be done...but I'm not a pilot, and I'd love to be able to draw on the expertise of that board to make some suggestions, and Manager Fuentes if you think it is appropriate, and Bill and Ed to set aside some time at a future advisory board meeting to discuss marketing of the Airport.

Commissioner Whitehead – No report.

Mayor Mulcahy – Commissioner Green I couldn't agree more, and we get recommendations from the Airport Advisory Board, and I think it's time for them to say...what would a pilot want to land here, and what are the improvements we need.

In speaking of advisory boards I would like to clarify something for the Commission and the public...they are to give us advise, and that we were elected into these jobs to represent the people, and do the right things for the City...we need the advice of the advisory boards. And stated they don't have any authority, but they have a big responsibility to help us plan what the needs are for the community because we are just 5 people so I would like to ask all of our advisory boards to stimulate and go out and start doing exactly what you just said in that meeting. And I'd like to remind all the boards and even the Commission that this is the board of finance...the Planning & Zoning has some decisions that they can make, but ultimately it will come here if there is even an appeal...if someone appeals a decision by the Planning & Zoning the buck stops right here...so we really have a giant responsibility, and we have that responsibility again in the statutory eyes of the State to be the board of finance...we hold the purse up here, and we have an awesome responsibility to take care of that...nobody else does.

Mayor Mulcahy reported that Mayor Pro-tem Whitehead and I entertained a United Kingdom Delegation last week, and we took them to dinner at La Cocina, and they bought their own dinner, but it was amazing because they had gone on a tour with me and Virgin Galactic to look at the facilities out there, and these were people who were at the top of the United Kingdom Space Agency, and the people who were at the top of their CAA which is exactly what our FAA is.

He stated they've been in Washington all week and they came to T or C to see what we have and they were impressed...they thought it was a cool place, and I want to thank Mayor Pro-tem for helping me with that, and it was a really good exposure, and I think we're gonna have a lot more of those.

RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC
COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013 on motion duly made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and carried.

JOHN A. MULCAHY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY PENNER
CITY CLERK

