

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

WORKSHOP

Minutes

The Truth or Consequences City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico met for a Work Shop, in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 5:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead opened the Work Shop by explaining we were here regarding:

1. Discussion/Public Input: 2016-2020 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
The purpose of this meeting is to obtain public input in order to assist the Mayor and City Commission setting planning priorities for the City's 2015-2020 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Project (ICIP) Plan. The ICIP is a document instituted by the State of New Mexico designed to assist local governments in preparing for the long range infrastructure needs of the Community. It also helps identify the potential funding sources in order to fund these needs. The ICIP Plan presents a long range picture of the City's goals in development of the physical assets of the Community. The ICIP assists the City in the pursuit of funding from outside sources in that it presents to other entities the long range plans of the City and allows other entities to assist in the fulfillment of those goals; Bill Slettom, ACM/CDD. Mayor Sandra Whitehead turned the meeting over to ACM/CDD Bill Slettom.

Bill Slettom, ACM/CDD approached and gave the Commission Members a handout prior to the Meeting. Mr. Slettom explained what is ICIP; The City is required to annually revise and submit its Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) to the Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance Administration. The Plan should reflect the infrastructure goals of the City with an eye towards providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for residents and visitors. He explained Legislative packets for the Legislative appropriations. He stated that the ICIP is a plan of priorities, which covers a five year period and is developed annually. He noted it includes policy direction, funding time frames, estimated costs, justifications and details of each infrastructure Capital Improvement project proposed. Mr. Slettom explained the types of infrastructure as Roads, Water, Wastewater Treatment, Electrical Grids, Telecommunications, Gas and Solid Waste. He explained developing the Local Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Ids Projects (New & Current Inventory) obtain Costs by collaborating with all departments, estimating costs, including operating and maintenance expenses, prioritizing critical criteria such as public health and safety, legal liability, timelines, emergencies and compliance. Mr. Slettom named available funding sources such as legislative capital outlay, community development block grants, USDA, Colonias infrastructure, Water Trust Board,

New Mexico Finance Authority, Private placement financing, and New Mexico MainStreet special appropriations. Mr. Slettom named the 2015 ICIP List as Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation, Animal Shelter, Water/Waste Water Line Replacement, Two Electrical Main Feeders Upgrade, Pole Replacement Program, and Hospital. He explained the Hospital is seeking their own funding and the Solar could be stuck off as it has started and mentioned the Waste Water Treatment Facility, phase one was started. Mr. Slettom announced that Sierra County had also been working on their ICIP list last week; and had placed the C & D Landfill and Animal Shelter on top. He explained this is good, because when it goes to the Legislative Branch they will see two important projects and the fact that the City and County are willing to work together on projects; which would look good for funding. He then stood for questions.

When Mayor Sandra Whitehead asked Juan Fuentes, City Manager, if he wished to speak, he suggested giving the opportunity to those in the audience, and stated he would comment in the end and go through other items as well.

Diane Lambardo, CAAT, voiced her concerns with the Animal Shelter; asking how many on the Commission had worked with a modern shelter and would know what is needed for one. She noted the architecture for the project should also have knowledge of a Shelter. She encouraged use of those in the Community with experience with animals, to ensure that the Shelter would be modern.

Deb Peters, T or C ACO and Caballo Resident, voiced there were those which are willing to help with looking for funding and grants. She also spoke about the ASPCA shelter funding until the first of the year, encouraging the Commission to looking into getting funding from there.

Linda DeMarino, MainStreet, approached she noted the Healing Water Plaza should be high up on the list, as it is included in the down town master plan. She noted it was a good opportunity to add value to the town; encouraging the Commission to support the Healing Waters Plaza.

Destiny Mitchell approached and noted she was in favor of the river access points, she also noted support for the Healing Waters Plaza; she stated she grew up down town and commented that the down town area brings everyone together.

Sid Bryan, as a citizen, noted that the Bridges across the river should be private funding and not use monies for the ICIP for that purpose.

Ed Williams, City Electric Department, approached and noted he wished for Electric and Pole Replacement be removed as the study is currently being done. He wishes for the C & D Landfill and the Electric to be moved up in the list.

Commissioner Kathy Clark asked a couple more things, she noted a trip around town and stated we need bike routes in town. We have a lack of curb and gutter on Third Street. She noted we need to take care of what we have; by doing repairs, she noted side streets are dismal, as are sidewalks. Commissioner Kathy Clark thanked Diane Lambardo and Deb

Peters for their comments; and commented on the USDA no match grant for 50,000 which comes up in March. She commented on the list Waste Water Treatment Plant, Animal Shelter, C & D Landfill,

Complete Copies of Handouts attached and made part hereof the Record.

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**Regular Meeting
Action Minutes**

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 Special Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday, August 25, 2014, following the Work Shop, with the meeting starting at 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandra Whitehead, who presided and Judy M. Harris, City Clerk acted as Secretary of the meeting.

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

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor,
Hon. Jeff Richter, Commissioner
Hon. Ruben Olivas, Commissioner
Hon. Kathy Clark, Commissioner

Also present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Jay Rubin, City Attorney
Judy M. Harris, City Clerk

Absent:

Hon. Steve Green, Mayor Pro-Tem

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

CEREMONY: Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for fifteen seconds of Silent Meditation.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for the Pledge of Allegiance with Bill Slettom leading the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA:

Mayor Sandra Whitehead asked for a motion for approval of the Agenda.

“Commissioner Jeff Richter moved for approval of the Agenda.”

Seconded by Commissioner Ruben Olivas.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:

Mayor Sandra Whitehead announced Discussion/Action Resolution #04 14/15 2016-2020 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP); calling Bill Slettom to approach.

Bill Slettom, ACM/CDD, approached and noted that in the Work Shop prior to this meeting the Discussion was on Resolution #04 14/15 2016-2020 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Stating that the City is required to annually revise and submit its Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan to the Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance Administration. This plan should reflect the infrastructure goals of the City with an eye towards providing a safe, healthy and supportive environment for residents and visitors. Mr. Slettom explained that Sierra County’s list consisted of #1. Construction and Demolition Landfill (\$1,225,000) and #2. Animal Shelter (1,000,000). Mr. Slettom stood for questions.

Commissioners all relayed their preferences and items which they thought were important to include for the ICIP. The Waste Water Treatment Plant turned to the top of the conversation; it was noted that the funding for the first phase of the WWTP had been found and work was started. With that the Commission spoke of other projects. Pilot projects were discussed, along with sidewalks as a part of a larger project, internet service, storm drain improvements, and funding from the State Highway Department.

City Manager Juan Fuentes noted he liked the idea of the Animal Shelter being on top of the list, noting the considerable expense which was created by having to pay others for the service. He also spoke about the USDA funding and Colonia’s monies for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Commission, after a lengthy discussion of the needs for the City, came up with the top six items: 1. Animal Shelter; 2. Construction and Demolition Landfill; 3. Water and Waste Water Line Replacement; 4. Sidewalks; 5. Waste Water Treatment Plant and 6. Healing Waters Plaza.

“Commissioner Jeff Richter moved to approve the list of items for the

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.”

Seconded by Commissioner Ruben Olivas.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for a Roll Call Vote.

Hon. Sandra Whitehead responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.

Hon. Jeff Richter responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.

Hon. Ruben Olivas responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.

Hon. Kathy Clark responded AYE to a Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

“With no further business, Mayor Sandra Whitehead called to adjourn.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2014, on a motion made by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____ and carried.

ATTEST:

Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

Judy M. Harris, City Clerk

