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CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

WORKSHOP

Action 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 Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 4:00 P. M., in the Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called the Workshop regarding:

1. Discussion/Public Input: Presentation of Conceptual Plan for the Healing Waters Plaza Project

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for Bill Slettom, our Assistant City Manager, Community Development Director (ACM/CDD) to approach.

Bill Slettom, ACM/CDD, approached and explained this is the third public presentation on the concept plans for the Healing Waters Plaza. The first involvement was the two day design exercise, in 2012; hosted and paid for by Truth or Consequences MainStreet; out of that came several concepts for developing the empty slap behind the Lee Belle Center. The Concept that gained the most attraction with participants was the Healing Waters Plaza Concept that would feature the unique thermal waters present on the site. The second presentation was March 4, of this year when Baker Morrow of MRWM Landscape Architects presented two options for developing the site; these designs generated considerable public input, from that presentation, and from the MainStreet Facebook page; and all those comments were forwarded to Mr. Morrow. Today Mr. Morrow will present the option that best fit the comments and public input; this will finish the planning and concept phase of the project. Taking us into the next phase; which is design development. This is where the elements of the concept are fleshed out brought into a sharper focus and giving enough detail to be able to get a better picture of the economics of the project, what is the price tag, what is the strategy for getting there. At the end of the design and development, we will have a shovel ready project with construction drawings ready for getting bids. He explained the estimated completion date was entirely doable, we want this project done for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Hot Springs; June 7, 2016.

Bill Slettom turned the meeting over to Mr. Baker Morrow.

Mr. Baker Morrow introduced Brian Verardo Principal Landscape Architect, Schematic Design Package. He explained how proud they were to be able to work with Truth or Consequences. He noted the Plaza site is ideally located, in down town Truth or Consequences. He noted the City Offices, the Hotel, Shops, and spoke about ground covers in the area of the Plaza, he noted when he was younger he came and went to a dance in a building in the 60's; and Mr. Slettom tells me it's not there anymore, it was right there behind the Johnson Center. He noted cactus and mesquite in the area north of the Plaza. There is flowing water right underneath the surface; nowhere else in New Mexico, except in Taos, can they say that. Mr. Morrow described the area surrounding the Plaza.

A complete copy of Mr. Morrow's handout is attached herein and made part hereof.

In questioning, Mr. Morrow noted they would have an automated watering system.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for questions or comments from the public.

John Molar (unknown if name or spelling is correct) approached, noting he was the owner of the Adobe Arms Apartments. He made comments about the different types of trees to be used in the project. He noted they looked good, but was wondering how long certain trees would live through freeze.

Mr. Morrow, MRWM, explained the different type of foliage.

Linda DeMarino, MainStreet Truth or Consequences, approached and made comments and asked questions. Noting the furniture already around town, hoping the Plaza would be like that and the color of the concrete to be used. The Parking along McAdoo would be

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green asked if they would back right up to the back of the Building.

Mr. Morrow answered no, they will leave an area there.

Commissioner Jeff Richter asked if they had a landscape contractor which they work with.

Mr. Morrow answered yes, explaining they had several types of qualified companies

Bill Slettom noted yes it would be down thru an RFP, unless they find someone who is suitable contractor who is CES listed the way Mr. Morrow is, and we will pursue that on CES, Mr. Slettom also noted writing items into the construction pack.

Commissioner Russ Peterson asked if they would have suggestions for cameras for security in the Plaza.

Mr. Morrow explained

Mr. John Molar (unknown if name or spelling is correct, approached and asked if anyone knew the cost
How much

Mr. Baker morrow answered the range is anywhere from 290 to 350 in that

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Sandra Whitehead closed the Workshop, noting the next Workshop would start at 5:00 P.M.

CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
MAY 12, 2015
WORKSHOP

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 Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:00 P. M., in the Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead opened the Workshop, noting the Workshop would be in regard Discussion/Public Input: FYE 16 Preliminary Budget; Mayor Whitehead called for Manager Juan Fuentes.

Juan A. Fuentes explained he would be doing a brief overview of the changes; he started with the fiscal report up to April. He explained that back then we did not get the Small Cities Assistance, and now we have. City Manager Juan Fuentes noted the Departments were doing a good job, with their budgets. He went over Special Revenue Funds and

specific funds. He explained the Fire Department was going to be able to build a Burn Building, which is very good. He noted the Transfer Station and the Solid Waste Collection is doing well. He explained grant projects, expenditures and bonds,

A full copy of the Presentation is on file and make a part hereof,

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY MAY 12, 2015
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 Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, following the Work Shops, 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 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. Steve Green, Mayor Pro-Tem
Hon. Jeff Richter, Commissioner
Hon. Ruben Olivas, Commissioner
Hon. Kathy Clark, Commissioner

Also Present:

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

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.

APPROVAL Of Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for approval of the Agenda.

AGENDA: Commissioner Kathy Clark asked for changes to be made when the Consent Calendar was Presented.

“Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green moved to approve the agenda.”

Seconded by Commissioner Ruben Olivas.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMENTS
FROM
THE PUBLIC:

RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC
COMMENT:

CONSENT
CALENDAR:

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Use Permit Open Arms Pregnancy Center, 209 W 6th Street.

Ordinance #663 An Ordinance amending Section 2-3 of the City Code Providing for Depository Designated.

Ordinance #664 An Ordinance amending Section 14-45 of the City Code pertaining to the renewable energy program.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Action: Special Use Permit Open Arms Pregnancy Center located at 209 W 6th Street.

Discussion/Action: Ordinance #664 AN Ordinance amending Section 14-45 of the City Code pertaining to the renewable energy program.

Discussion/Action: Approval of the conceptual plan for the Healing Water Plaza Project.

Discussion/Action: Lodgers Tax Allocations

Discussion/Action: Resolution #37 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of accumulated rubbish, wreckage, and debris from the property at 610 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #38 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of accumulated rubbish, wreckage, and debris from the property at 700 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #39 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of accumulated rubbish, wreckage, and debris from the property at 206 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #40 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of junked automobiles from residentially zoned land at 610 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #41 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of junked automobiles from residentially zoned land at 700 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #42 14/15 A Resolution requiring the prompt removal of junked automobiles from residentially zoned land at 206 N Riverside.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #43 14/15 A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year End 2016 Preliminary Budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: Resolution #27 14/15 A Resolution for adopting fees, deposits and regulations for use of the Civic Center.

Discussion/Action: Golf Course management Services.

REPORTS:

City Manager, Juan Fuentes:
City Attorney, Jay Rubin:
City Commission:

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

CERTIFICATION: PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2015, on a motion duly made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and carried.

Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Judy M. Harris, City Clerk