



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-tem Schuster called the regular meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Answering roll call was: Mayor Pro-tem Schuster and Commissioners: Lori Chatterley, Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Mayor Segotta and City Manager Berry were absent. Also present were Public Works Director Jason Phillips, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 16 visitors.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AND/OR PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION, SERVICE AWARD, CONGRATULATIONS, CONDOLENCES, HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AND CITY/MUNICIPAL EVENTS:

- **Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6 p.m.**
- **Notice of Potential Quorum: A quorum of City Commissioners may attend the NMML District 3 Meeting to be held in Raton on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Raton Museum located at 108 S. Second Street.**
- **Proclamation: Women's History Month, Raton PBW** – Mayor Pro-tem Schuster and Commissioner Chatterley presented the Proclamation to PBW Members Paula Cacciatore and Michael Anne Antonucci.

The Independent Riders honored Commissioner Ron Chavez for his military service and presented him with a U.S. Flag, a certificate and a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary pin.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

John Rerecich, a citizen who has lived in Raton 15 years, voiced his concerns with a pit bull attack last week involving an elderly woman who was seriously injured and is still in the hospital in Albuquerque. He also stated that he feels there is a lack of enforcement of dogs that are running lose in Raton. Mr. Rerecich and a group of citizens are trying to raise funds for the family's medical expenses.

Monica Ingamells, who resides next door and was the first person on site after the attack, stated that she agrees there is a dog problem and that the City of Raton needs to do a more effective job of enforcement. She also stated that people need to be responsible for their animals and that if citations are written they are often thrown out in court with no consequence to the dog owners. Ms. Ingamells also suggested

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that the City hire additional animal control staff and may need a campaign to educate the public.

Mayor Pro-tem Schuster stated that the City has a new animal ordinance that addresses fines and includes a leash law. She also noted that the City Commission has no authority over the Municipal Court and suggested that they talk to the judge since he is responsible for penalty assessment in these cases.

Public Works Director Jason Phillips stated that the dog is in custody and that the owners have been identified. He also stated that citizens can contact the Chief of Police who is willing to speak to anyone that has concerns.

VI. ACTION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS/ CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- The City Commission may discuss and/or take actions on the following agenda items:

A. *Approval of February 25, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes*

A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve the February 25, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and carried 4-0 with all voting aye.

B. *Deliberate and Act on Public Celebration Permits for Raton MainStreet Spring for Hops & Vine Event on April 18th at Raton Museum.*

Brenda Ferri was present and stated that Raton MainStreet would have two breweries and three wineries at the event this year and that the theme would be "Taste of the 20's". Public celebration permits for consideration included Blu Dragonfly Brewing Co., Comanche Creek Brewing Co., Wicked Kreation's Winery, Noisy Water Winery and Las Neuva Ninas Winery and Vineyard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to approve the Public Celebration Permits for Raton MainStreet Spring for Hops & Vine Event on April 18th at Raton Museum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

C. *Deliberate and Act on MOU between the City of Raton and Raton Little League.*

Public Works Director Jason Phillips introduced the MOU with the Raton Little League for this year's season that starts next month. Whitney Fernandez, President of Raton Little League and Ambrosita Sintas, Vice President/Concession Manager were both present at the meeting and reported that Raton will also host the girls' softball playoffs July 10th-17th. Public Works Director Phillips stated that Raton Little League should seek Lodgers' Tax funding for the softball playoffs and that the City Parks Department will assist as needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve the MOU between the City of Raton and Raton Little League. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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D. Deliberate and Act on Bid Award for Shuler Office Renovation Project.

Public Works Director Jason Phillips gave an overview of the bid process and the recommendation submitted from Chief Procurement Officer Antonucci to award to the low bidder Archuleta Construction in the amount of \$49,792 plus tax. He also noted that three (3) bids were received and publicly opened on March 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to Award the Bid to Archuleta Construction for \$49,792 plus tax for the Shuler Office Renovation Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

E. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2020-14 Authorization to Create New Bank Account and Fund Number for CDBG Downtown Infrastructure Project

Public Works Director Jason Phillips discussed the requirement to create a new bank account for the CDBG Downtown Infrastructure Project and noted that the approval of a resolution is necessary to give the City Treasurer Authorization to set up the new account and a new fund number in the City's accounting system in order to administer the grant monies properly. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve Resolution 2020-14: Authorization to Create New Bank Account and Fund Number for CDBG Downtown Infrastructure Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

F. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2020-15: Budget Adjustment #9 FY20

Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci reviewed the budget adjustment noting that most of the items are line item adjustments to utilize salary savings in the Fire Department due to turnover and allocate to their overtime line item. She also noted that the adjustment includes a new line item for a State Grant received by the Fire Department for hose replacement. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve Resolution 2020-15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

G. City Manager's Report.

Public Works Director Phillips stated that City Manager Berry was at the Water Quality Control Commission Meeting in Santa Fe today and was unable to attend the Commission meeting. He reported that he and Larry Marquez attended the February NERTPO meeting in Clayton and that they were informed that the highly anticipated call for projects would not happen this year because the legislature made direct appropriations for transportation projects via Senate Bill 232 and that Raton did not receive any funding in the final version of this bill. Mr. Phillips also stated that due to the downturn of oil, the Governor was line item vetoing items but that he was not sure if the Raton projects were safe but that he would continue to monitor. He also reported that Shields Survey flew a drone over the CDBG project and a Raton Water Works Waterline replacement project and that the data will be used in the design of both projects. He also noted that the drone technology for lidar imaging and survey data is a fraction of the cost of an aerial survey. Public Works Director Phillips reported that DFA would be in town on Friday to meet with City staff to discuss the CDBG Project. He then concluded his

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report by sharing the news of the passing of Mr. William F. Fulginiti, the long time Executive Director of the New Mexico Municipal League and a champion in Santa Fe for all municipalities. Mr. Phillips stated that his passion, experience and dedication will be greatly missed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

CITY OF RATON

Linde' Schuster, Mayor Pro-tem