



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL RATON CITY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 AT 5 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Neil Segotta called the meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:**

Answering roll call was: Mayor Neil Segotta. Commissioners: Ronald Chavez, Donald Giacomo and Commissioner Lori Chatterley. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, City Clerk Desire'e Trujillo, City Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci, and 2 visitors. Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster joined the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

**III. 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. DELIBERATE AND ACT on Resolution 2023-28: Support for the Property Transfer and Photovoltaic Development***

City Manager Scott Berry stated the Raton City Commission authorized the transfer of funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Raton Public Service Co. for a Photovoltaic Project. The agreement between the City of Raton and Raton Public Service Company is dated May 24, 2022, where RPS agreed to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain a solar photovoltaic facility, which would benefit the Raton community and RPS rate payers. Colfax County has agreed to donate 10 acres of property located at La Mesa Airfield tract for the permanent placement of the proposed photovoltaic site. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Resolution 2023-28: Support for the Property Transfer and Photovoltaic Development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

***B. DELIBERATE AND ACT on Agreement Between the City of Raton and Colfax County for the Transfer 10 Acres of Property for the Photovoltaic Project***

City Manager Scott Berry stated that this agreement is subject to final approval of the New Mexico State Board of Finance as appropriate, the County intends to transfer the "Ten acres real property" as described on Boundary Survey Plat JN22092 prepared by Shields Survey Ltd. Co. dated January 2023, as "exhibit A" to the City by execution of this Agreement and Quit Claim Deed. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve the Agreement Between the City of Raton and Colfax County for the

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Transfer 10 Acres of Property for the Photovoltaic Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

**C. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Juvenile Justice Grant Budget Adjustment Request No. 3***

City Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated the budget adjustment request is for the Restorative Services Program due to 20 referrals received as of May 15, 2023. The request is for an increase of \$4,950 to provide support to 30 Restorative Circles and a decrease of \$4,950 from the Girls Circle Program. The request is also for an increase of \$330 to provide Restorative Justice Pre/Post and a \$330 decrease from the Boys Council, to complete the work required for the 30 Restorative Circles. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Giacomo to approve Juvenile Justice Grant Budget Adjustment Request No. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

**D. *DISCUSSION on FY24 Draft Interim Budget***

City Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated there was nothing new, but she was wanting to put the item on the agenda to give the Commission and the public the opportunity to discuss before the proposed Interim Budget is brought to the next meeting. City Manager Scott Berry stated the City of Raton has six months to complete Phase One (1) for the acceptance and demolition of the Giordano building. In addition, the City of Raton is required to have some testing done of the groundwater and soil. A request for bids will be solicited anticipating the demolition of the building to begin after July 1, 2023. The Commission discussed utilizing the \$25,000 of Capital Outlay funds the City of Raton currently has and budgeting an additional \$25,000 to develop physical plans for the El Portal site. The Commission also decided to put \$500,000 towards the renovation of the restrooms and concession stands at Gabrielle Field/Legion Park, and some pickleball courts south of the pond at the baseball fields on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. It was discussed that the City would benefit from hiring a City Engineer requesting RPS and RWW to share in the personnel cost, 50% to be funded by the City of Raton, 25% to be funded by RWW and 25% to be funded by RPS. It was also discussed to budget \$150,000 for the remediation/demolition of dilapidated buildings. No action was taken.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segona Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk

