



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 6PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Segotta called the meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Answering roll call was Mayor Neil Segotta, Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster, Commissioners: Lori Chatterley, Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 21 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, June 25, 2019 at 6pm
- You Rock Award – Mayor Pro-tem Schuster presented a certificate to Robert Wick Jr. who recently discovered a dinosaur track and recognized other Boy Scout Troop #91 members for their efforts in assisting with the excavation of the track which is on display at the Raton Museum.
- Mayor Segotta announced a Notice of Potential Quorum so that Commissioners may attend the NMED Community Meeting June 13th 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers
- Commissioner Chavez also commended the Boy Scouts on their work at the downtown tunnel entrance and at Veterans Park. Scout Leader, Jared Chatterley, gave a brief overview of the various projects some of the boys are working on to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Tom Hay presented the City Commission with a display he put together honoring Mary Lynn Roper, former Raton resident, for her success and recent retirement as General Manager of Channel 7 News. City Manager Berry recognized Mr. Hay also for his efforts and thanked him.

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:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 (Cont.)

A. *Approval of the May 28, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes and Minutes from Better City Workshops May 28-31, 2019.*

Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci stated the minutes from the workshop were not available and would need to be postponed until the next meeting. Commissioner Chatterley made a motion to approve minutes for the May 28, 2019 commission meeting and to postpone the workshop minutes. Mayor Pro-tem Schuster seconded the motion. No further discussion took place and the motion passed 5-0 with all voting "aye".

B. *Annual Report from Raton Chamber, Dee Burks - President*

Dee Burks the President of Raton Chamber gave a presentation and provided MOU discussion points to the City Commission and ideas on how the City and the Chamber could partner to hire a management person. She also provided information on the volunteer hours over a 28 month period which equates to a dollar value of about \$267,087. She reported that the new mural has been very popular and that the Raton Chamber also has a new billboard in Capulin advertising the Visitor Center. Dee Burks discussed the vision for the Visitor Center noting that they want it to be a destination. She also reported that they have served 47,710 visitors since 2016. Discussion then followed on issues and challenges the center is facing due to limited volunteers, yard and janitorial expenses and the amount of board member volunteer time. Andy Carol was also present and gave a presentation on the time and money gap the Visitor Information Center is experiencing and stated they are coming to the Commission for ideas and asking for help so that the Chamber does not have to spend Chamber funds to bridge the gap. Mayor Segotta stated that no one wants to see them fail and that their efforts are appreciated. The question was asked what they would need to get through the summer. Ms. Burks stated that the yard and cleaning contractors need to be paid and that most expenses are seasonal. City Manager Berry acknowledged their efforts and the large task this has become. He further stated that the City will evaluate the situation and come up with some options and ideas.

C. *Deliberate and Act on RPS Trustee Board Appointment.*

City Manager Berry introduced the application submitted by current trustee, David Swanson, and recommended approval. He also noted that this is a 6 year term and that the trustees meet once a year to elect RPS Board Members which is dictated by ordinance. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to appoint David Swanson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

D. *Deliberate and Act on Event Form/Street Closures for Run to Raton Motorcycle Run, July 18-20, 2019.*

City Manager Berry reviewed the event form and stated that it has been reviewed by department heads. The road closures have also been reviewed and a map was provided. City Manager Berry stated that the event has grown in popularity and has a beneficial impact to the Raton businesses. Commissioner Chatterley questioned if the street closure would begin on Thursday. Laurie Bunker was present and stated that the event starts at the Cold Beer on Thursday night and that the street closure would be on Friday

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 (Cont.)

and Saturday only. City Manager Berry stated that he received a couple calls recently from homeowners in the area that expressed concerns with the event but those were the only calls received thus far. A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to approve the Event Form and Street Closures for the Run to Raton Motorcycle Run, July 18-20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

E. *Deliberate and Act on Celebration Permits for Alcohol to be served at Run to Raton: Left Turn Distilling, Palmer Brewery and Cider House and Colfax Ale Cellar.*

City Manager Berry reviewed the permits for all 3 vendors and noted that Alcohol and Gaming has a process that requires commission approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Giacomo to approve the 3 permits presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

F. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-33: City of Raton FY19 Budget Adjustment #17.*

Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci reviewed the budget adjustment request which consisted of various line item adjustments within the General Fund, Fire Grant Fund, Fire Protection Fund and Rec Center Fund. She also noted that the adjustment was revised to include an increase in the Waste Water Treatment Plant principal and interest line items in order to pay off the USDA/RUS Loan 92-05 with excess funds available in the debt service fund as approved by the Raton Water Works resolution 2019-05 adopted 4-16-19. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve Resolution 2019-33: City of Raton FY19 Budget Adjustment #17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

G. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-34: Application for New Mexico Department of Transportation Special Call for Projects.*

City Manager Berry reported that the City of Raton was notified by the NMDOT regarding a special call for projects and that there is a short timeline to submit. Initially the City was proposing a project on the frontage road for commercial development in that area however the NMDOT stated there was not enough time to obtain the documentation for the frontage road and needed to select another project. City Manager Berry stated that he is recommending that the City request \$900,000 from the NMDOT for Phase II of the Great Blocks project and that the City would need to pledge \$90,000 in required matching funds that would come from the Gas Tax Fund. Discussion followed on the potential to get funding later for the frontage road. City Manager Berry reported that he will attend the NERPO meeting on June 26th and will meet the Interim District Engineer to discuss the frontage road and various other needs in Raton. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve Resolution 2019-34: Application for New Mexico Department of Transportation Special Call for Projects. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 (Cont.)

H. *City Manager's Report .*

City Manager Berry reported on the following items:

- NMFA Loans for the Sanitation Project and Aquatic Center Refinancing closed on June 7, 2019. The Sanitation Project will be bid in September and completed by Summer 2020.
- The new State Land Commissioner is in town and was having an event at the Convention Center tonight but will also have a meeting with the MCMC Board tomorrow that he will attend.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m.
- NMED will host a Community Meeting on June 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm. He discussed the importance of the meeting and discussion topics and noted that new regulations will have implications for rate payers.
- He will attend the close out inspection on Friday for Great Blocks Project.
- Reported that the Airport project will be completed by July 1st.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Segotta stated that he has received calls from several citizens regarding speeding on East 10th Street and sight obstructions on the corner of Rio Grande and 2nd Street. City Manager Berry stated that the City will review the signage plan and pavement markings and that he has talked to the NMDOT before regarding Rio Grande/2nd Street. He also noted that NMDOT will not put up additional signals in downtown Raton and would probably propose that Raton have less signals.

I. *Closed Session Pursuant to 10-15-1H(2) Personnel – City Manager*

A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley at 7:08 p.m. to go into Closed Session Pursuant to 10-15-1H(2) Personnel – City Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting “aye”. The Commission took a 5 minute recess to allow KRTN time to pack up their equipment.

J. *Certification of Closed Session.*

The meeting returned to open session at 7:33 p.m. The matters discussed in closed session were limited only to those specified in the motion to go into closed session and also as advertised. No action was taken. Commissioners voted that they agreed with this statement by each signifying “yes”.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

ATTEST:


Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor