



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 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 (participating via phone), Commissioners: Lori Chatterley, Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 12 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, July 23, 2019 at 6pm
- Proclamation: Raton Fire and Emergency Services 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks
- Proclamation: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events, Raton MainStreet and Balloon Rally Committee

**V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

Mark McDonald and Anita Mallory with the Behavioral Health Task Force were present and informed the Commission that RESTART is a new non-profit group working to help solve the behavioral health and drug addiction problem in Raton. This program is intended to provide transitional housing also called sober living homes in an effort to breaking the cycle. The organization has several community partners to assist with housing, life skills training, AA and other services. Mr. McDonald stated that he hopes the community will see it as a solution to the problem and that they want to eliminate the stigma. A brief discussion followed regarding the opioid problem in on our community and the need to address these issues.

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

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***A. Approval of the June 25, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes.***

Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci stated that she corrected the spelling for Josh Gallagher and Zoe Elliot under item G. Commissioner Chavez made a motion to approve minutes for the June 25, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Chatterley seconded the motion. No further discussion took place and the motion passed 5-0 with all voting "aye".

***B. Report to Commission from Jared Chatterley on Denver Outdoor Retailer Show***

Jared Chatterley was present and updated the Commission on his trip to the Denver Outdoor Retailer Show held June 17-20. He reported that the City of Raton shared the NM Partnership booth with Las Cruces, Farmington and Tucumcari and that in general the show was very good. He also reported that he handed out over 1,000 rack cards, stickers and other swag at the event promoting Raton. He further stated that if Raton participates again in the future they could probably get just as much bang for their buck by just being at the show without a booth. Jared reported that he has a meeting next month with the Cabinet Secretary of Tourism and will report back to the Commission.

***C. Public Hearing for City of Raton Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.***

City Manager Berry stated that this is the time of year annually that the City of Raton seeks public input on the ICIP which will be due on September 6<sup>th</sup>. He then stressed the importance of the plan when it comes to applying for legislative capital outlay funding and CDBG. He also gave a brief overview of last year's top 5 priorities. Commissioner Chatterley stated that she would like to see the Hwy 72 paved shoulder, State Parks Visitor Center and Downtown renovation projects moved up on the list. Jason Phillips was also present and stated that two of the projects are located in the County and are a symbolic gesture only to show support. He also stated that CDBG typically does not fund programs that address the elimination of slum and blight but that changes are being made to the program in the future. He also noted that a good ICIP should have 12-24 projects and be used for a funding strategy. City Manager Berry stated that the City will have several hearings before adopting the plan and that the public can call, email or mail their comments to City Hall.

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

City Manager Berry briefly discussed the project and reported that 4 bids were received. Nature Scapes was the low bidder at \$22,980 excluding the gross receipts tax. City Manager Berry recommended award to the low bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Giacomo to award the project to Nature Scapes for the bid amount of \$22,980 plus tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

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**E. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-40: City of Raton Participation in Application for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant for Continuation of Improvements to Segments of BNSF Railroad on which Amtrak's Southwest Chief Operates***

City Manager Berry introduced the resolution and gave an overview of the City's past participation in the TIGER grants. He explained that this was a grassroots partnership between New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado to obtain funding for improvements to the railroad track on which the Southwest Chief operates. The program is now called BUILD and the City of Trinidad is the sponsor for the application and is requesting the City of Raton commit \$12,500 to support a proposed application. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to approve Resolution 2019-40 supporting the BUILD Application and commitment of \$12,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with a unanimous roll call vote of "yes" by each Commissioner.

**F. *Deliberate and Act on Better City Economic Development Contract Addendum #2***

City Manager Berry reviewed the addendum which is a scope change only. The total contract cost will remain \$78,375 as previously approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve the Better City Economic Development Contract Addendum #2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

**G. *City Manager's Report***

City Manager Berry reported the following: (1) He attended the NERPO meeting held in Springer and discussed the recent NMDOT call for projects. He reported that NMDOT should take action in the Fall on the requests that were submitted. He was unable to meet with the State Engineer but still wants to discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> Street maintenance, traffic backups on I-25 and frontage road repairs. (2) Announced that the City has hired Dusty Russel as the new P&Z/Code Enforcement Officer.

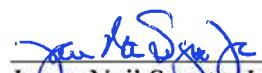
Colfax County Commissioner Roy Fernandez was present and commented on the traffic backed up on I-25 during the holiday weekend. He also reported that Commissioner Ledoux will be coordinating a meeting with NMDOT to discuss this safety issue and that NMDOT has stated they are doing a study. City Manager Berry also stated that the NMDOT Transportation Commission will meet in Las Vegas in November and that it is important that the City and County attend this meeting to bring the issue to their attention.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor