



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 AT 6 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Neil 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 and Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster. Commissioners: Ronald Chavez and Donald Giacomo. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, City Clerk Desire'e Trujillo, and 11 visitors. Commissioner Lori Chatterley was absent.

III. MAYOR NEIL SEGOTTA LED EVERYONE IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

V. Committee Reports from Commissioners: Item was postponed until next meeting.

- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Proclamation: 4th of July Events, Raton MainStreet and Balloon Rally Committee

VI. Items from Citizens Present: None

VII. 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 Approval of June 27, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes and the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve the June 27, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes and the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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B. *PUBLIC HEARING: Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) FY25-FY29*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the thirty-day Legislative Session will commence in January 2024 and the ICIP is a planning effort to advance priorities and is very important in consideration of capital outlay requests and other state funding requests. He recommended emphasis to include storm drainage improvements, renovation of the Raton Train Depot, elimination of slum and blight conditions, the next phase of the Photovoltaic Project, Improvements to or replacement of the Raton Animal Shelter, Civic Plaza Construction, and ADA improvements. Jolene Greene spoke for the ED Partners, and she stated they would like to see the Train Depot, Civic Plaza and Park Improvements and amenities listed as a high priority. Mayor Segotta and Commissioner Chavez stated they felt Lake Maloya Dam improvements should hold the number one spot on the list. Some brief discussion followed, and no action was taken.

C. *INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: Amendment of Raton Code of Ordinances Section 30.24 Increase of Commission Compensation*

City Manager Scott Berry stated this introduction proposes an increase to the Commission compensation from the current rate of \$300 per month to \$1,000 per month. He noted that the increase will only apply to newly elected officials and reelected officials. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Giacomo to approve the Introduction of Ordinance: Amendment of Raton Code of Ordinances Section 30.24 Increase of Commission Compensation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronald Chavez and carried 4-0 with a unanimous roll call vote of “yes”.

D. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Amended Contract between the City of Raton and Envision IT Solutions to Provide Managed IT Services for the City of Raton, Raton Water Works & Raton Public Service*

City Manager Scott Berry stated this contract was approved at the June 27th Commission meeting. The contract for the City of Raton, Raton Water Works and Raton Public Service was incorrect due to Envision IT Services not adding the additional amount for the third server and overcharging for the DATTO Backup services. After the changes were made the contract amount stayed the same. A cost breakdown was provided to the Commission for all contracts totaling \$107,592.96 per year. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde’ Schuster to approve the Amended Contract Between the City of Raton and Envision IT Solutions to Provide Managed IT Services for the City of Raton, Raton Water Works & Raton Public Service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronald Chavez and carried 4-0 with all voting “aye”.

E. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on GrowRaton Funding Request for Economic Development*

City Manager Scott Berry stated this request has to do with the efforts in establishing a Tribal Gaming Facility in the City of Raton. He noted that the City of Raton would be a prime location due to there being no other gaming facilities located nearby. The \$2,500 request is related to the planned visit of

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the tribal officials. GrowRaton shall act as the coordinator with the tribal officials, which is necessary to pursue the approval process by federal and state officials. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve the GrowRaton Funding Request for Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

F. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Voting Delegate and Alternate for the NMML 2023 Annual State Conference*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the NMML 2023 Annual State Conference will be held August 30th through September 1st in Farmington, NM. He noted that the Annual Business Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, August 31st at which they will be electing a President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors-at-Large for a 2-year term. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to appoint Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Neil Segotta as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

G. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant Application CHA Proposal #: X83197*

City Manager Scott Berry stated this grant application is in regard to the city's strategy in addressing the dilapidated and abandoned buildings around town. The City of Raton applied for the grant last year but was not awarded any funding. CHA Consulting, Inc. has a team of staff prepared to begin working on the Brownfield Assessment Grant Application immediately at the cost of \$4,000. City Manager Berry noted that if approved the funds will come from the General Fund Reserves. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve the EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant Application CHA Proposal #: X83197. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

H. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Approval of Application 23-ZH9186 Funding Agreement between the City of Raton and NM Department of Finance and Administration for the Purchase of Public Works Equipment*

City Manager Scott Berry stated that at the 2023 NM Legislative Session, Senate Bill 192 appropriated \$75,000 to the City of Raton for the purchase of public works equipment. He noted that the city is looking at replacing some snow removal equipment with the appropriated funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve Application 23-ZH9186 Funding Agreement between the City of Raton and NM Department of Finance and Administration for the Purchase of Public Works Equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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I. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Funding Grant Agreement RTN-24-01 between the City of Raton and NMDOT Aviation Department for the Purchase of Mower Equipment*

City Manager Scott Berry stated at the 2023 NM Legislative Session ten million dollars was appropriated to the NM Aviation Division. On July 2nd the City of Raton sent in a funding request for a tractor and mowing deck for the Raton Municipal Airport. John Deer provided a quote for the equipment amounting \$172,000. The grant agreement states the NMDOT Aviation Division will cover 90% of the cost at \$155,430 and that the City of Raton will cover 10% at \$17,270. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve the Funding Grant Agreement RTN-24-01 between the City of Raton and NMDOT Aviation Department for the Purchase of Mower Equipment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

J. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Amendment to Resolution 2023-38: Previously Adopted for Kearney Film Production and Workforce Facility Support of Grant Funding Application to Economic Development Administration*

City Manager Scott Berry stated this resolution was approved by the City Commission at the June 27th meeting. The approved resolution read that the application request shall be prepared in the nominal amount of \$2,000,000 in federal funding with a 20% pledge of local matching funds of up to \$400,000 using the City of Raton's recently awarded capital outlay funds from the State of New Mexico to be applied to the improvements of the Kearney School Building. The corrected funding request amount is \$2,000,000 in federal funding with a 20% pledge of local matching funds up to \$500,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Giacomo to approve the Amendment to Resolution 2023-38: Previously Adopted for Kearney Film Production and Workforce Facility Support of Grant Funding Application to Economic Development Administration, The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

K. *DELIBERATE AND ACT on Resolution 2023-43: Participation in Municipality Cooperative Agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation (Department) Grant Agreement L400645*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the City of Raton submitted an application for funding in March and was awarded \$100,810 with a 25% required proportional matching share in the amount of \$33,603. The purpose of the agreement is to provide Local Government Road Funds to public entities for planning, design, construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, and miscellaneous construction to various streets. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Resolution 2023-43: Participation in Municipality Cooperative Agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation (Department) Grant Agreement L400645. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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L. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Berry reported the Frontage Road Project construction has commenced. He stated the project will likely go through late fall or the beginning of winter and will have slowed traffic and occasional detours. The construction will consist of curb & gutter, sidewalk, lighting improvement and pavement.
- City Manager Berry reported he will be participating in a Capital Improvement Plan meeting later this week with Federal Aviation Administration, NM State Aviation Administration, City of Raton staff and a consulting engineer.
- City Manager Berry reported he had a discussion with Raton MainStreet and NM MainStreet regarding the Capital outlay funding opportunities for the upcoming term.
- City Manager Berry reported he is planning a meeting with the NM Department of Finance and Administration in regard to capital appropriations for the Kearney School Film Project and the Bartlett Mesa Acquisition Project.
- City Manager Berry recognized the efforts of the City of Raton Emergency Services and the Public Works Department for the extra effort they made during the busy 4th of July holiday events.



VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk