



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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: Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Lori Chatterley was absent. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 8 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, August 13, 2019 at 6pm
- There will be a Special City Commission Meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6 pm
- The regular meeting scheduled for August 27th will be cancelled due to conflict with the NMML Annual Conference in Las Cruces.
- Notice of Potential Quorum: A quorum of City Commissioners will attend the NM Municipal League Annual Conference in Las Cruces, NM August 28-30.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

None.

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 the July 23, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.*

Commissioner Chavez made a motion to approve minutes for the July 23, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Schuster seconded the motion. No further discussion took place and the motion passed 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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B. Deliberate and Act on Introduction of Ordinance Enacting a Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Dedicated for Economic Development

City Manager Berry introduced the ordinance for discussion and noted that action would be taken at a subsequent meeting. He also made reference to the contract with Better City and the community meetings that have been held in regards to economic development. City Manager Berry also stated that he and Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci have had numerous discussions with NM Tax and Revenue who has reviewed and approved the proposed ordinance. He also noted that based on an analysis done by NM Tax & Revenue that the unrestricted portion that can be adopted without voter approval is slightly less than ¼% and is reflected in the ordinance as 0.2375%. City Manager Berry stated that the tax will have a local restriction dedicated for economic development purposes detailed in section 4 of the ordinance. City Manager Berry then read the section aloud and reviewed the timeline for adoption which will include a public hearing on August 13th and presentation to the commission on August 22nd for adoption. If passed the tax will go into effect January 1, 2020. City Manager Berry also stated that the City's tax rate dropped ¼% this past January and that the new tax rate would be slightly below where it was before. A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez and seconded by Commissioner Giacomo to Introduce the Ordinance Enacting a Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Dedicated for Economic Development. Discussion followed regarding the estimated amount the tax will generate, what is taxable, status of tax on internet sales, importance of funding economic development and importance of doing this right and controlling the amount of growth. City Manager Berry also stated that public input is important and urged the public to attend the public hearing, send an email or call City Hall. There was no further discussion and the motion carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

C. Deliberate and Act on Amendment to Term in School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raton and Raton Public Schools.

City Manager Berry gave an overview of the MOU and noted that Raton Public Schools has agreed to pay the full amount of the match this year. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci noted that the MOU was approved already but that the school requested that the language in the term be amended to state that the agreement coincides with the fiscal year rather than the school year which was previously stated in the agreement. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to approve the Amendment to the Term in School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raton and Raton Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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D. Deliberate and Act on Contract Between the City of Raton and Lamar for Billboard Advertising.

City Manager Berry introduced and discussed the Lamar Billboard contract. He stated that the Lodgers Tax Board did not meet in July therefore the contract was being brought straight to the Commission before it expires in a few weeks. City Manager Berry noted that a recommendation was received from the Branding Committee which is significantly different than the current contract. The recommendation is to keep only 1 billboard which is the one located on the south end of town on City property and is \$150 per month. City Manager Berry also stated that they have asked Better City to review and provide a strategy for effective use of Lodgers Tax funding. Discussion also followed on the importance of gathering data to tailor our efforts better. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci reported that she met with the new Lamar Representative who has provided the City with several billboard advertising options including the existing contracted billboards in addition to a few other that would be available near Amarillo and also the Las Vegas billboard. She also noted that the FY 20 amount budgeted for billboard advertising is only \$12,000 and that the contract last year was more than that amount however the City was overbilled by Lamar in the past and had a credit balance of \$5,505 that was applied allowing the City to advertise on the 4 billboards listed. Discussion followed regarding the effectiveness of billboards versus newer technology such as smart phones and digital billboards. A motion was made by Mayor Segotta to approve keeping only the one billboard panel #3401 located on City property south of town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

E. Deliberate and Act on MHQ Quote for Outfitting Fire Department Vehicles Utilizing NM State Purchase Contract #60-000-15-00032

City Manager Berry introduced the request to outfit the two new Ford Expeditions recently purchased with emergency lighting and radios from MHQ who has a state purchasing contract. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to approve the MHQ Quote for Outfitting the Fire Department Vehicles Utilizing NM State Purchase Contract #60-000-15-00032. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

F. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-46: Participation in Local Government Road Fund Agreement Control Number L4000475

City Manager Berry introduced and reported that the City of Raton was awarded \$190,167 from NMDOT to do a project on Fifth Street between Tiger Drive and Nevada Avenue and that the agreements were previously approved and executed however a resolution is also required to finalize the agreement. He also noted that the City's match would be 25% or \$63,389 bringing the total project amount to \$253,556. A motion was made by Commissioner Giacomo to approve Resolution 2019-46: Participation in Local Government Road Fund Agreement Control Number L4000475. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez and carried 4-0 with all voting "aye".

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VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor