



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AT 6PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Answering roll call was: Mayor Neil Segotta, Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster Commissioners: Ronald Chavez, Donald Giacomo and Lori Chatterley. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Deputy Clerk Desire'e Trujillo Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci, Public Works Director Jason Phillips and 3 visitors. Tyler Davis with Engineering Analytics, Colin Tawney with Blu Dragonfly Brewing, LLC and Wayne McMurtry.

III. MAYOR 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:

- All City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.
- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Colin Tawney with Blu Dragonfly Brewing was present and spoke of his plans on opening his brewery at the Armory. He stated most of the equipment is already set up and he is anticipating being up and running in about 6-8 weeks. He also noted that Jason Distillery Licensing is still pending but moving forward. There was discussion about some of the steps still being taken prior to opening. Mayor Segotta and City Manager Berry stated they toured the facility and that they found it very impressive. City Manager Berry also stated that he is working on an amendment to the lease and will bring it to the Commission for approval.

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:

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A. *Approval of the January 26, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes and January 27, 2021 Special Joint City Commission and RPS Board Meeting Minutes.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve the January 26, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes and January 27, 2021 Special Joint City Commission and RPS Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley with one minor amendment on the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

B. *Deliberate and Act on Board Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission*

City Manager Scott Berry stated these would be re-appointments of Chris Candelario and Richard Gertler who have been long time members of the board and are very conscious regarding attendance and meetings. He stated they are willing to continue serving on the board and the City of Raton hasn't received any other applications of interest. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve Board Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

C. *Public Hearing/Deliberate and Act on Ordinance No. 1011: Amending Ordinance 995 Chapter 90: Animals*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the amendments to Ordinance No. 1011 have been discussed in previous meetings. He stated the changes will be to the Dangerous Dog Definition as well as the addition of the required Liability Insurance or Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000 to cover any damages in the event of an attack. City Manager Berry stated that he did not receive any public input prior to the meeting. There was no further discussion or public comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Ordinance No. 1011: Amending Ordinance 995 Chapter 90: Animals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote in which everyone voted "yes".

D. *Discussion and Review of the City of Raton Draft Comprehensive Plan*

City Manager Scott Berry stated there has been a strong response to the surveys and public meetings. He stated the draft is available online for review and will be adopted at the next regular Commission meeting. City Manager Berry stated Jackie Fishman has been working on the draft and is making revisions which have been slowed down due to COVID-19. No action was taken.

E. *Deliberate and Act on Bid Award for Municipal Building Lighting System Replacement*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the Municipal Building and Raton Public Service Company's lighting fixtures are over 40 years old, aren't energy

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efficient and have many maintenance problems. He stated replacing them would be very beneficial in saving the rate payer and that it would also be more energy efficient. City Manager Berry also stated the cost sharing for the replacement project would be 50 % Raton Public Service Co., 25 % Raton Water Works and 25 % City of Raton. He stated sealed bids were solicited with only one bid submitted by N & K Electric in the amount of \$47,171 not including the NMGRT. City Manager Berry stated the bid was reviewed and determined to be responsive to the request and he recommends approval. Mayor Neil Segotta stated N & K replaced the lighting at the Senior Center and that there is a noticeable difference in the lighting. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Giacomo to approve the Bid Award for Municipal Building Lighting System Replacement Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

F. Deliberate and Act on Addendum to the Liquor License Agreement Between the City of Raton and Raton Country Club One Year Extension

City Manager Scott Berry stated even though the Convention Center was shut down last year due to COVID-19 the liquor license is very beneficial to the City of Raton and the Raton Country Club due to a lot of liquor license's having left town. He stated the addendum extends the lease agreement for one year which was entered into on February 12, 2019. Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated the addendum is also to reflect that Joe Pobar is no longer the General Manager and that all correspondence should be directed to the Raton Country Club Board President, Bernard Trujillo. There was some discussion on other options for a liquor license. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve the Addendum to the Liquor License Agreement Between the City of Raton and the Raton Country Club One Year Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronald Chavez and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

G. Deliberate and Act on Grant Amendment No. 2 Between the City of Raton and NM State Aviation Division for RTN-18-02/02 Extension for Hanger Project

City Manager Scott Berry stated this is a very important project in which he is asking for a 1 year extension on the State Aviation Grant amounting \$250,000. He stated the engineers currently working on the design are Molzen-Corbin and that the amendment would be until November of 2022. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Grant Amendment No. 2 Between the City of Raton and NM State Aviation Division for RTN-18-02/02 Extension for Hanger Project. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye". Mayor Neil Segotta elected to vote on items G. & H. in one motion.

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H. *Deliberate and Act on Grant Amendment No. 2 Between the City of Raton and NM State Aviation Division for RTN-19-02/02 Extension for PAPI Project*

City Manager Scott Berry stated he is asking for an extension for the State Aviation Grant amounting in \$130,965. He stated due to COVID-19 FAA will pay 100% of cost. City Manager Berry stated the extension is until March 26, 2022 in order to receive the funds from State Aviation. He stated the construction was awarded to Bulldog Contractors last July. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Grant Amendment No. 2 Between the City of Raton and NM State Aviation Division for RTN-19-02/02 Extension for PAPI Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye". Mayor Neil Segotta elected to vote on items G. & H. in one motion.

I. *Deliberate and Act on Engineering Analytics Service Authorization for Design of Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail on Sugarite Avenue*

City Manager Scott Berry stated the City of Raton recently put in a request for capital outlay funding from the State of New Mexico for a bike trail from Round House Rd. Trail to Interstate 25. He stated the long-term goal is to connect the bike trail to Sugarite Canyon State Park, Climax Canyon and Old Pass Road. City Manager Berry stated the amount for Engineering Analytics Design Services and Construction Management on this project is \$59,900 not including NMGRT which would come out of the Street Improvement Fund. There was discussion of the great opportunity this project brings. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Engineering Analytics Service Authorization for Design of Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail on Sugarite Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronald Chavez and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

J. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-08: NMDOT Local Government Transportation Project Application for Sugarite Avenue/Hwy 72*

City Manager Scott Berry stated he and Public Works Director Jason Phillips sat in on a video conference with Chairman Walter Adams of the NMDOT Transportation Commission. He stated that State Legislation will be adding additional funds after they adjourn. City Manger Berry stated New Mexico State Highway 72 located between Second Street and Interstate 25, which also consists of portions of Sugarite Avenue, Guadalupe Street and East Cook Avenue, is in critical need of improvements. He stated the improvements needed consist of asphalt pavement rehabilitation and resurfacing, drainage improvements, pavement markings, and replacement of broken sections of curb, gutter and sidewalk. City Manager Berry stated the City of Raton has developed a total proposed project estimate equaling \$1,200,000 in which the City Commission has authorized preparation of Phase 1 engineering plans for construction of the project. He stated he is needing Commission approval as well as a District Engineer letter in order to demonstrate a level of construction readiness. City Manager Berry stated the request from the NMDOT Transportation Fund will be for \$1,140,000 and the City of Raton will be required to pledge \$60,000 from the Street Improvement Fund if the application is approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald

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Giacomo to approve Resolution 2021-08: NMDOT Local Government Transportation Project Application for Sugarite Avenue/HWY 72. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

K. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-09: NMDOT Local Government Transportation Project for E. 10th Frontage Road Project

City Manager Scott Berry stated this Frontage Road Improvement Project will have a positive impact on community redevelopment and economic development. He stated the upgrade to the corridor would serve as a traffic relief route to I-25. City Manager Berry stated the 2nd request later this Spring will include sidewalk, curb & gutter and lighting in order to influence commercial business development. He stated the traffic data obtained showed a high traffic volume on Interstate 25 and Highway 64/87 and it is expected to increase in years to come due to population growth in Texas and Colorado. City Manager Berry stated the request to the NMDOT Transportation Project fund will be in the amount of \$1,187,500 in which the City of Raton will have to pledge \$62,500 from the Street Improvement Fund if the application is approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Resolution 2021-09: NMDOT Local Government Transportation Project for E. 10th Frontage Road Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

L. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-10: Budget Adjustment #7 FY21

Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated the adjustment consists of an additional amount required for the Police Vehicles, some parts and labor for the Aquatic Center and for professional services for design of Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail on Sugarite Avenue. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Resolution 2021-10: Budget Adjustment #7 FY21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

M. City Manager Report

- City Manager Berry reported there was a NM Public Employee Relations Board Meeting via conference call. He stated the Board reviewed and approved the new Collective Bargaining Ordinance No. 1010 and were impressed by the Local Labor Management Relations Board Members.
- City Manager Berry reported the City of Raton is working on a grant request application to submit to FAA for the Airport to cover 100% with no match from the City.
- City Manager Berry reported speaking with Representative Chatfield and Senator Compos. He stated there are no face to face meetings but the Capital Outlay requests were submitted on time. Commissioner Chavez commended City Manager Berry on all his hard work in getting the Capital Outlay together and submitted.
- City Manager Berry reported the COVID-19 Vaccination program is going great with everyone working together. He stated there have been several vaccinations given to community members and he commended the City staff

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for all their dedication and hard work. Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster stated the hospital staff are very relieved to be seeing fewer cases.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk