



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

**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: Ronald Chavez, Donald Giacomo and Lori Chatterley. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Deputy Clerk Desire'e Trujillo, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 1 visitor. Karen Stearns

**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:**

- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

None

**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:**

**A. *Approval of the February 23, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes***

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve the February 23, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

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***B. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-19: Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Local Government Planning Grant Agreement #PG 5061 by and Between the New Mexico Finance Authority and the City of Raton***

City Manager Scott Berry stated the Comprehensive Plan has been reported on several times in the last few months. He stated now that it has been approved the next step is a grant agreement between the City of Raton and NM Finance Authority for \$50,000 and the City of Raton will contribute the remaining amount of \$3,937.48 due to the total cost of the Comprehensive Plan being \$53,937.48. City Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated upon approval the next steps will be to complete the Form of Requisition and the Certificate of Completion before the City of Raton will receive the grant funds. City Manager Berry stated once the published copies of the Comprehensive Plan are received, they will be available for review at City Hall and also at the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Resolution 2021-19: Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Local Government Planning Grant Agreement #PG 5061 by and Between the New Mexico Finance Authority and the City of Raton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

***C. Deliberate and Act on Request for Second Annual Renewal of Engineering Analytics, Inc. Consulting Services Agreement***

City Manager Scott Berry stated there was an RFP advertised for consulting engineering services which was awarded to Engineering Analytics on April 15, 2019. He stated the services provided such as street improvements and wastewater treatment have all gone very well. City Manager Berry recommended approval of the renewal of Engineering Analytics, Inc. Consulting Services Agreement. He also requested upon approval of the renewal to the Consulting Services Agreement to be approved with City Manager signature. Vice President of Engineering Analytics, Inc, Karen Stearns expressed her gratitude to the City of Raton. She stated they always wanted to open an office in Raton and was finally able to in 2014. The Commission expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the great job Engineering Analytics has done. A motion was made by Commissioner Ronald Chavez to approve the Request for Second Annual Renewal of Engineering Analytics, Inc. Consulting Services Agreement with the City Manager's signature. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

***D. Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-20: Disposal of Surplus Property and Donation of Property to the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office***

City Manager Scott Berry stated the request was for a specific vest that was fitted for former police officer Hightree who moved his employment to the District Attorney's Office. He stated the District Attorney has now withdrawn their request due to officer Hightree no longer being employed with their office. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to table Resolution 2021-20: Disposal of Surplus Property and Donation of Property to

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the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

**E. *Deliberate and Act on Grant Amendment #1 Between the City of Raton and CYFD Agreement #21-690-3200-20841***

City Manager Scott Berry stated he was going to turn the discussion over to Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci who has dedicated her time and hard work towards coordinating this agreement for several years.

Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated the grant application for supplemental funding was presented at a previous meeting and was awarded in the amount of \$52,495 for Coordinator Salary, Girl's Circle and Restorative Justice. She stated this grant pays out through a 4-year period and this request will cover the funding for FY21 raising the total amount to \$171,145 and a new agreement total of \$527,095. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci expressed her thanks to Danielle Vanderpool for her continuous hard work and dedication in receiving these grant funds. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster to approve Grant Amendment #1 Between the City of Raton and CYFD Agreement #21-690-3200-20841. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lori Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

**F. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2021-21: Budget Adjustment #9 FY21***

Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci stated the JJAC adjustment was in anticipation of the approval of the supplemental funding request to award to the City of Raton for the Juvenile Justice Programs in FY21. She stated there is an adjustment for the renewal of the annual surety bond insurance expense which was not included in the FY21 budget line item and an adjustment from the enterprise reserve funds for the purchase of a roll-off truck for the Solid Waste Convenience Center. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci stated the equipment is coming from Las Cruces and there will be additional adjustment requests for balers. A motion was made by Commissioner Lori Chatterley to approve Resolution 2021-21: Budget Adjustment #9 FY21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

**G. *City Manager Report***

- City Manager Berry reported the Legislative Session ends March 20<sup>th</sup> and Senate Bill 376 which is for qualified immunity for police departments and public officials has been stalled in Public Affairs and Senate Health.
- City Manager Berry reported House Bill-4 Resolution was sent to each member of the Senate Judiciary which has to do with civil rights.
- City Manager Berry reported the Defense of Qualified Immunity hearing will be on webcast and the members and e-mails are listed and also that Resolution 2021-05 has been sent.
- City Manager Berry reported Senate Bill-375, to offer officer training which is endorsed by the City of Raton, NMML and many other municipalities, to be more proactive in the prevention of victimhood, has passed 38-0 and is waiting house introduction.

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- City Manager Berry reported House Bill-137 regarding the Clean Electrification Act is opposed by 7 of the municipal owned utilities including the City to Raton. He stated it hasn't moved on for 5 weeks and may get amended to exempt some municipal utilities.
- City Manager Berry reported the lighting replacement project will begin at the end of this week which will save money and energy.
- City Manager Berry reported there is a Mayor's Counsel meeting on Monday with the Governors Chief of Staff of the schools, which are to open April 5<sup>th</sup> including all sports activities with some restrictions on spectators which are on a county-by-county basis.
- City Manager Berry reported the Public Works Department and the Raton Water Works Department are working on excavating and replacing culvert on Emerson St.
- City Manager Berry reported the Public Works Department is doing a good job cleaning up the Hereford Yard and have made good use of the aggregate.
- City Manager Berry reported the Public Works Department is beginning its reclaimed watering season in which City Manager Berry thanked RPS for their help in getting the transformer ready.
- City Manager Berry reported the Public Works Department did some painting at City Hall and that they did a great job.
- City Manager Berry reported the Cimarron Creek pipeline has some exposure and is being replaced.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk