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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 28, 2015**

AFTERNOON SESSION

A regular meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was called to order by Mayor Javier M. Gonzales, on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at approximately 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the New Mexico flag, and the Invocation, roll call indicated the presence of a quorum, as follows:

Members Present

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
Councilor Peter N. Ives, Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilor Bill Dimas
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Signe I. Lindell
Councilor Joseph M. Maestas
Councilor Christopher M. Rivera
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

Members Absent

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

Others Attending

Brian K. Snyder, City Manager
Kelley A. Brennan, City Attorney
Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk
Melessia Helberg, Council Stenographer

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brian Snyder, City Manager said he would like to postpone Item 10(r) due to some mathematical corrections and other inconsistencies in the packet, noting this will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting on February 11, 2015.

Councilor Maestas and Councilor Ives asked to be shown as cosponsors of Item 10(k)

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Maestas, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote with Mayor Gonzales and Councilors Dimas, Dominguez, Ives, Lindell, Maestas, Rivera and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion and none against.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Maestas, to approve the following Consent Calendar, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Ives, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

A copy of an Action Sheet from the Public Works/CIP and Land Use Committee meeting of Monday, January 26, 2015, regarding Item 10(q), is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

- a) **BID NO. 15/10/B – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – INSTRUMENTATION EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMING AND CALIBRATION SERVICES FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY; YUKON & ASSOCIATES, LTD. (ALEX PUGLISI AND LUIS OROZCO)**
- b) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT UNDER COOPERATIVE PRICE AGREEMENT – DEVELOP SIGNAL TIMING PLAN FOR RODEO ROAD/ZIA ROAD FROM CERRILLOS ROAD TO YUCCA FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION; CIVIL TRANSFORMATIONS, INC. (JOHN ROMERO)**
- c) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT – COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FACILITY UPGRADE AND EXPANSION FOR TRANSIT DIVISION; HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. (JON BULTHUIS)**

- d) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXEMPT PROCUREMENT AND AGREEMENT – SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION AND HARDWARE UPGRADE FOR PARKING DIVISION; T2 SYSTEMS, INC. (P.J. GRIEGO)
- e) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARD AND AGREEMENT – 2014 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR SANTA FE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. (ANDREW PHELPS)
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 - 1) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – GRANT FUND.
- g) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR IN-HOUSE LOCAL CREW SALARIES TO WORK ON CIP PROJECTS FOR FACILITIES DIVISION. (DAVID PFEIFER)
- h) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASE FOR INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, STENOGRAPHER SERVICES AND PRECINCT/DISTRICT MAPS FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. (ZACHARY SHANDLER)
- i) *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Trujillo]*
- j) *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Ives]*
- k) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-6 (COUNCILOR BUSHEE, COUNCILOR MAESTAS AND COUNCILOR IVES). A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ACHIEVE GOLD LEVEL STATUS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION (IMBA) AND TO PURSUE NEW TRAIL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. (BOB SIQUEIROS)
- l) *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Trujillo]*

- m) **REQUEST TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2015:**
- 1) **BILL NO. 2015-2: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE; AMENDING SUBSECTION 7-1.1 SFCC 1987, TO ADOPT THE 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE AND THE 2012 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE. (COUNCILOR RIVERA AND COUNCILOR BUSHEE). (TOMAS MONTANO)**
 - 2) **BILL NO. 2015-3: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE (THE "CITY") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, EVIDENCING A SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE CITY TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,375,000, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AND FEES THEREON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF ADVANCE REFUNDING THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY CONVENTION CENTER LOAN DATED MARCH 28, 2006; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF, INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S LODGERS' TAX AND CONVENTION CENTER FEES; APPROVING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT. (HELENE HAUSMAN)**
- n) *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Trujillo]*
- o) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7 (COUNCILOR IVES). A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATION OF 1.44 MILLION DOLLARS BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, FOR THE NM GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS INITIATIVE. (SUE PERRY)**
- p) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 311 PILOT PROJECT FOR CITY OF SANTA FE. (SEVASTIAN GURULE)**
- q) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8 (COUNCILOR LINDELL) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 NMDOT ADMINISTERED FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM. (LEROY PACHECO) (Postponed at January 14, 2015 City Council Meeting)**

- r) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT – SOUTHWEST ACTIVITY NODE (SWAN) PARK PHASE I; SURROUNDINGS STUDIO, LLC. (MARY MacDONALD)**
 - 1) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – PROJECT FUND.**
- s) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CITY OF SANTA FE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 BY ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING GROUP, LLP, PURSUANT TO STATE AUDIT RULE 2014, 2.2.2.10(J)(3)(d) NMAC. (TERESITA GARCIA)**
- t) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9 (COUNCILOR MAESTAS, COUNCILOR RIVERA AND COUNCILOR IVES AND COUNCILOR BUSHEE). A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COORDINATE A JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO DISCUSS AND DETERMINE IF AND HOW THE CITY AND COUNTY MAY PURSUE A JOINTLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY; DIRECTING STAFF TO REVIEW THE LEGAL ISSUES AND OPTIONS THE CITY HAS IN CREATING A PUBLICLY-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY AND REPORT BACK TO THE GOVERNING BODY ON SUCH ISSUES AND OPTIONS. (JOHN ALEJANDRO) (Postponed at January 14, 2015 City Council Meeting)**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2015.

Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, noted a correction on page 29, Item 14, the sponsors were corrected in the caption so they read as follows: "Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Ives."

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Ives, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 14, 2015, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote with Mayor Gonzales, Councilors Dimas, Dominguez, Ives, Lindell, Maestas, Rivera and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion and none against.

9. PRESENTATIONS

- a) **MUCHAS GRACIAS – MONTE SERENO NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE COMMITTEE. (COUNCILOR BUSHEE)**

Porfirio Chavarria, Wildland Interface Specialist, Santa Fe Fire Department, said he has been working with all neighborhoods in Santa Fe to help them to become fire wise, or to become better prepared for a wildfire event. He said one neighborhood, the Monte Sereno neighborhood, has been working for the past 1 to 1½ years to become a firewise community, a national designation recognizing them for all their efforts in firewise in the community. He said they have removed approximately 20 tons of green waste,

dead branches and such, from their properties, and conducted an evacuation drill and other things to help their community to become more fire wise and prepared for wildfires.

Councilor Lindell, assisted by Porfirio Chavarria, presented Muchas Gracias certificates to the members of the Monte Sereno Neighborhood Fire Committee.

Greg Strick thanked the Governing Body for the recognition on behalf of the Monte Sol Fire Prevention Committee. He said they are excited to be able to represent the first firewise community in the City of Santa Fe. He said, "For the record, I'm the current Chair of the Committee, but Anita was the chair first year of the Committee, through this last November. And she and Porfirio Chavarria deserve a round of applause for picking this up in Summer 2013." They worked with the Fire Department in summer 2013 this past Summer with Office of Emergency Management, and Andrew Phelps.

Mr. Strick gave a brief overview and history of the work of this Committee. He said they believe they are setting an example which benefit our City at large in fire preparedness and in reacting to emergencies should a real hazard come our way. He said Firewise is a nationwide program and part of the National Fire Protection Association and it's designed to encourage local solutions to this kind of preparedness. The whole vision is to be prepared before a hazard really takes place, and they are really happy to be a part of that. He will be happy to work with other communities in the City of Santa Fe.

Mayor Gonzales said this reminds him of the reason Santa Fe is so special, when we have neighborhoods coming together to protect our community against wildland fires and other neighbors. He thanked them for their service. He thanked Mr. Chavarria, "as always who does a great job in his whole efforts to keep our community safe, and we are privileged to have him working with us.

b) SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD UPDATE (RICHARD DeMELLA)

Richard DeMella introduced Deacon Trujillo who will be presenting information in this regard.

Deacon Anthony Trujillo said he has been a member of this Board for 12 years, and has seen the incredible work done by these people who care about their community. The Sheriff's Department and someone from City PD have participated periodically. He asked the Governing Body to encourage law enforcement to attend these meetings and be a part of this process. He said they never have supported the idea of building more jails and just "lock them up and throw away the key." They are seeking alternatives to incarceration. He said this is one of 20 continuum sites in New Mexico which currently are funded by CYFD. They have acquired more than \$2 million in funding for the projects they have created.

Deacon Trujillo said one of the site visits he made was to the Chicago program which is really well funded. He said the difference between us is, although we still need funding, we do it the Santa Fe way and we provide our programs through partnering in the community. He said in the last two years there has been a brighter vision on the Board, which is the work of Richard DeMella and Chris Sanchez, Program Manager of the Youth and Family Services Division, who are teaming their respective units working

together, often working with the same people. He noted that Councilor Dimas has served as a member of the Board.

Deacon Trujillo said they form various subcommittees to do work, and the members of the subcommittee don't have to be on the board, but they must be chaired by a Board member.

Deacon Trujillo talked about the Intensive Community Monitoring, Day Reporting Program, and new last year is the Voices Program, Communities in Schools and Strengthening Families. He said, "We look at our young people, and we never give up on any of them, because we know at their very core, there is something good in all of them."

Deacon Trujillo asked Mary Lou Romero to introduce some of the young people with whom she works who have gone through the program.

Mary Louise Romero, Director, Intensive Community Monitoring, said she has the most amazing job in the world, and she gets to believe in kids when nobody else did. She said when she was 14 years old, Yolanda Vigil believed in her. She has been doing the ICM program for 17 years, and said she has worked with some amazing young people from whom she has learned as she guides, coaches and directs them in the program. Ms. Romero noted Felicia Trujillo was her intern and is going to be graduating from College, and she had an opportunity to serve our kids. She said she has invited some of the program participants to come and speak about their experiences.

Victoria Cantwell, Senior, Santa Fe High School, said during her Freshman year she was in the ICM program. She was supposed to be put into detention for 3 months before her Court date, and Mary Louise asked if she could be part of the program. She said she was a little dismissive in the beginning and didn't want to be a part of the justice system in any way. She said this is an amazing opportunity for people who are going through probation and just being in trouble in general, and the opportunity to see that there is someone who believes in you – for her that was Mary Louise. She said it was a very troubled time in her life for her at this point and she didn't have good connection with other issues in her life. It was an opportunity to have someone like Mary Louise to reach out to her. She said because she went through the program she talks about it to her peers and adults as well. It taught her to be a leader not a follower. She said she has been accepted to CSU, and has a scholarship of \$16,000 to continue her major in this field. She said 3 weeks ago they attended the Childrens Law Institute in Albuquerque, and during lunch she sat between two Judges, and she shared her experiences in this program. She said one of the Judges wants to implement this program in Las Cruces.

Felicia Trujillo said she was one of the students in one of Mary Louise's classes at Santa Fe High during her Junior and Senior year. She said the results of this program inspired her to go into the human services field. She said she was Mary Louise's intern last year, and spent a lot of time with her in the community and the schools, doing a lot of hands on work. It was an amazing experience to see the

transformation from start to finish. She said Mary Louise never gives up and she wants to be a person like her. She wants to see this program continue and to expand to other cities in the State.

Angeline Cubera said she is here to talk about the ICM. She was on probation which is how she met Mary Louise. She Mary Louise guided her and she appreciates that. She said if she had been thrown into detention she wouldn't have changed. She said this program really helped her a lot.

Mayor Gonzales said, "Victoria, Felicia and Angeline, what amazing courage it took to take time away from your day and come over here to talk to use and to advocate for continued support. I will say we are fortunate as a community to have people like Mary Louise and others who mentor, who take the time out of their very busy schedules and say to our youth, 'you matter,' because you do. And the truth is we need you to succeed..... because we want you to move into leadership positions and help others who need help. There are lots of really neat things about being Mayor Santa Fe, but special moments like this, to see our youth step and say we've overcome adversity, we've had the odds stacked against us, and we stood up to those odds and got through it and now we're ready to take on the world – makes me so proud to be Mayor of this town."

Mayor Gonzales continued, "And I want to say thank you for being here and for what you're doing, and let you know we have high hopes for you, and this community is standing by you, and we're to continue for all of your efforts and your peers. The one thing I want to tell you is what Victoria said this ability to use your voice to speak to your peers who feel like everything is stacked against them, and they want to separate and move away from the educational system or step back from a tough family situation – you've got to use them there are people that are ready to help you. And you know whose those people are, and certainly that responsibility now falls on you because you've been successful to use your voices to bring people in. So thank you very very much. Mary Louise, well it's awesome. I don't think they had to say what they said. All of us who know you know that you lead with your heart and your conviction. And what a great job to have when you wake up in the morning excited about going and influencing the youth of our town. So thank you, well done."

Councilor Dominguez thanked Richard DeMella for his work, as well as Deacon Trujillo for his service to the community and to the Board members for caring about our at risk youth that need as much assistance that we, as a community can give them. He asked Mr. DeMella to thank them "for me and for the Governing Body."

Councilor Dominguez continued, "Mary Louise you and I go back a long way. I've always said that if the world had twice the Mary Louises, the world would be a much better place. Thank you for your work and for caring about this community. From an organizational standpoint, this is the first time I've seen both the Children and Youth Commission and the Juvenile Justice Board working hand-in-hand. And no longer is that demographic who has the loudest voice getting a majority of the benefits and attention. We are making that shift, which speaks to the alignment you are making in terms of providing services to our youth."

Councilor Dominguez continued, "And finally, I would say, if this community in general spent half the energy that we spend on time like public banking, making sure our environment is clean and all those other things that we get petitions for all of the time, very important things and important to this community and its people, but if we spent ½ the time caring about and paying attention to our young people, this community would be leaps and bounds above any other community . It's that kind of energy, attention and time that people spend on those issues that we need for children and youth issues as well."

Councilor Dominguez continued, "So, I think we are moving in the right direction. Mayor, thank you very much again for your support. To the young ladies, the Mayor was right, it takes a lot of courage to come up here and tell your story. And so I'm not going to tell you my story, because it will take too long. Thank you."

Councilor Dimas said, "I had the opportunity to work with them, not recently, but what an incredible outstanding group of people on the Board who are so dedicated to our youth of Santa Fe. And I never knew anything about the Juvenile Justice Board until I got on the Board. I can say that Richard runs a pretty tight ship and does an outstanding job. And Richard, thank you for allowing me to be part of that. And Mary Louise, we go back a long ways, many years. What an incredible lady. This lady has worked through everything that could possibly happen to her and she has risen right to the top and done an incredible job with our youth here in Santa Fe. And there's one particular young lady that I want to recognize, and that's Felicia. Felicia was an incredible young lady, and I knew the problems Felicia was going through when she was in high school. I was Felicia's head basketball coach at Santa Fe High School, and I can tell you she's an outstanding person. She overcame a lot during that period of time. I think basketball helped her and she exemplifies what can happen when somebody like Mary Louise comes into their life and really helps them to rise above. And I am so proud of you, because you have done such a great job. Congratulations."

Mayor Gonzales said just because you don't see us, doesn't mean your City doesn't care, and if you need something, every single one of us is accessible. You just let your friends know. Any one of these Councilors, I know, will make themselves available to listen, learn, understand, and hopefully we can continue to be strong advocates.

Mr. DeMella said not only are the Children and Youth Commission and the Board working together..... we've taken kids over to Fire Department Station #2 to see the museum. They love it. They're starting to do wrap-around services. The City of Santa Fe is part of the continuum of care in the State, noting we are the primary site because we're actually getting things accomplished in our community. He said they also want to work with the Arts Commission, because a lot of kids in their programs like to do art, and he doesn't have the funding to do it. He said, "What the City of Santa provides is service to these kids. And I want to make that very clear to everybody. Chris and myself are trying to work with our Arts Commission and the Fire Department which is doing a great job, so they're going to start bringing people on board, so if you hear through the grapevine that's what's going on – that's what's going on. Thank you very much."

c) CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE. (CHRIS SANCHEZ)

A copy of *City of Santa Fe Children and Youth Commission Ends/Results Framework*, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Mayor Gonzales noted Ms. Lefrak received an award from the Arts Commission this year. He said, "Part of why I'm so excited about her being the Chair of the Youth Commission, is exactly what Richard indicated, which is a strong desire to connect art to the development of our youth in ways that allow them to be successful in our community."

Joanne Lefrak, Chair, Children and Youth Commission, presented information regarding the Youth Commission, and said Chris Sanchez is here with us who is the staff liaison to the Commission as well as Katie Dry, a member of the Commission. She said her focus is on the arts and birth to career pathways for the children and youth of the community.

Ms. Lefrak provided a brief history, noting Santa Fe was one of the first cities in the nation to legislate ongoing financial support for children and youth program provided by non-profit organizations. In 1989 seed funding of \$25,000 was obtained from the Federal Community Development Block Grant for a children and youth planner position. The fund and the Commission were established by Resolution in 1989, and formalized by Ordinance in 1998. Ms. LeFrak said in the 2014-2015 FY, \$1 million was awarded to 36 local community organizations and public school programs, noting they have some exciting new initiatives as a commission.

Ms. Lefrak continued, "Two years ago, the question was asked how we assess the programs we fund. We are very excited to report that the Children & Youth Commission is moving really efficiently and effectively in the development of a results based accountability system, and that consists of three steps. The first step was to strategically align the Commission with the desired results and ends, so the conditions of well being, identify key indicators to measure those conditions of well being, and then identify the goal areas. So we, as a Commission did a strategic planning process. And then we met with all of the non-profit organizations that the Children & Youth Commission funds to elicit their feedback regarding the ends framework with indicators so we could incorporate those suggestions as well."

Ms. Lefrak continued, "The second step was to look at our RFP and RFP evaluation tools and have that match, what we determined in our strategic planning and the key indicators and the goal areas. And step three is to develop and implement a data tracking system at the community level for grantees and their output reporting system to our Commission to evaluate the impact each grantee is having, based on our desired results and ends. So, in basic language, how do we turn the curve on major problems within our community, issues that are facing our children and youth, how do we know that the programs are having impact and how do we help our nonprofit organizations in collecting data and assessing that."

Ms. Lefrak continued, "So step one was completed in 2013 when we met as a Commission to do the strategic plan. And step two was completed in 2014 where we reevaluated our RFP. And currently, we're working on step three where we can help our organizations collect that data we need to determine how we're doing in our community and how we can better serve children and youth."

Ms. Lefrak continued, "So those are our biggest and newest initiatives and we have lots of additional initiatives that I'll have Chris Sanchez talk about."

Chris Sanchez reviewed the information in Exhibit "2." Please see Exhibit "2" for specifics of this presentation.

Mr. Sanchez said they are excited to be partnered with the Regional Juvenile Justice Board in many ways, and to align some of the programs we both have and to have those services provided, and to look strategically at how do they work from the cradle to the career which also covers those kids coming out of incarceration. Their goal is to be sure there are transition plans for each one of the kids so they have a successful reintegration into the population.

Mr. Sanchez said one of their programs is the Bridge Academy which was successful, noting they worked with 16 agencies and the Public Schools and referred kids to these programs where they would receive education with the wrap-around approach and successfully integrated back into the public school system with a 99% success rate. They are working on the Mayor's Campaign for youth, the Words to Career Collaborative, early childhood steering committee, currently working with the Daily Reporting Program and are working on a wrap-around approach for that program.

Mayor Gonzales said, "We're lucky to have Chris at the City and the passion you bring everyday." He commended the Youth Commission on focusing on outcome based grants, so people have to think about what they are going to do for you, how that will be measured, the ultimate outcome and how it ties to a broader community goal. He said it's great we've moving from being a City which is transaction based to trying to make sure we're moving the needle in critical areas. He noted tomorrow they are holding the second meeting of Children, Youth and Family Community Cabinet which is made up of community funders that focus on investing in core initiatives here at the City to create better alignment and make sure there is more money going into areas where our youth needs it and there is more collaboration. "So, good job on that and thanks for your leadership."

Councilor Dominguez thanked Mr. Sanchez for his work, commenting it is great to see the progress the Commission has made, noting this is the first time we're going to have data to be able to measure the successes of these programs. There has been a shift in the level of service and who is getting served by our Commission as well. He asked, "Given the shifting demographics our community has, the City has some vacant land in Tierra Contenta, what do you see as a possibility for that and how can the Commission help with that."

Mr. Sanchez said when you look at the demographics you know most of the kids have moved toward the deep end of the south side. There is a huge need for a center where kids can hang out, and have resources such as job skills and interview skills, immigration services. He said if we could focus as a whole on developing a very high grade type of program within that area it would be very beneficial and would help turn the needle on a lot of the things we're facing in the community as we speak.

Councilor Dominguez said at one time the City increased the allocation to the Commission by 1%. He said, "Not that there's any money we can use, but if we if were to see this increase revenue, I would like to see funding go to the Commission to make sure we take care of those young people that are most vulnerable. I would like to see us contemplate increasing that allocation."

Mayor Gonzales said that is an opportunity for the Children, Youth and Family Community Cabinet to lay out the vision Mr. Sanchez talked about, the investment in a teen center and wrap around services that ultimately would happen there. There are a number of people who are looking for how they can invest in our youth, and I think going straight into Tierra Contenta and City property is at the top. Hopefully we can drive that discussion with the community through that effort.

Councilor Maestas thanked Ms. Lefrak and Mr. Sanchez for their presentation. He said in 2013 Mr. Sanchez shared with him an assessment on the needs for youth, and he realized quickly that \$1.2 million is just scratching the surface, and it's going to be ambitious to create metrics to move the needle given the scale and depth of the issues. He said the City has been a very generous government, and we are really doing some high impact beneficial things for the youth. He believes in this program. He said he echoes what Councilor Dominguez said, and he would like to see the funding stream stabilized so you are guaranteed a baseline amount. He said perhaps we could come up with a running average so you are guaranteed a baseline amount, and hopefully we can explore that during the budget. He thinks they can do their jobs better if they know the minimum funding they will receive to implement these great programs. He said there is nothing in here about childhood hunger and addressing that. He asked if they are relying on the Schools or other programs outside the Commission to do that. He said, "If you have the opportunity to revisit your strategic plan that you look specifically at addressing childhood hunger in partnership with the schools."

Mr. Sanchez said absolutely, noting they work closely with The Food Depot which provides a lot of the food for the children and that can be included as one of the metrics.

Councilor Rivera said he has heard so many people say tonight that the passion that Chris and Richard have their jobs is amazing, and the youth of the City are lucky to have both of you in there. He has met with them and both are excited about what you do, and he thanked them for that. He said recently the Governing Body adopted a Resolution asking the IT Department to look at refurbishing old computers and giving them free of charge to our youth. He had asked the IT Department to reach out to Ms. Rodriguez. He asked if they have reached out to them and if not, asked him to touch base with Renee Martinez in IT to see if we can be of service in that way.

Mr. Sanchez said Terrie has been in discussions with the IT Director, and he believes there is a plan in place and he can follow up with that.

Councilor Rivera said our City staff are very excited about the ability to be able to really do something for our youth as well, and said, "I think whatever you ask of them, they would probably find a way to get it done. So thanks again."

CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Councilor Trujillo said he inadvertently didn't pull Items 10(q) and (t) for discussion from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Gonzales asked Ms. Vigil how to do this since the Consent Calendar already has been approved.

Ms. Vigil said another motion would be needed to amend the agenda to include these as part of the items that were removed from the consent calendar.

Responding to the Mayor, Ms. Brennan said it is a reconsideration of the agenda.

Councilor Rivera said staff comes to the Council meetings, and once the Consent Calendar is approved, staff leaves if their item isn't removed.

Councilor Trujillo said he needs to disclose on Item 10(q) that he works for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and there is no conflict of interest, and apologized for the oversight.

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to reconsider the previous approval of the Consent Calendar, to remove Items 10(q) and 10(t) for discussion, and to approve the Agenda as amended.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Dominguez understands that Councilor Trujillo doesn't need staff, but if approved, we are going these items for discussion and he wants to make sure the appropriate staff is here for that discussion.

Mr. Snyder said, "The appropriate staff are not here. They were at the beginning of the Council meeting."

Mr. Trujillo said, "John Alejandro is right there."

Councilor Dominguez said, "That may not be all the appropriate staff."

Mayor Gonzales asked, "Is this the staff that includes the...."

Mr. Snyder said, "I do not see Leroy Pacheco in the audience and John is here for 10(t), but Leroy Pacheco is not here for 10(q)."

Councilor Dominguez said, "I understand, again that Councilor Trujillo doesn't need staff, but if we are going to open for discussion, I think it behooves us to make sure that we have appropriate staff here to answer all the questions that we might have. I'll be voting against the motion."

VOTE: The motion failed to pass on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Councilor Dimas, Councilor Lindell and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Ives, Councilor Maestas and Councilor Rivera.

Councilor Trujillo said, "Point of order on 10(q). I'll just state that I work for the Department of Transportation, and I want that read into the record, because I don't want any Councilor coming back to me and saying it was conflict for me working for with me working for the Department of Transportation. So how do I go about that Kelley."

Ms. Brennan said, "I agree that effectively you have voted for the matter, and you would not have recused yourself. I think the record can note the error, and you can make the statement you usually make which is that while you work with the Department of Transportation you are not involved in this area and do not believe there is any conflict involved."

Councilor Trujillo said, "That's true and there is no conflict."

10(i) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF A PUBLIC BANK INITIATIVE FOR CITY OF SANTA FE; BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC. (KATE NOBLE)**

Disclosure: Mayor Gonzales said, "Thank you for pointing that out. I do have to disclose that I am on the Board of Regents, of New Mexico State University. New Mexico State University has a consulting arm known as Arrowhead Consulting. What's a little tough on this is that I've been an advocate for us pursuing this next level of study when it comes to a public bank, knowing the important role that it could play in our economy in helping small business. But we've gotten to a point here in this process that there is a conflict with me voting on the contract, so I want to recuse myself from any discussions involving the contract and this issue of the public bank. So with that, I will step away and turn it over to Councilor Ives."

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives assumed the duties of the Chair.

Councilor Trujillo said he doesn't want a presentation. Councilor Trujillo said, "I just want to clarify this. I pulled this off because I will be voting no on this. Over the years we passed \$50,000 here, \$50,000 here, \$100,000 here, and I guess I'm getting tired of it that we're spending all of this taxpayer money on studies [*inaudible*] and it's going to take a million dollars to do this and this much time, and yet I can see what will happen. The years and years go by and still nothing significant has happened. I'm an elected official and I feel I need to be responsible for your money and not just throw it out there. There's been a lot of things that you have been throwing a lot of money at, and I can't do it anymore. I understand what public banking can do. I understand the concept, keeping money in this community, we use that money to foot for infrastructure, and that's something I would love to see. But I also would like to see the buildings, I would like to see the streets, I would like to see the sidewalks – they've really not been taken care of, because the money hasn't been there."

Councilor Trujillo continued, "But what I see right now is we're looking at a deficit which I talked about to our Finance Director. The City is in deficit right now, and they're just stacking another \$50,000, another \$50,000. There's still a few months left in the fiscal year. How much more are you going to put the City into debt. I'm not ready to do that right now. I don't have a problem with this maybe coming back somewhere down the line if the money is there, when we revisit our finances next year. I understand what this can do. But right now, I personally, in my conscience, can't do this. We've gone down this road before. We've had deficits. We've even looked at property taxes at one point. These are things I don't really want to think about doing, but at this point in time, I'm, not ready to support this. So I will be voting no, and I just wanted the public to understand where I'm coming from."

Councilor Dominguez said, "I don't believe this is really adding to the deficit, but before I say that, contrary to Councilor Trujillo's statement, I want to ask a couple of questions. This is money that has already been budgeted for in Economic Development."

Ms. Noble said, "That's correct and it is from the Economic Development Fund which is an enterprise fund separate from the General Fund."

Councilor Dominguez said, "So that mean it's restricted. We can't use this money for parks or for streets or for anything else like that. It's not as restricted as some funds, but it's a relatively restricted fund."

Ms. Noble said, "That's correct. Economic development can sometimes be broadly defined, but this is restricted to uses of economic development."

Councilor Dominguez said, "So in essence, when we voted for the budget, we kind of voted for this allocation already."

Ms. Noble said, "That's correct."

Councilor Dominguez said, "So again, we're not taking from one fund to another to do this. We're not increasing the deficit that exists from year to year, correct Brian, because it's already been funded and it's been funded through the budget process."

Mr. Snyder said, "That's correct."

Councilor Dominguez said, "That to me is pretty important to know, because although I agree we need to spend our money wisely, this is not something that is being reallocated, we're not taking from 'Peter to pay Paul,' and I think it's money well spent. Because when you talk about all those things besides improving our infrastructure and the obvious fact that the fed doesn't exist anymore, I'm looking for opportunities like this to get rid of things like predatory lending and all these other things that the system has in place that dwells on those most vulnerable people of our community. I think it's money well spent, and it isn't increasing the deficit. And so I just wanted to make that point. I'll be supporting it."

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Lindell, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maestas said, "Santa Fe is a home rule city. It is the most participatory form of government. And the intent of being a home rule city is to maximize local self government. And should public banking be deemed as feasible and have potential and proper applicability to Santa Fe, then I think that's just going to further advance the whole intent of being a home rule city. And that's to help us realize our own future. And we passed a Resolution back in 2014, wanting staff to investigate the feasibility and this is the next logical, pragmatic step. And I think the Mayor even reiterated he doesn't want to jump head-first into this. He thinks we need to take deliberate, logical pragmatic approaches. I think this proposal to really fully and in great depth investigate the feasibility and potential of public banking is, I think in total order. And I agree this is a budget neutral action request. It is budgeted and used as intended, so I too will support this."

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas and Councilor Rivera.

Against: Councilor Trujillo and Councilor Dimas.

Recused: Mayor Gonzales

- 10(j) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – 2014 MEDIX TYPE III FORD E350 AMBULANCE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT; SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE SALES, LLC. (JAN SNYDER)**
 - 1) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – STATE FIRE PROTECTION FUND.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives said he pulled this item to ask a question. He said, "In 2014, the Council passed a Resolution directing that any purchases of vehicles by the City consider fuel economy and other issues of that sort. And in looking through the packet, I couldn't discern whether or not that was the case, or whether a determination was made that that was something that didn't make sense in this instance. So on that limited appoint, I'm just looking for a response."

Jan Snyder, Assistant Chief said, "The Fire Department recently started buying dual fuel gas or diesel GMC vehicles as far as utility vehicles. The indications with the fire apparatus and the ambulance apparatus is that the manufacturers haven't caught up with the technology, and you can just run it on the chassis, like a pickup truck. Not that it doesn't exist, it just doesn't exist in a form that we can use in an economic package. So it would be a lot more money. So hopefully in the future they'll come around and start doing that. We did switch from diesel to gas engines a few years ago for numerous reasons, and now we're benefitting from the lower price of gasoline than diesel, but was because of the reliability of gas over diesel engines and we were getting as good or better fuel mileage, and then the price of gasoline did go down. So we did look at it. It's really caught up in the passenger vehicles and pickup trucks. Fire and EMS, it just hasn't gotten to the point where it's packaged that way, but we have looked into it."

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives said he appreciates that, and what he suspected to be the case. He said, "We passed that Resolution for a reason. So I'm hoping that, and I look at Robert in the audience, that as we consider any vehicle request, as part of that review, we will have something in our Memo about having looked at that Resolution we passed to make sure we're considering that in our vehicle purchases and just giving that due consideration as called for by the Governing Body."

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales.

10(I) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10 (COUNCILOR MAESTAS AND COUNCILOR BUSHEE). A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER. (KEN SMITHSON)

Disclosure: Councilor Trujillo said, "Being that this is a contract with the New Mexico Department of Transportation, as always, I state I do work for the New Mexico Department of Transportation, I do not work within this section, so there is no conflict of approval."

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales.

10(n) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11 (COUNCILOR LINDELL, COUNCILOR BUSHEE AND COUNCILOR MAESTAS). A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM. (KEN SMITHSON)

Councilor Trujillo said, "I state that I work for the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and there is no conflict of interest."

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Rivera, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

**11. DISCUSSION ON FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE HOTLINE TIMELINE IMPLEMENTATION.
(LIZA KERR)**

A copy of the proposed materials for the Hotline are incorporated herewith collectively to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Ms. Kerr said the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline is ready to implement, and she is looking for City Council approval for the making materials, and to answer any questions you might have about it.

Councilor Rivera thanked Ms. Kerr for all of her hard work on this project over the last 1½ years, and said it is something he thinks will do well for our City. It gives our employees on the front line the ability to call anonymously and report issues of fraud, waste and abuse. He hopes we see some good results from this, and looks forward to what we get after a year in reports. He thanked the Governing Body and Ms. Kerr for their support on this effort.

Councilor Maestas said he thinks the missing component is having a transparent, independent investigative element to this. He wants to make sure we have that component. He said previous legislation asked that staff consider the feasibility of creating an Inspector General position. He asked Kelly Brennan for an update on the status of an independent Inspector General.

Kelley Brennan said, "We have drafted an ordinance. I have some concerns before signing off on it with regard to potential conflicts with other ordinances, some Charter provisions and the CBAs. I think those can be resolved. We are going to identify funding because essentially when this Council discussed it, we agreed to a modest beginning with a forensic auditor within the internal audit department, that after some studying and seeing how the fraud, waste, abuse hotline generated material, and how there was an independent..... what turned up from the independent study of this position, we would be able to graduate to a full I.G. Of course, it's a new position and so we're looking for some kind of funding or some kind of plan that will advance the ball toward that ultimate goal."

Councilor Maestas said all of the building blocks are in place, with the exception of the investigative component. He said, "I realize that cost is always an issue, but when you think about the impact this can have in its entirety to creating good government, better government, I think it would be money well spent. So I ask my colleagues to be open-minded, when the Ordinance comes to you."

Councilor Rivera thanked Ms. Kerr for using City employees in the brochure and materials, and makes it feel like it is part of Santa Fe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives added his thanks for bringing this forward. He said, "Just a brief note in response to Councilor Maestas, I certainly would join, especially in trying to put in place a forensic auditor on the audit staff, especially to do programmatic audits as Lisa has a very busy schedule on a 3 year cycle, if memory serves correct, auditing all the departments across the City. Those aren't necessarily fully programmatic audits in nature, and so I agree there is very much a hole there and I would love to see us implement that first stage and hopefully we can take that up as part of our current budget as we get into

budgeting. I certainly join you in that, and I would love to see the results and then make that assessment, whether an I.G. is necessary.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives said in addition to staff, many people participated in this effort including Mary Tapia, Karen Fiorina, Gilbert Martinez, Maria Clokey, Matt Ross, Hazeldine Romero, [inaudible], and “we owe them a hand of thanks in bringing this forward.”

12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12 (COUNCILOR MAESTAS, AND COUNCILOR IVES, AND COUNCILOR RIVERA). A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION, HOUSE BILL 111 (“HB 111”), RELATING TO UTILITIES – PROVIDING FOR SHARED RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES TO QUALIFY AS DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES; REQUIRING INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION, CONNECTION AND OPERATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR OPERATING TERRITORIES. (JOHN ALEJANDRO)

John Alejandro presented an overview of the bill from the Legislative Summary and the proposed Resolution which are in the Council packet, noting this bill enables community solar programs throughout the State, including facilities within investor owned utilities services districts throughout the State.

Councilor Rivera asked to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolution.

MOTION: Councilor Maestas moved, seconded by Councilor Lindell, to adopt Resolution 2015-12.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales.

13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13 (COUNCILOR IVES AND COUNCILOR LINDELL). A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION, HOUSE BILL 44 (HB 44) – CREATION OF THE FIREARM TRANSFER ACT. (MELISSA BYERS)

Melissa Byers provided an overview of this Resolution from the Legislative Summary and the Resolution which are in the Council packet, noting on page 1, beginning on line 19, the bill is designed to require a prospective recipient of a firearm at a gun show to undergo a background check by a federal firearms licensee; allow a reasonable fee for service; provide an exception to the background check requirement; provide immunity in certain situations; prohibit a registry of firearm transfer or ownership;

provide an exception to the Inspection of Public Records Act. She said on page 2 of the Resolution it continues with requirements, noting it is a very detailed bill.

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales.

Councilor Ives thanked the members of the audience who have been so faithful in attending all of the gun related, gun safety issues which have come before the Council, noting, "Miranda, we recognized you recently for all of your good work and it is great to always have the support of you and the gun safety advocacy folks around our City, trying to help us find ways to ensure that we have strong gun safety measures in place. Thank you again for your continued leadership."

14. **REQUEST TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2015: BILL NO. 2015-4: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND JET CENTER AT SANTA FE REAL ESTATE, LLC, FOR THREE PARCELS OF CITY-OWNED LAND TOTALING 2.77 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE SANTA FE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIXED BASE OPERATION SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES (COUNCILOR IVES). (JON BULTHUIS)**
- a) **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT – DEVELOPMENT OF FIXED BASE OPERATION SERVICES AT SANTA FE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; JET CENTER AT SANTA FE REAL ESTATE, LLC. (JON BULTHUIS)**

Jon Bulthuis noted this is a request to publish this Ordinance, noting the Airport Advisory Board voted to give conceptual approval of this request at its last meeting. He said if it is approved this evening, it will go before the Airport Advisory Board at its meeting on February 5, 2015. It will then go through the City Council Committees beginning with Public Works, Finance and then ultimately back to the City Council for a public hearing on February 25, 2015.

Councilor Dominguez said this is a Request to Publish, noting there was a request to publish earlier on the Consent Agenda, and he asked the reason these aren't being presented in the same manner.

Ms. Brennan said, "This is on discussion because it did not go through the Committee process. It is only a request to advertise, but nevertheless, typically, we would put it on Discussion under the circumstances. And I would note that Item 14(a) travels with the Request to Publish, but you're not approving anything tonight except the advertisement of the item. You're not approving the lease. That will go through the process as Jon describes, and come before you for a vote on the twenty-fifth.

Councilor Dominguez said, "That clarifies it. We'll continue to go through the public process, but it's been noticed to the public."

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Lindell, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ives asked Ms. Vigil if further action will be needed on this Resolution, and Ms. Vigil said no.

15. MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

There were no matters from the City Manager.

16. MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT, §10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, DISCUSSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION IN WHICH THE CITY OF SANTA FE IS A PARTICIPANT, QWEST CORPORATION V. CITY OF SANTA FE, CASE NO. 14-2008, IN THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH DISTRICT. (KELLEY BRENNAN)

Disclosure: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives said, "I would note that this is a matter I've recused myself from. And so, let me turn the reigns over to Councilor Dominguez, if I could, and I will step out for purposes of this discussion."

MOTION: Councilor Rivera moved, seconded by Councilor Maestas, that the Council go into Executive Session for discussion regarding pending litigation in which the City of Santa Fe is a participant, *Qwest Corporation v. City of Santa Fe*, Case No. 14-2008, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth District, in accordance with §10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following roll call vote:

For: Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Mayor Gonzales

Recused: Mayor Pro-Tem Ives

The Council went into Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: At approximately 7:00 p.m., Councilor Rivera moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, that the City Council come out of Executive Session and stated that the only items which were discussed in executive session were those items which were on the agenda, and no action was taken.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following roll call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Abstain: Councilor Ives.

17. ACTION REGARDING QWEST CORPORATION V. CITY OF SANTA FE, CASE NO. 14-2008, IN THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH DISTRICT. (KELLEY BRENNAN)

MOTION: Councilor Rivera moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to instruct the City Attorney to take final action consistent with the discussion held during the Executive Session.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Recused: Councilor Ives.

*Mayor Gonzales exercised the discretion of the Chair and
with consensus approval of the Governing Body
moved Items #18 and #19 to the end of the Evening Agenda*

END OF AFTERNOON SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 7:05 P.M.

EVENING SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Evening Session was called to order by Mayor Javier M. Gonzales, at approximately 7:05 p.m. Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
Councilor Peter N. Ives, Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilor Bill Dimas
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Signe I. Lindell
Councilor Joseph M. Maestas
Councilor Christopher M. Rivera
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

Members Excused

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

Others Attending

Brian K. Snyder, City Manager
Kelley A. Brennan, City Attorney
Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk
Melessia Helberg, Council Stenographer

F. PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A copy of a packet of information entered for the record by Mariel Nanasi, New Energy Economy is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4."

Gloria Mendoza said, "I haven't been here for a while, so I just want to say hello to all of you. I came for two things to petition you. I think I'm a little late for one of them because I thought it was going to be a public hearing, and my question is don't you guys have anything better to do. I'm talking about the \$50,000 study for public banking. You could have thrown that \$50,000 to the Santa Fe Recovery to get more beds for all the addicts you have in Santa Fe, but you seem to ignore that fact, even though we've been before you about that. You could use the \$50,000 for the homeless shelter that you're trying to close down. Public Banking. I talked to some people about it today here in Santa Fe, and they thought it's just all about power, and the City having control of everything, including our money now."

Ms. Mendoza continued, "Do you know what banking does. And if the City were to take over, you would have a board for the banking, or commission or whatever you call them, all politicians. Who would get the loans. Whoever the politicians said it would be. Do you think we're dumb. Why would we want you to have anything to do with our money and to know people's business in Santa Fe. Why. If we wanted public banking, you would have people who have lived here all their lives coming and asking you for public banking, not people who are just coming in to make money. \$50,000. \$50,000 to help people who are addicted to heroin and meth. You have a guy selling meth out of a van. And with that, before you make a decision about public banking, although you already spent our tax dollars, I don't like my tax dollars going in there for studies. How many people do you have, Mayor, that work with the City of Santa Fe that have degrees. Why can't they do the study. Why do you always have to pay somebody thousands of dollars to do studies. I could probably do it myself, and I'm only a high school graduate. I could do a study."

Ms. Mendoza continued, "And that takes me to the second thing. I know it was not under your administration, Mayor. It was under Coss. I asked for a room at the Convention Center to hold a meeting that we had about drugs. I think Chris was there, who else was there. Dimas was there. It was one of the most educational meetings that anybody could go to. We didn't have a lot of people from Santa Fe. And they threw us out to the south side, like, okay, you want to talk about drugs, go to the south side, that's where all the addicts are. I'm sorry, but you have just as many addicts on the east side. So we didn't get people to go to educate themselves and to help them know there are resources for their children, because most of the addicts in Santa Fe are young people. That's why I didn't even like the bringing out the night life in Santa Fe. It's just enabling these people to be out at night and doing this stuff."

Ms. Mendoza continued, "But besides that, because I want a room at the Convention Center because I want to have another community meeting on drugs, and I want to have it on this side. You know, Mayor Coss, he thinks I'm a pendeja, or maybe it was his way of paying me back for being here at City Council meetings. You're not going to throw me out to the south side again. I helped pay for that Convention Center with my tax dollars, and I want to use it. Do you know what really made me mad. I was furious, I think I broke something at my house. I threw it on the floor, because I got the paper maybe two minutes later and little cutie, Chris Calvert, he got a room. And you know what he was talking about. Plastic bags. That was more important than drugs. Let's talk about plastic bags. Open up the whole Convention Center. Well I want a room there, and Mayor Gonzales, I'm going to make an appointment with you, and I would like for you to give me a decision on whether I get a room there or not. Because if I don't, I'm going to start protesting."

Mayor Gonzales thanked Ms. Mendoza for being here.

Ms. Mendoza said, "Mayor, by the way, I haven't been coming over here, because I guess you're doing a good job. You haven't given me a reason to come except for tonight."

David McQuarie, 2997 Calle Cerrada, said tonight he comes here to pose a question to, and it

relates to your morality. He said, "I considers the Councilors here to be of good moral character and judgment, that's why I'm going to pose it to you. I've posed it before to staff and got nowhere. [inaudible]. The question is on the overlay of roads, you're supposed to provide access at all intersections. They don't, and the reason they don't provide them for people with disabilities. You can't make decisions that is not safe. My question is why you don't, [STENOGRAPHER'S NOTE: At this time the remote microphone was cutting out and all of Mr. McQuarie's remarks are inaudible]. This is a moral question for you: Why can't the disabled cross the road like everyone else. There are 6 inch curbs stopping me. That's a barrier. You can step over it. The engineer said that's because [inaudible] mobility device and can segregate them. Since when. And I have that in writing. Thank you."

Mariel Nanasi, Executive Director, New Energy Economy Director New Energy Economy, said, "I'm also a lawyer and I've just spent the last 3 weeks and 2 days on the PNM replacement power case. And I just wanted to update you on some of the things I learned. If you remember, when you all voted unanimously to approved PNM's Replacement Power Plan, PNM came in here with a stack of papers, and they put their hands on the stack, almost like it was a bible and they said, trust us, we've got the lowest cost portfolio. And that portfolio is mostly buying more coal, no nuclear, some gas and a little bit of solar. And I think that, and the stranded assets they're asking for is \$257 million is what they're currently still asking, and that's what's pending before the PRC."

Ms. Nanasi said, "And what I wanted to tell you is, not only in the last year, but in the last 3 weeks we have uncovered a whole bunch of information that I feel like is really important to share with you all. One of those things is that there was a billion worth of mistakes that PNM admitted to, and I actually have a copy of part of the transcript to tender to you [Exhibit "4"]. And in addition to that, what we learned was when California [inaudible] and Tri-State said we're going to get out of the San Juan Coal Plant, there was what was known as 197 MW of unwanted coal shares. And so PNM first in their application, said we will take 78 MW, and First Utah, a municipal utilities association, said we'll take 54 MW, Farmington said we'll take 65 MW. But then First Utah said, you know on second thought, we really don't want to buy more coal at this time. Not in this plant. So then PNM changed their application before the PRC and said, instead of 78 MW, we want 132 MW, but don't worry, we're not going to charge you any more money."

Ms. Nanasi continued, "And Farmington, maybe you have known, just about 10 days ago said we don't want the MW either. And I have a copy that Farmington sent to PNM and the other owners. And what they said in that was, (A) the plant is unreliable, (B) there are alternate generation resources that are available and we want to take advantage of it. And I just want you to know that the Farmington City Council voted to invest in solar and gas. And so, as a result of that, one Wall Street analyst downgraded PNM's stock."

Ms. Nanasi continued, "And I'm just going to ask if I can approach and give you the rest of this material. I just want you to know yesterday and it says today in this document, but yesterday the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Water Authority also filed their opposition to PNM's Plan. So now there are 8 major

entities in opposition to PNM's Plan. Only 3 remain. And so I wanted to give you the information and I ask if I can please approach and tender that to you."

Mayor Gonzales said, "Could you provide it to the Clerk and that way she can make sure it gets entered into the record."

Ms. Nanasi said, "The top one has the whole everything in it, and then there are just portions."

Mayor Gonzales said, "I will ask her to make copies for each of the Councilors and then to make sure it's part of our record."

Ms. Nanasi said, "I thank you. And of course to any of you, to all of you, if want any more information I would be happy to discuss it with you, but thank you very much for listening."

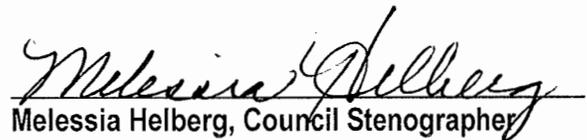
**VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT
OF THE REQUESTED PORTION OF PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR, ITEM #F
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2015**

STEPHANIE BENINATO:

I have a few things I want to comment on. I too am disappointed that there isn't a public hearing on the financing of a study for the public bank. I thought that would have been appropriate. It seems from letters in the paper that people really misunderstand what this bank would do. They think an individual can come in and get a loan. If it's anything like the proposal that Brian Egolf approached with, it's a bank for the banks. It's not a bank for individuals. And certainly fees, fines and taxes are not going to go to support the bank. And I've seen several letters with this misinformation *[inaudible]*. And I think the City is wasting time like it was wasting money, like it wasted \$50,000 for The Bachelor, which we find has virtually no scenes of Santa Fe, but virtually everywhere else but Santa Fe. In terms of the *[inaudible]* conservation, etc., I too am opposed to PNM's use of coal and having worked at the Legislature as an analyst for the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I can't tell you how many Navajo people came in to tell the Legislature about the health problems that they suffer up in that area that 2-4 times higher than the rest of the State. However, we at the City need to be much more conservative with our use of energy. So just because we put solar panels up doesn't mean that the doors should be left open at recreational facilities, especially in pool areas, when it's 10 degrees, 30 degrees out. I observed this part August and just recently again, where Parks workers are moving their cars. Recently you had two people with

snow blowers and now shovels which seems an energy waste to me, removing snow from City sidewalks outside Genoveva Chavez And their truck was there running. They were there on that sidewalk working for over 20 minutes. Last August I came to Salvador Perez Pool, and saw a truck with the engine running, keys in it, window down and nobody around at all. I thought about jumping in the truck and driving it around the corners so when the person came out they would panic. I didn't do that. But I did go into the facility because I saw another truck with somebody in it that too was running, saw some guy coming out, Park worker. I said, oh is that your truck. Oh no, my coworker's in the truck. This guy and I can tell you the truck number, 52444. There was somebody on their break standing there for at least 15 minutes talking to his friend, and he was pointed out to me. So I went up to him and talked about it and said I thought about driving it around the corner. He said it wouldn't have mattered, it's insured. So Mayor, if that's the attitude of City workers, being unconcerned about wasting energy and they're unconcerned about the safety of their own vehicles. So I think there needs to be some kind of training program, education program that would help people be a little more conscious of a waste of resources. And the last thing I'm going to bring up and I'm going to be very short, is that I have been doing public records requests and there are problems with expenses. There is a person, employee who's the head of the Division and has, I don't know, 32-34 years of experience in government. And at least 3 times has given me evasive or information that is not at all responsive to my question, including summaries of records. It's a public records request. And not only is that person giving me summaries of records, but the custodian of the public records which is not as we know, is sending those responses to me, rather than going back to that person and saying, this is not a public record. We actually need the records. When I pressed on the record and I pressed for the record, it seems that, oh well it really wasn't responsive to your question, which is why I wanted the record, because I knew it was not going to be responsive, because the street I was asking about was west and this just didn't designate east or west and so I was just pretty sure I was just being jerked around, once again, by the City and the Public Records. Thank you.

I certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the requested portion of Petitions From The Floor, Item #F, City Council Meeting, January 28, 2015


Melessia Helberg, Council Stenographer

G. APPOINTMENTS

Occupancy Tax Advisory Board

Mayor Gonzales made the following appointment to the Occupancy Tax Advisory Board:

Paul Margetson, Chair (Lodging Industry) – Reappointment – term ending 02/2017;
Victoria Bruneli (Lodging Industry) – term ending 02/2017;
Al Lucero (Tourist Related Industry) – term ending 02/2017;
Elizabeth Petis (Tourist Related Industry) – term ending 02/2016; and
Jon Hendry (At-Large) – Reappointment – term ending 02/2016.

MOTION: Councilor Ives moved, seconded by Councilor Lindell, to approve these appointments.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Gonzales said he has asked Mr. Randall to come back with a Resolution or the appropriate mechanism to expand the Board, because there are a number of interested parties, including downtown merchants and others, that want to be able to have access regularly on OTAB. So that request will be coming to Council shortly.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote with Mayor Gonzales, and Councilors Dimas, Dominguez, Ives, Lindell, Maestas, Rivera and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion and none against.

Children and Youth Commission

Mayor Gonzales made the following appointments to the Children and Youth Commission:

Gus Martinez – term ending 01/2018;
Lisa G. Salazar – term ending 01/2018; and
Allegra S. Love, Esq. – to fill unexpired term ending 01/2017.

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved, seconded by Councilor Ives, to approve these appointments.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maestas said one of the appointees is an elected official. He said he was clearly vetted, but his concern is depriving members at large in the community from holding these positions. He said, "Quite frankly, I'm a little concerned about potential conflicts of interest since he is a County Elected Official. But Chris Sanchez assured me that they investigated any legal problems. But I think in the future we should maybe reconsider or think long and hard about considering elected officials to serve in these positions."

Mayor Gonzales said, "For the record I will state that Mr. Martinez is married to my first cousin and I asked when the request came forward by the Youth Commission if they were sure, and stated my own concerns, but the Youth Commission debated and discussed Mr. Martinez's participation and Chris Sanchez said they all unanimously approved and suggested this appointment. So I went ahead and brought that forward despite some of your own concerns and then just the obvious participation in the family. And I'm going to abstain from that, but I want to call for the vote."

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote with Councilors Dimas, Dominguez, Ives, Lindell, Maestas, Rivera and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion, none voting against, and Mayor Gonzales abstaining.

Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors

Mayor Gonzales made the following appoints to the Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors:

Dennis E. Gonzales – term ending 01/2017; and
Corrine Sanchez – term ending 01/2017.

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve these appointments.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote with Mayor Gonzales, and Councilors Dimas, Dominguez, Ives, Lindell, Maestas, Rivera and Trujillo voting in favor of the motion and none against.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Disclosure: Councilor Maestas read a statement into the record as follows: *Mr. Mayor, I just want to state for the record, that I have disclosed that my family owns an inter-local dispenser liquor license in Espanola. It's currently for sale. But none of the action items, Items H(1) through H(3), involve an inter-local license, so I will be voting on Items H(1) through H(3).*

- 1) **REQUEST FROM LFH MANAGEMENT, LLC, FOR A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF DISPENSER LICENSE #0489 FROM CORPORACION DE LA FONDA, INC., TO LFH MANAGEMENT, LLC. THIS LICENSE WILL REMAIN AT THE LA FONDA HOTEL, 100 E. SAN FRANCISCO STREET, SANTA FE. (YOLANDA Y. VIGIL)**

The staff report was presented by Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, from her Memorandum of January 22, 2015, with attachments, to Mayor Gonzales and City Councilors, which is in the Council packet. Ms. Vigil

said the location is within 300 feet of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and the Loretto Chapel, but a liquor license was located at this address prior to the enactment of the Liquor Control Act, therefore a waiver of the 300 foot location restriction is not required. She said there are staff reports in the packet regarding litter, noise and traffic and staff recommends this business be required to comply with all of the City's Ordinances as a condition of doing business in the City.

Public Hearing

There was no one speaking to this request.

The Public Hearing was closed

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the request from LFH Management, LLC, for a transfer of ownership of Dispenser License #-0489 from Corporacion de La Fonda, Inc., to LFH Management, LLC, with the license to remain at the La Fonda Hotel, 100 E. San Francisco Street, with all conditions of approval as recommended by staff.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Ives, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

- 2) REQUEST FROM ASHFORD TRS POOL A, LLC, FOR A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF DISPENSER LICENSE #0899 FROM ASHFORD TRS SAPPHIRE, LLC, TO ASHFORD TRS POOL A, LLC. THIS LICENSE WILL REMAIN AT THE SANTA FE HILTON HOTEL, 100 SANDOVAL STREET. (YOLANDA Y. VIGIL)**

The staff report was presented by Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, from her Memorandum of January 22, 2015, with attachments, to Mayor Gonzales and City Councilors, which is in the Council packet. Ms. Vigil said the location is within 300 feet of Our Lay of Guadalupe Church, 417 Agua Fria, but a liquor license was located at this address prior to the enactment of the Liquor Control Act, therefore a waiver of the 300 foot location restriction is not required. She said there are staff reports in the packet regarding litter, noise and traffic and staff recommends this business be required to comply with all of the City's Ordinances as a condition of doing business in the City.

Public Hearing

There was no one speaking to this request.

The Public Hearing was closed

MOTION: Councilor Ives moved, seconded by Councilor Lindell, to approve the request from Ashford TRS Pool A, LLC, for a transfer of ownership of Dispenser License #0899 from Ashford TRS Sapphire, LLC, to Ashford TRS Pool A, LLC, with the license to remain at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel, 100 Sandoval Street, with all conditions of approval as recommended by staff.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Ives, Councilor Lindell, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

3) REQUEST FROM KOVAI, INC., FOR A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER AND WINE WITH PATIO SERVICE, FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION ONLY), TO BE LOCATED AT PAPER DOSA, 551 WEST CORDOVA, SUITE #C (YOLANDA Y. VIGIL)

The staff report was presented by Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, from her Memorandum of January 22, 2015, with attachments, to Mayor Gonzales and City Councilors, which is in the Council packet. Ms. Vigil said the location is not within 300 feet of a church or school and the patio is fully enclosed. Ms. Vigil said there are staff reports in the packet regarding litter, noise and traffic and staff recommends this business be required to comply with all of the City's Ordinances as a condition of doing business in the City.

Public Hearing

There was no one speaking to this request.

The Public Hearing was closed

MOTION: Councilor Ives moved, seconded by Councilor Rivera, to approve the request Kovai, Inc., for a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine, with patio service, for on-premise consumption only), to be located at Paper Dosa, 551 West Cordova, Suite #C, with all conditions of approval as recommended by staff.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Mayor Gonzales, Councilor Bushee, Councilor Dimas, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Ives, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Trujillo.

Against: None.

Absent for the vote: Councilor Lindell.

I. BUDGET PLANNING DISCUSSION. (OSCAR RODRIGUEZ)

A power point presentation, *City of Santa Fe's Financial Condition, current State and Improvement Plan – Budget Process Kick-off*, dated January 28, 2015, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "5."

Mayor Gonzales said he had requested that the full Council have a discussion regarding the upcoming budget and hopefully, as a Governing Body begin to offer ideas and input as to how we are going to confront this year's budget which no doubt will be challenging. He said, "Clearly we are in a different era than we were in the 80's and 90's when we saw large revenue growth as the result of tourism and construction, and because of that I believe are going to have to take a different approach as to how we approve this budget to start beginning to lay the foundation as to how we approve budgets into the future. So, I would like to ask the Council, if there is objection, to turn over the discussion to Chair Dominguez who leads the Finance Committee and will be leading the budget presentation and process, to go ahead and take over the discussion from here forward in this discussion. So, without objections, I defer to move to Councilor Dominguez."

Councilor Dominguez, Finance Committee Chair, presiding. Councilor Dominguez said, "I think, for the most part, everyone who was at the Finance Committee is here tonight, with the exception of Councilor Dimas and Councilor Trujillo, so for the most part, we've all been given this presentation. I think it behooves us to go ahead and start giving some direction to staff and start establishing our priorities, whether it is as broad as making sure that our assets are line up with our liabilities, or a little bit more narrow. I will state, before I turn it over to Oscar that we need to look at, of course, being as efficient as possible, but we ought not to take some revenue enhancements off the table either. I know there will be some direction to staff to provide us with a list of revenue enhancements, what those might be. It is something that has been provided to us in the past, whether it be a GRT increase or some other revenue opportunities that we have out there. But I would also include in that, making sure that those who need to pay the City of Santa Fe have paid the City of Santa Fe, whether that be other organizations or businesses via business licenses, whatever the case may be.

Councilor Dominguez continued, "I would like for the Governing Body to particularly pay attention to pages 5 & 6. And what strikes me on page 6 is the fact that we have 5 less days of revenue reserve expenditure this year than we have ever had in a number of years, at least with this information, since 2011-2012. So, Mayor you are right, there is some tough work for us to do. We're taking a little bit of a different approach this year to establishing our budget and developing our budget. So as it comes, with a new Council, a new Mayor, a new Finance Director in a new area. So with that, I'd like to go ahead and turn it over to Oscar so he can give this presentation to the Governing Body. My hope and my goal is to continue this discussion at Finance and to periodically, bring this to the Governing Body, Mayor, so that the entire Governing Body is aware of the challenges that we have."

Oscar Rodriguez, Finance Director, said, "As Chair Dominguez said, the intent of this presentation is to start a discussion before we put pencil to paper regarding the budget, so we get some clear guidance to the extent we can provide it, so as we develop the budget we go forward with that guidance in putting together a budget." He said he will be presenting the context in which we will be developing the budget and some strategies we are recommending for that. He said, "At the very end, there is a request by some of the people on the Committee about what we traditionally use as the gap sheet. I guess over the years, the gap sheet takes many forms. I would urge you to stay at the level we're talking about here, because it is about a \$90 million gap that you're having to work through.... the bigger challenge here is a \$10 million gap per year, and also the effects of how to deal with that."

Mr. Rodriguez presented information via power point. Please see Exhibit "5," for specifics of this presentation.

The Governing Body commented and asked questions as follows:

- Councilor Dominguez said in the past, the City has relied on tourism quite a bit to be able to subsidize a lot of the services we provide to the public. He asked, "When you look at these comparable cities, is there any indication just on the surface about how many of these cities rely on tourism relative to the City of Santa Fe."

Mr. Rodriguez said the bulk of the cities are not tourist cities, the way Santa Fe is. He said it's a hard comparison to make, to compare ourselves to a tourist city in another state, because the financing structures would vary so much that property taxes and, in some cases, other kinds of transfers from the state going to the municipalities, are just very different from us. In our case, that transfer from the State is GRTs, while in some places its excise taxes of different kinds. In our case it's GRT, and as a result that market is very volatile. There are a lot of things that could stop that almost dead in its tracks – a major national catastrophe, a major fire, a forest fire – which would impact tourism and other things, and we always are at risk of that, and that's what makes us really vulnerable.

- Councilor Dominguez said, "The reason I bring it up is because I think it's worth noting that back in the heyday when Santa Fe was generating the revenue they were generating through tourism, Santa Fe was for all intents and purposes, the only game in town. And now we're competing with other cities that have realized the value of tourism. And quite frankly, we're competing with the entire State and their efforts to promote tourism throughout the State. I just wanted to bring that up, because I think those days when we would look at the big picture, the days of depending on tourism are gone."

Mr. Rodriguez said that is important. He said cities such Taos, for example, have long developed strategies to piggyback on the tourists that come to Santa Fe, finding ways to hurry up and get them out of Santa Fe to visit other places. You are right that "We're not the only game in town any more."

- Mayor Gonzales said, "What I see as also the challenge for us, during the heyday, the 80's and 90's period, is there was a consistent year over year growth in several sectors that fueled our economy here and allowed for revenues to build the services, one obviously was tourism, which is key. And obviously, a large generator for us. The other was government. There was an expansion of Los Alamos, State government, and cities and counties were expanding and that helped fuel the economy. And then the other one was our construction sector which from the early 80's all the ways into 2000 was outperforming many of our size because of the amount of construction that was going on."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "Today, there is a lot of opportunity for growth in tourism. When you look at our occupancy rates, they're in the low sixties, so there's a lot of room to grow – that seems to be the easy place. But when you look at the other areas that filled, which I think the discussion of the new reality is important, we're not going to see growth in government the way we did year over year. In fact, the threats on Los Alamos funding that is up there is going to have an impact on an affordable work force living in our community. We're not going to see expansion of State government. It's difficult for local governments to expand. And the construction industry, for the most part has normalized and we'll see some growth, but nowhere near what we have seen."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "I think the City did the right things during those days in being able to use those revenues to fund new services for senior centers and Genoveva Chavez and other things. But today, when we look to the future over the next 5-10 years, we've got to be realistic about how much growth we're going to see in our economy in some of these areas. There's still opportunity to grow, but I think when you look at comparatively, the reality is that there are New Mexico cities that don't depend on tourism that are faring better than we are, when you look at some of these ratios that exist. And some of that has to do with they didn't have that heyday, that expansion of services that now they have to pay for, that we did with the construction revenues and the *[inaudible]*."

- Mayor Gonzales continued, "I think it's important to look at these ratios that have been provided to understand where compare to other cities when it comes to the financial position. I wanted to add a little of that commentary, because tourism is critical and the one opportunity for us to regrow revenues fairly quickly. But the expansion of government and the expansion of the construction industry that we had in the 80's and 90's and into the 2000's is almost virtually flat."
- Councilor Dominguez said, "I'm going to make a couple of comments, and then I'll turn it over to the rest of the Governing Body for questions and comments. I'm going to channel some of my former colleagues, and ask you Brian, are you prepared to go ahead and present us with a budget with all these principles built into them. I'm just kidding. I think we're all in it together."
- Councilor Dominguez continued, "This is a good exercise in itself, but it's a good discussion for us to have. I will say, for all those aspiring Mayors out there, there are some significant challenges that will continue to grow, so hopefully we can all provide us with some options and ways to get us to a better place over the course of one year, five years, and ten years and for the rest of time. So, definitely, we are looking at a different way of doing things. I want to thank the previous Governing Bodies for their leadership for getting us through the tough times. And it's now time to kind of re-set government if you want to call it that. I think it's important that we also thank staff as well, because they have been very conservative in making sure they count the pennies and they do everything they can to kind of make things work and get us over the hump, if you will."
- Councilor Dominguez continued, "I know that in the past, one of the things we've done is to hold people as a priority, in two senses. In terms of government, we've avoided layoffs, we have a rich health plan, some people may think it's too rich, but nonetheless it's rich. I think that speaks of the value we give our employees in maintaining their health, and so that's an important thing. And we have been able to give some raises in the past, whether it was 1%, 2%, we have even given raises to administration. So we've straddled the challenges, crossed that bridge, and we've been able to hold onto some of those things that I think are important to not only this organization, but in terms of the community, maintaining services that have the most positive impact on the young, the poor and the old. And so I think those are some of the overarching priorities that I personally think we need to maintain."
- Councilor Dominguez continued, "One of the things I think is important, and I would at least like to see what it looks like is if we start moving people out of CIP so we can start getting those funds squared away, or we can understand them better and really see what the impact is in the short term and in the long term, in making sure that our assets are held full. I think we have to think about doing government and providing services in a different way. And I remember when I first started as a City Councilor, I asked once, I think I read it in a book somewhere, is it the government's job to provide services or to make sure services are provided. Some people may say it's both, and some people may have an opinion one way or the other on that.."

– Councilor Dominguez continued, “I think the bottom line is though, is that we have a responsibility and a job to do and that is to make sure that we, as elected officials, take care of the public we serve, and quite frankly who pay our salaries and provide the monies via their taxes to all of those things. Those are just some comments of kind of giving some direction. I’d like to see what some of this stuff looks like in writing in terms of CIP and making sure we take people out of CIP and hopefully, we’ll have a better capital program as time goes. Hopefully, it will also increase our rating. Now I know why all of the previous Finance Chairs have gotten tired, because this is daunting information, daunting challenges, but we’re all in it together. And I’m committed to making sure that I do the best that I can to do the right thing. And with that, I’m going to turn it over to the Governing Body for any comments or questions.”

– Councilor Dominguez said, “One question to kick it off, on that sheet that you are showing, when you talk about the widest demand in delivery, give an example of that.”

Mr. Rodriguez said to date, the best example that has come before you, is the presentation you got from the IT Director. He said, “We could add more context to that, but generally speaking that’s the conversation. So it would be the task of the departments to provide the service themselves, not just the department, but by the service itself to say that this is the level a City like this provides, this is where we are, and obviously those that are closer to that already, whether it’s infrastructure, or the services themselves, we would be recommending to you that those would be the ones that would not be the highest priority in terms of any kind of resources, but it can be pulled out.”

– Councilor Dominguez said, “With that Brian, in the context of righting government, or making sure that it is sized correctly, one of the financial management guidelines is that the cost of operation should be competitive with that of comparable cities. Have you had your staff start that comparison or do some of that comparison. I know in the past, we’ve gotten some from Parks or labor is where we’ve gotten it from mostly, but I think we need to have a look at that across the board. And not just with people, but with facilities as well. So, what that means is that if there is a facility, for instance, and I’m not recommending we do this, but if there is a facility that is open between hours X and Y, and it’s just not efficient for us to have it fully staffed and manned, maybe we make some shifts, or make a different facility available. And that could be for libraries, recreation, the whole nine yards. I think we need to have a kind of across the table analysis of that. And so and I promise I’m done now, so I’ll turn it over to the Council.”

– Mayor Gonzales said, “I appreciate Oscar doing the type of presentation that you are, to help us really understand where we are comparative to other cities, and some of the challenges that we have. This is not a surprise to any of us. We all knew that this was coming. Honestly, one of the reasons I ran for Mayor was because I wanted to be a part of this discussion. I wanted to be a part of the Governing Body and helping to reset and to structurally correct the City’s budget in ways that would be sustainable, and so, the time is now.”

- Mayor Gonzales continued, "And we use the phrase a lot, 'to kick the can down the road.' Well, we're at the end of the road, and we're at a cliff, I think. And that's not to be too dramatic about it. It's to say when you have \$56,000 over your minimum reserve that you have to have in the bank to keep you solvent for 35 days or 31 days, you're at the cliff. And we've got to begin to take corrective measures."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "And with that, Mr. Chairman, I hope that this Governing Body, rather than direct the staff to come up with solutions to this, that we, as a Governing Body set the priorities and the direction, and then let the staff go and formulate the budget. And that means accepting a new reality. I think that's important. I'm hopeful that we move away from saying all priorities are equal, because we know that everything we do at the City is not necessarily equal in the eyes of the public. The fact is, the public wants to make sure that when they call 911, they have an ambulance respond in a short period of time and can transport them to the hospital. That, if there is crime in the neighborhood, that we have sufficient policing to make sure that neighborhoods are protected. That when they put their garbage out on a Tuesday morning, it's going to be picked up."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "There are some basic City services that we have to assure and remain faithful to, when it comes to the delivery of service to our community. And then start talking about what do we prioritize after that. And you're right, the issues of our youth, our under-served populations, our elderly, they all are part of a value system in our government that is important."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "But then the question becomes, how much can we afford, how do we deliver what we can afford, and do we want to look at new revenues. And I know that's difficult to do, but it is something I don't think should be discounted when we consider everything in its totality. What I am excited about is that, we're still Santa Fe. We are still a recognized City when it comes to tourism, so there's opportunities for huge growth in the tourism sector. We have been ranked as one of the top 5 cities for filming, and so there's an opportunity to grow in that area. And when you look at our GDB number, our health care members are growing consistently year over there. There's an opportunity to grow in the health care field, there's a need to, when you consider the fact that we do have an aging population."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "So there's opportunity to grow our economy in ways that are important for our community. Access to jobs, social mobility, that's all part of the framework. But there is a reality that we're not in the same economic environment today that we were when we grew services for this community. And it's just one of those sobering realities that we all have to accept. And I like the idea of creating a baseline budget that assures that 5 and 10 years from now that we're living within our means, we're building healthy reserves, we're delivering the services. And whenever there is that spike in tourism, or that spike in some type of economic growth that we view that moreso as one-time monies to invest in the community in places that are important, and not so much to grow more additional services again, that we don't fall into that area, but we're not there now. And unless we take some corrective action, we won't be there."

- Mayor Gonzales continued, "So my hope is that, however many meetings it takes as a Governing Body, that we're able to talk amongst one another, be able to assess, after those most basic needs are met in our community, begin to prioritize where we need to be. Do we need to have the number of senior centers that we have today. Do we need to have the number of parks that we have today. Do we have to have the number of recreation centers that we have today. If the answer is yes, that we need to do it, there are revenue opportunities for us to consider at that point. And those come in the form of property tax increases or GRT revenues, but we have to make those hard decisions. And my hope out of this, and I say it with all sincerity, people all over the country who are in elective office many times will gravitate toward saying no way, no how we're going to cut services and we're not going to raise taxes. We don't have that ability here."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "We are elected to make some tough decisions, and hopefully the Council doesn't view this as preaching, but all of us able to put political ambitions to the side or the next election to the side, and be able to make some courageous and tough decisions now that 10 years from now, people will look back and say we did the right thing, no matter how we ended up at the ballot box, but we did the right thing and made the right decisions."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "I think there's a lot of study that still needs to go on. I think there's a lot of information that I still need to get before I can even begin the process of going in on where that should be. But I do hope that we go down this path that identifies what our baseline budget should be so we are meeting the services the public needs to have met, and then we move into making the tough decisions. What do we keep that we can afford and what do we cut, or how are we going to raise the revenues to support it. Thank you Mr. Chairman."
- Councilor Lindell said, "Thank you Councilor Dominguez, thank you Mayor. Oscar, thank you for the presentation, the depth of it, the clarity of it. I think it gives all of us a very good picture of where we are right now, and I think that, echoing the Mayor, we have some tough decisions in front of us. And, as a Council, I don't think that we can anymore just give everything the same priority. I think we do have to prioritize. I've had a couple of discussions with people and with the additional information that Mr. Rodriguez presented to us on across-the-board cuts, I think, even though they're not easy, that is the easy way out, to just do across the board cuts. But I think that we need to prioritize, rather than to just do across the board cuts."
- Councilor Lindell continued, "The other thing is, I think at this point in time, everything is on the table. Everything has to be considered, whether it's cuts, whether it's raising revenue, our current situation is not sustainable and we're going backward. So, I that as a Council, we need to get together and decide what our priorities are. What are the choices we're willing to make. And I also think, as Councilors, we need to be very judicious about bringing new things forward. Little projects that people bring that are \$80,000 here, \$100,000 there, or revenues that we want to not collect or that we leave on the table. I think we have to give a lot of consideration to not maximizing our revenues at this point in time. I think we have to maximize our revenues. So I don't want to belabor this, but we know that we have a lot of work in front of us. Thank you."

- Councilor Maestas said, "Oscar, first of all, I'm glad you're here. We definitely need a Finance Director if we're going to move forward, and I think you're doing the right thing, staying at the 50,000 foot level, giving us a broad picture of the financial health of the City and I think that's good. When we spoke, we talked about what should be addressed. I do agree we need to set some goals to set us on this long term path to better fiscal responsibility. But I think through the course of the last several years since the recession, to cobble together a budget to keep government running and maintaining existing services, I think perhaps we may have established some practices that are not sustainable."
- Councilor Maestas continued, "And so if we can set those goals, and perhaps even make it policy and then identify those practices that we've been engaged in that already have been mentioned, and definitely phase those out. We've talked about using Capital Improvement Plan funds for in-house labor, maintaining FTE's. I think several months ago, this Governing Body had a year of prior year encumbrances, totaling between \$40 and \$50 million. In other words, an encumbrance we paid this fiscal year from the previous fiscal year, and that's eye opening."
- Councilor Maestas continued, "So I hope that we can phase out these practices and really make that commitment, establish those goals and our revenues are not going to increase. I think we're actually going to lose revenues because of the "hold harmless." The next fiscal year we're going to lose about \$630,000 and it multiplies from that point for the next 17 years or so. There really is no fix for that. So I think we ought to assume that we're facing that. If you look at the Annexation Agreements, the City is on the hook for assuming additional public safety services. I don't think we funded all the costs, the one time and the recurring costs associated with the annexed areas. I think we need to get a handle on that."
- Councilor Maestas continued, "With regard to government, perhaps we've been sustaining our government on an old, antiquated structure with the same culture, yet in the face of changing revenues, a more bleak revenue outlook. So I think we need to really make sure that our government is as efficient as possible. And that means looking at the structure, looking at the services, how our departments are structured to provide those services, and are we providing cost effective, efficient services. Are we managing our assets. Right now we're looking at potentially implementing a comprehensive asset management system. Are we maximizing the life cycle of our buildings and facilities and other infrastructure. I don't think we're doing that. We're deferring interest, we're kicking that can down the road. If you don't pay now, you're going to pay more later. And I think we're realizing that as we look at our deteriorating buildings, facilities and streets."
- Councilor Maestas continued, "I asked Ike Pino to do a snapshot. What is our funding gap in the various infrastructure classes. The total, excluding IT, was a quarter of a billion dollars through 2019. That's staggering. Of that quarter of a billion, one seventy two million, this is unfunded needs in Streets, \$34 million in buildings and facilities and \$13 million in arroyo and watershed. The common denominator is there is no dedicated funding source for either of those infrastructure

classes. If you want direction from me, I think we need to start identifying funding sources for those infrastructure classes that have the greatest gaps – buildings and facilities, streets and the watershed.”

- Councilor Maestas continued, “I know the actuarials disagree with me. I think we need to recover the GRTs that are being used by the water enterprise. We’re talking \$7.4 million a year. I realize there’s a lot of debt that has tied up that increment of GRTs. And I believe we can find a financial solution to gradually redirect that GRTs back to the General Fund. In other words, our enterprise funds should be truly self-sustaining and not use any GRTs. So if you want some direction, I think we should phase out any gross receipts tax support of our enterprises.”
- Councilor Maestas continued, “I think the gross receipts tax for environmental services and wastewater is minor, I think it’s 1/16 th each, so it’s not as substantial. But on the water side, we’re talking 1/4% GRT \$7.4 million. Let’s make our enterprises self sustaining and provide that relief and redirect the gross receipts taxes back to the General Fund. And I realize that the Water Fund is in the middle of a payback and I think the Water Fund has been reimbursing the General Fund \$2 million per year. And I think we have \$2 million this fiscal year, another \$2 million in 2016, and I think \$1.5 million in 2017. Maybe there’s a way we can use that payback to restructure the debt that ties up that gross receipts tax in the water fund.”
- Councilor Maestas continued, “These are just a few examples. The other thing we talked about are priorities. When we had our budget hearings the departments came to us, and I have the spreadsheet, I have all these props here, the spreadsheet showing all their requests that weren’t in the budget. I know they called them expansion requests, but some of them are, I think, vital needs. The total, basically un-funded requests from the departments last year was over \$14 million. And I think \$4 million was IT alone. So we need to find out what are the consequences of not funding these requests. We talked about assessing the risk with IT. I read the Presidio Report. We lack basics – a backup generator, maintaining the proper environment for IT equipment. We need to know the true consequences, and even if it’s in political terms, if it’s a legal risk and a political risk, so be it, so we can make those decisions across the Board with regard to priority.”
- Councilor Maestas continued, “So my direction to you is let’s try to come up with some prioritization processes across the City, even if it solely focuses on risk.”
- Councilor Maestas continued, “I’ll end by just saying, I appreciate the goals, but if you look at those 5-year goals, those are median statistics, those are average national statistics. If we’re truly going to be aspirational and make this a first class City, maybe we ought to aim higher than a median goal, an average goal in those 5-year goals with regard to the reserves, debt service, debt per capita, things like that. So maybe we ought to look at those statistics and maybe aim higher than being average. But I think it’s really good that we do begin to look at those goals and make them aspirational, but yet, create that plan to get us there. So thank you.”

- Councilor Dominguez said, "In terms of the GRT coming out of enterprise, we've had the discussion before. The Chavez Center, the MRC, those are two of the ones that pop out, some of that GRT I believe is mandated, and so we need to make sure we have all of those things categorized or compartmentalized so that we're not going to be violating a public mandate by making sure that there are GRT allocations to, in this case, the Chavez Center. I just wanted to make that comment."
- Councilor Maestas said, "Just on that point, Mr. Chair, it would require a rededication I'm sure, and maybe we can even look at revenue bonds. We can float revenue bonds to retire all the existing debt to that GRT and let the Water Enterprise Fund be self sufficient, revenue bonds if we're going to replace some of that debt that's backed by the GRTS."
- Councilor Dominguez said, "I agree, but before we get too creative, let's first understand exactly how it works and what the dedications are and what the mandates are. So next, is the one Councilor who has been bold enough to propose legislation that will provide some revenue, Councilor Ives."
- Councilor Ives said, "I appreciate that statement, although I will note that many Councilors serving have actually participated in the revenue enhancement through various mechanisms. Even G.O. Bonds of course increase property taxes, so many of us have voted favorably on such things in the past, although they may not have been described in such bold terms as a property tax increase, the net effect is the same."
- Councilor Ives continued, "I'm not going to belabor any of the good points that are being made. I think really what you're hearing are two broad themes, from my perspective, and I would simply reiterate those. One is we need to align our revenues and our expenditures, intelligently and in a way that sustains Santa Fe in the best way possible. We have gotten off track in doing that. My recollection is that with the two year CIP bond, we were dedicating some \$6.1 million this year and next year toward those recurring costs. So this is an area perhaps we can begin to address immediately, in terms of those corrective measures that I think you are very sensitive to. And I think you're hearing many of the people on the Governing Body, many of the Councilors, saying this is something we do want to do better and do correctly."
- Councilor Ives continued, "The other, in my mind, plays into the really right-sizing us, which to me is a question of efficiency. And it involves not only understanding what the norms are for cities of our size, because I think there is intelligence and good knowledge in understanding what those percentages are by way of measuring the job we are doing. But also, from my perspective, as you know, it's a matter of the systems we have in place that really, hopefully delivers the greatest efficiency. Much of that comes in the form of IT perhaps, certainly part of it. So that notion of right-sizing and recognizing efficiencies within what we are doing as well as aligning revenues and expenditures, are two significant goals."

- Councilor Ives continued, "To Oscar, the only thing I would say is I've been a bit of an advocate for a budget process that says to City government, not give me a flat budget which had been something we've heard on the Governing Body for the past several years, but really you're starting at zero. What funds do you need to deliver the services that your department is responsible for and really build the budget from the ground up, paying attention to those two broad themes that I've expressed. And I hope that you feel free, as our Finance Director, to look at all those options. To bring them to us, and I think you will find us ready to engage in those broad policy issue debates on the Council. And in fact, I think we're all really looking forward to it, because we're sort of tired of what we've done from the budget perspective in years past. So, we are looking forward to that new beginning, that new opportunity, to start doing it better and more correctly. So, I'll leave it at that. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on that. I look forward to these ongoing discussions."
- Councilor Rivera said, "I was working in City management right after 2008 and had been asked to start on cutting the budget, or see what cuts would look like. And really, since that time, since 2009, we've been either cutting the budget or having a flat budget every single year. I think City departments have been asked to cut again or stay flat, and I think we're functioning as efficiently as we possibly can. I've been out there with Parks workers who are temporary employees who work the max they can as a temporary employee, and then they're not brought on as full time staff because we don't have the budget for it. So we're making the best with what we can do, and we're functioning as efficiently as we possibly can."
- Councilor Rivera continued, "This City provides many services above basic services to people in our community. And I'm not sure that we want to stop doing that. We provide a great service to our homeless, and they probably need more money. We provide great services to our youth and tonight we heard that they could always use more money. Our elderly, as the Mayor brought up, and again, this is in addition to all the basic services, the things we have to provide – trash, sewer, water, emergency services. What I would like to do... and it's pretty frightening now that we are relying so much on tourism. The Mayor talked about construction being down and other revenue sources that have not come back up since the recession. So really now, we're relying on tourism more than we ever have before. And we're really one bad event from really being in some serious trouble."
- Councilor Rivera continued, "So just like any business, just like you personally, if you're trying to plan for retirement, you want to diversify your portfolio. And I think that's what we need to do. We need to diversify our revenue sources. As it is now, we provided increases for union [employees]. We've given union raises throughout that entire time at some point or another. And really, the employees we've left out are many of the staff that are here tonight, and many of the middle management employees who have not had a raise in many years. So you have union members that have surpassed middle managers and are now making more than the people who supervise them, and we haven't done anything to address them. Many of those people here tonight are working 50-60 hours a week."

- Councilor Rivera said, "So we have to find different sources. So what I want to ask staff to do is to really look at how we can diversity our revenue sources. Let's look at everything that is available to us – property taxes, if we did 1/8th, if we did 1/4th, how much revenue would that generate. What do other cities use property taxes for. Is it typically public safety, is it primarily basic services. What do we have available to us as far as hold harmless. I know there were some options given to municipalities to increase revenues to make up for hold harmless. What of those are available to us. What else is there out there that is available to us, and can be an option for us as we look at diversifying our revenue sources. And we can have that all on a spreadsheet or two or three, however many it would be, that shows all the options available to us and allows us to make an educated decision if we decide we want to keep all the services we have, and the City agrees we need to keep all these services, then we really need to start looking at diversifying our revenue sources. And I would like to see what all those options are."
- Councilor Dimas said, "I think I will just say ditto" to everything that's been said tonight. It's been brought up that we are in serious trouble, and we all knew that from the very beginning. And I want to thank our Finance Director, we're glad to have you on board. It was an eye-opening presentation that you made this evening. And this Governing Body has a lot of work ahead to get things right. I think we're going to have to bite the bullet and do what's right for all of our citizens here in Santa Fe and for all of the people who work for the City. I agree with you, Councilor Rivera, that our middle management people, and a lot of people who are here this evening haven't had a raise in a long time. And these are things that we have to look at. And I think diversification is probably the right terminology to use in what we're experiencing right now."
- Councilor Trujillo said, "Oscar, thank you for this report. I had gotten tired of everything always being sugar coated. I like to speak the truth, no holds barred, this is the way it is and this is what we need to do. I guess I'll say ditto, as you say as well, Councilor Dimas. Everybody here, we want to do what is best for this community. We want to bring all these new things. When we had this bundle of money and we could do everything we wanted in this community – build teen centers, build senior centers, build new parks. The fact is, we don't have that now. Over the past few years... Chris knows, he was the Fire Chief at the time, and we'd have people come in here and say, flat budget guys. Flat budget. It's unfortunate, but we weathered that storm, and the people that weathered that storm with us were our employees. We even had to put them on furlough. Everybody remembers that. I hope we never, ever have to do that again."
- Councilor Trujillo continued, "But my whole concern is.... and yet we want to set priorities. If somebody brings something before the Council, make sure you know where that money is going to come from. Make sure you have that funding to do that initiative. That's my biggest concern. There's a lot of initiatives that a lot of people want that have a very very high ceiling of costs. And I have my concerns for the future of this community. And I would love to see all these fancy things, all these things happen in this community, but at the same time, I don't want to see this community go into debt. I don't want to see us having to lay off people, or having to take benefits away from our employees. These are all things we've been discussing."

- Councilor Trujillo continued, “Oscar, I’m glad you brought this forward. Now it’s time for all of us to start working. We know where we want this City to go, let’s find that revenue. I really do like your idea with the two cents. It’s not going to raise a lot of money – a million, two million, but hey maybe there’s something we can look at – infrastructure for roads, streets. Those are things that are always deteriorating in this community. And I’m constantly hearing from my constituents – Siringo Road feels like a roller coaster, when are you going to pave that. When are you going to pave my street. And that’s the whole thing, is basis necessities this community needs, in my opinion, are the most important things we need to continue doing, seniors, children, everyone. Those are the basic services – pick up your trash, make sure you get water in your house – every day things people need. I just want to make sure we continue doing this. I know we will. We have great staff and great workers. But what everything comes down to is funding.”

- Councilor Trujillo continued, “And like the Mayor said, we rely on tourism, that’s all we always talk about. If it isn’t for tourism, we’re not going to get that GRT that we rely on. Most of us here in Santa Fe, if we’re going to go somewhere, where do we go. We go to Albuquerque. That’s the unfortunate thing. There’s a lot of things to do in Albuquerque. I take my kids to the jump place over there. There’s nothing like that here in Santa Fe. Now that I’m on the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board, there is talk and that’s what I love about it. These kids have these wonderful ideas about what they want here in this community and I believe that’s what we need to do. We need to listen to the children, to everybody.”

- Councilor Trujillo continued, “What do we want in this community, and how can we make it a better place for the locals. I’m sorry, I’ve always said that it’s the locals that live here 24/7 that make this community. It’s great to have tourism, don’t get me wrong, but when it comes down to it, I answer to those constituents that elected me, not the tourists that come here to visit us. So they will always be my top priority. That’s all I have to say Mayor. Thank you Mr. Chair as well.”

- Councilor Dominguez asked Brian Snyder if all of our bills are paid.

Mr. Snyder said, “My understanding is, the answer is yes.”

- Councilor Dominguez asked if all bills we need to collect have been paid.

Mr. Snyder said, “The answer to that question is no.”

- Councilor Dominguez said, “I think we can start out with that list. Provide us with that, and we can have some discussion there. So I think what it comes down to is that we need to, as I said before, start giving direction and providing policy. I’m going to start.... we all heard tonight that we all have to be a part of it and come up with solutions or more specific ideas on what the solutions are.”

- Councilor Dominguez said, "So I will start by saying this. On Monday at the Finance Committee we are going to have a rewrite of the Fiscal Impact Report. Now it's not going to generate revenue or reduce expenditures, but it's going to provide some accountability. And it may even require a change in the Governing Body's Policies and Procedures, requiring the Governing Body to sign off on that FIR. But nonetheless, it's an accountability measure, potentially if it passes. And that is that we, as a Governing Body will understand that Fiscal Impact Report in and out. We will understand where funding sources are coming from, where they're going and how all of that is managed. And so it's going to be open for discussion. We are going to start that discussion on Monday. I think staff is going to provide us a sample of what that FIR can do."
- Councilor Maestas said, "Just a culture change. I would staff to go through what you call the unfunded mandates, the Council-generated policy that created a fiscal impact that wasn't budgeted, and identify if it is still recurring. And if it is, then I think needs to come back to us for some kind of reauthorization. I know there are some recurring expenditures that have been established and I think there should be an automatic review maybe every 1 to 3 years where we come back, and we either reauthorize it or terminate. So I would like to see that change in the culture."
- Councilor Maestas said, "The other issue, too, is to revisit reinstating the full impact fees. Aren't they still 50%, and we haven't established a date specifically to reinstate them, right. Is it February of this year. Could you clarify that Brian."

Mr. Snyder said they are in effect until February 2016.

- Councilor Maestas said, "If it's automatic and set in stone, and doesn't have to come before us, that's great. I just want to make sure.... we need to reinstate those impact fees I think. These are the things I think we need to do before we look at any kind of revenue enhancements."
- Councilor Dominguez said, "We have to prove our efficiency, and I don't know if there's much more room to grow there or to become efficient, but I think for sure we need to approve those efficiencies before we seriously consider revenue enhancements. Like I said, we can become a little more efficient, but I don't know how much more."
- Councilor Maestas asked if the sunset on impact fees is automatic, or if it comes up for review again.

Mr. Snyder said he believes it is automatic, but he will look into that and verify that.

- Councilor Maestas thinks that should back on the table and we should reconsider that given our financial condition, and 2016 is out there. Maybe we kick the can way down there. Maybe it's time to bring the can back. He would like to really seriously consider the full reinstatement of impact fees, commenting he will be hearing from the contractors and the Realtors. He said,

"These are becoming desperate times for us, so I would like to see us reconsider that as well. Thank you Mr, Chair."

- Mayor Gonzales said, "I would love for the Finance Committee to set some direction and parameters that can be brought to the governing board for full consideration, so the direction that Oscar and Brian are looking for is set. I think right now, there have been a lot of things on the table, but I don't think you're leaving here with any type of certainty of what we want. So I do think we need to establish the principles of the budget process, because if we don't as a governing board, the Finance Committee is going to do its best to figure things out and then it's going to make it up to the whole board and then there might be chaos that ensues."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "I think a lot of things were said tonight that the Finance Committee considers, the discussions we've had, everything from the ideas that Councilor Maestas talked about on the unfunded side of things and the deferred maintenance and the gaps that exist. I think it would be good to be able to get an analysis of the recurring costs of basic services, as defined by those services to the public – public safety, emergency management, garbage pickup, delivery of some service in recreation and senior centers. These are all things that would be helpful. But really, Chairman Dominguez, I think we have to, sooner than later, agree to the principles of how the budget is going to be set, and do it as a whole board. So when you go back into the Finance Committee, there is direction that has been given by the board to deal with things."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "That is a good thing about the policy discussions, right. There are different points of views on the impact fees. I understand the point about needing to raise revenues. The question is when you have slow growth in construction, how much of the revenue actually is going to exist. We have to have a discussion – does it actually impede some type of growth or not. I want to have that conversation for sure."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "The other side, Oscar, that I think is important, and I want to work on this because it has been an area I have focused very heavily on. When we talk about economic growth of 1 to 1.5%, it's important that we understand as a Governing Body where that growth is going to take place. Where do we want it to take place, and how do we invest in areas or create policy that will spur further growth in those sectors that will help us hit the 2 to 2½ % growth rate or even 3%. So I would like to have that side of the equation done so that we're not just.... I think we need to develop a budget that is conservative and realistic and at a base. But I also think we need to push the gas in areas where we want to see some economic growth take place. And it doesn't mean we have to put money into things. We can, through policy or efforts, do it."
- Mayor Gonzales continued, "I think what Councilor Rivera said is right on – we are one event away from a massive hit to the tourism economy. There could be a catastrophic fire, something that happens in the community is devastating and we can't just rely on it. But the truth is we've spent hundreds of millions of dollars in building the infrastructure for a tourism economy and it's not

performing at the levels that it should be. The question is, how do we grow that. We do have to grow it. It's got to be one component of many things. We have to grow our film industry, we have to grow our health care sector, and identify areas where it makes sense for us to grow. I think that needs to be part of our budget document Oscar, because whenever the Council does pass a budget, especially when it comes to economic development and the priorities, there should be some metrics that are put into place into some of these areas of the economy we want to grow. Because clearly, it's going to be the private sector that's going to lead us out and help us generate the revenues we need to provide the services, and we just have to be very clear about what's that's going to be."

- Mayor Gonzales continued, "So is that okay Mr. Chairman. Is it okay to set some policy parameters at Finance and bring it back to us. It doesn't have to be specifics, but it can be everything we've talked about tonight, and then as a board you know you're operating under the authority of the entire governing board to build a budget that is reflective of some of the things we've talked about."
- Councilor Dominguez said he will take everything he heard tonight and over several months, and probably will start having action items on the Finance Committee agenda to start getting there.
- Mayor Gonzales said at some point, when the Finance Committee is ready to present, he would like to schedule another clear evening agenda so the Council can fully discuss, as long as it needs, whatever the policy recommendations are that will come from Finance so it is in the right direction. He said, "Let's make sure we do it next month if we can, so we can get that built."

18. MATTERS FROM THE CITY CLERK

Yolanda Vigil said, "I just want to let everyone know that I am going to be doing the drawing tomorrow for the membership for the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. That will be tomorrow at 4:00 p.m., here in the Council Chambers."

Councilor Dominguez asked how many applicants there were.

Ms. Vigil said, "Approximately 18-20 I believe. So we've got in the 4 Districts and the statisticians, photographer and the newly annexed area, we only had one person per position to apply for that. That's it Mayor."

19. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

A copy of "Bills and Resolutions scheduled for introduction by members of the Governing Body," for the Council meeting of January 28, 2015, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "6."

Councilor Dimas

Councilor Dimas had no communications.

Councilor Maestas

Councilor Maestas requested that a legislative update be a standing agenda item until the session is over. Councilor Maestas noted there is a bill to deal with the hold harmless, and a bill to raise the Gasoline Tax by 5 cents. He said we might want to hold back and see what the outcome of the Legislature is in raising the Gasoline Tax. He said Bill Fulginiti said someone might ask for 10 cents and the Governor's Office thinks that might be excessive. He noted we received a letter from the AG saying they received a formal request from Senator Nancy Rodriguez to clarify our taxing authority. He said there's no telling when they're going to do that, noting that will help clarify many issues.

Councilor Maestas said the Mayor of Grants called to announce that Grants passed a Resolution in support of asking the Legislature to reinstate the taxing authority of home rule cities. Alamogordo's Resolution failed to pass 4-3. He said no legislators want to touch it, and we are going to leave that to the New Mexico Municipal League to get someone to introduce that bill.

Councilor Maestas said in his review, he focused on bills from our Legislative Delegation and he has seen none of our policy issues introduced in the form of a bill.

Councilor Maestas suggested that the Mayor speak with Mark Duran and huddle with our delegation to ask if any of them are taking on anything in regard to our policy positions.

Mayor Gonzales said he and Mr. Snyder will get on the phone with Mark and the delegation tomorrow. He said there should be a weekly message which highlights bills which have been introduced that would have an effect on us that tracks with the NMML bills, as well as a weekly status update on any legislation regarding our policy position.

Councilor Ives

Councilor Ives introduced a Resolution supporting proposed State legislation, House Bill 64 ("HB64"), relating to creating a new section to the Income Tax Act for home energy and water efficiency income tax credit. A copy of the Resolution is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "7."

Mayor Gonzales

Mayor Gonzales introduced an Ordinance related to distress merchandise sales; amending Subsection 18-5.1 SFCC 1987, and Subsection 14-8.10 SFCC 1987, to discourage fraudulent going out-of-business sales and making such other changes as are necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

Mayor Gonzales invited everyone to attend the State of the City Report on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Dominguez

Councilor Dominguez said two weeks ago at Council, he asked for an update on the manufactured home situation on Rufina and Lopez Lane. He has heard nothing back from staff except that they will get back to him, but he has heard nothing further. He asked Mr. Snyder to ask someone to give him a call, and Mr. Snyder said he would do so.

Councilor Lindell

Councilor Lindell had no communications.

Councilor Trujillo

Councilor Trujillo said he thinks all the Councilors received some emails last week dealing with the use of herbicides in parks. He said these are rumors and he was hit hard by a lot of emails and a lot of angry people saying that he was the one that introduced this. He said he was dumbfounded, because he had no idea we were doing stuff like this. He asked Isaac Pino at Public Works what happened. And apparently, one of our employees made comments that were completely false. He said, "I just want to clarify I never once said put herbicides in parks. I was looking at the weeds around streets, curbs and gutters and places like that within the City where, during the summer, it looks ugly. And our staffs' time could be better spent in other places instead of cutting weeds every two weeks. I just wanted to clarify that, because every Councilor and the Mayor were copied on it. I apologize for you guys having to deal with that. So other than that, that's all I have."

Councilor Trujillo said he spoke with Ike Pino and Richard and they're looking at the issue of the pocket gophers at the parks. He said his concern is for the safety of those playing in leagues, especially if they get in early because of the good weather.

Councilor Rivera

Councilor Rivera had no communications.

J. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Governing Body, and upon completion of the Agenda, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

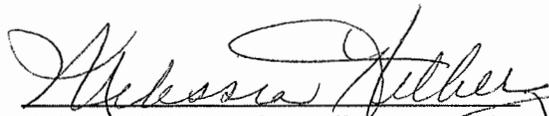
Approved by:

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

ATTESTED TO:

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted:



Melessia Helberg, Council Stenographer

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
January 28, 2015

The governing body of the City of Santa Fe met in an executive session duly called on January 28, 2015 beginning at 6:33 p.m.

The following was discussed:

- 1) In Accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act §10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, Discussion Regarding Pending Litigation in Which the City of Santa Fe is a Participant, Qwest Corporation v. City of Santa Fe, Case No. 14-2008 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth District.

PRESENT

Councilor Dimas
Councilor Dominguez
Councilor Lindell
Councilor Maestas
Councilor Rivera
Councilor Trujillo

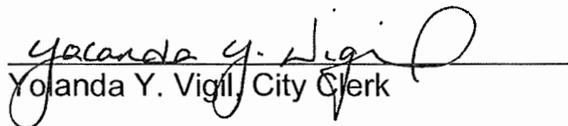
ABSENT

Mayor Gonzales
Councilor Bushee
Councilor Ives (Recused)

STAFF PRESENT

Brian K. Snyder, City Manager
Kelley A. Brennan, City Attorney
Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk
Marcos Martinez, Assistant City Attorney

There being no further business to discuss, the executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk