



Agenda

Finance Committee Meeting
September 2, 2008 – 5:15 pm
City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

AUGUST 18, 2008

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 8/28/08 TIME 4:10pm

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MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (WITH NO FISCAL IMPACT)

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AS THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER AND DOMINGUEZ) (TONY FLORES)

Committee Review:

City Business & Quality of Life (Scheduled)

September 10, 2008

City Council (Scheduled)

September 10, 2008

Note: The deadline to file the application to the New Mexico Economic Development Department is September 12, 2008

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (WITH FISCAL IMPACT)

7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES ON ALL BUS ROUTES ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 (MAYOR COSS) (JON BULTHUIS)

Committee Review:

Transit Advisory Board (Informational item)

August 5, 2008

Public Works Committee (Approved)

August 25, 2008

City Council (Scheduled)

September 10, 2008



PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND ADOPTING THE WATER DIVISION 10 YEAR PLAN (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER, CALVERT AND ROMERO) (GARY MARTINEZ)

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Public Utilities Committee (Approved)	August 20, 2008
Public Works Committee (Approved)	August 25, 2008
City Council (Scheduled)	October 29, 2008

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Committee Review:

Public Utilities Committee (Postponed)	August 20, 2008
Public Works Committee (Approved)	August 25, 2008
Public Utilities Committee (Public Hearing)	September 17, 2008
City Council (Request to Publish)	September 24, 2008
City Council (Public Hearing)	October 29, 2008

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. BID OPENINGS:
- A. BID NO. 09/01/B – PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE TRAIL RESURFACING AT PUEBLOS DEL SOL SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR; ADVANTAGE ASPHALT AND SEAL COATING, LLC (BEN GURULE)
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25. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR WINTER OVERFLOW SHELTER (TERRIE RODRIGUEZ)

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Committee Review:

Public Works Committee (Approved)
City Council (Scheduled)

August 25, 2008
September 10, 2008

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, September 2, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Finance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Rebecca Wurzburger, at approximately 5:15 p.m., on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Chair Ortiz arrived at the meeting shortly after the call to order, and assumed the duties of the Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz, Chair
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Miguel Chavez
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger

OTHERS ATTENDING:

David Millican, Finance Director
Yolanda Green, Finance Division
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packets for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Finance Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve the agenda, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the following Consent Agenda, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

CONSENT AGENDA

10. BID OPENINGS:

A. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Calvert]*

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25. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Caivert]*

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 18, 2008

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2008, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

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6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AS THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER AND DOMINGUEZ). (TONY FLORES) Committee Review: City Business & Quality of Life (Scheduled) September 10, 2008; City Council (Scheduled) September 10, 2008. Note: The deadline to file the application to the New Mexico Economic Development department is September 12, 2008.

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

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

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7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY OF SANTA FE TRANSIT DIVISION TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES ON ALL BUS ROUTES ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 (MAYOR COSS). (JON BULTHUIS) Committee Review: Transit Advisory Board (Informational Item) August 5, 2008; Public Works Committee (Approved) August 25, 2008; and City Council (Scheduled) September 10, 2008.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to amend the agenda to hear Consent Agenda Discussion items next on the agenda, and to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

- 10(A) BID NO. 09/01/B – PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE TRAIL RESURFACING AT PUEBLOS DEL SOL SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR; ADVANTAGE ASPHALT AND SEAL COATING, LLC. (BEN GURULE)

Councilor Calvert said there was a question from Dave McQuarie as to whether this project has been screened for ADA compliance.

Robert Romero, Public Works Director, said part of this project is just resurfacing the existing trail. He said later they will be designing accessible locations to the trail. He said this trail has many areas right between houses where it would be impossible to make it accessible. He spoke with Joe Lujan about it and it is his understanding that we have to make a portion of it accessible. He said they will be designing areas where you can tie into the trail. There is one loop, 20-30% of the trail system, where the grades are flat enough to meet ADA requirements, but because it is an existing trail, it would mean taking properties, knocking down people's walls. He said this portion is just to resurface the existing trail. It is his understanding that when we do maintenance, we don't have to change grades on everything, and we have to make the parks reasonably accessible where it is possible.

Councilor Calvert asked how long it will take to make part of the trail accessible.

Mr. Romero said it will take two months to design, and by the spring we can do that part of that project. He said they are working on the parking lot for the Pueblos del Sol Park, so we will tie it into the ADA improvements for that. He is working with Mr. Lujan to determine what is reasonable.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Chair Ortiz].

14. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – MEETING PLANNER SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CREATIVE TOURISM; RECURSOS DE SANTA FE. (TOM MAGUIRE)
A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASE – SPECIAL USES LODGERS' TAX FUND.

A copy of a fact sheet, "Santa Fe International Creative Tourism Conference, Figures updated as of 09/02/08," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Councilor Chavez said he is trying to track the numbers. The recommended action in the Memo asks us to approve this amendment in the amount of \$391,000, but the PSA highlights \$542,000. He noticed in the handout provided by Sabrina Pratt [Exhibit "1"], the State has pledged \$120,000, but the memorandum mentions only \$35,000. He asked for the total amount of the contract, the number of days of the conference and a rough sketch of the programs.

Ms. Pratt said the contract started with \$150,000 which was for arranging the meeting and such. She said what is before the Committee are expenses for catering, transportation, speaker fees and such, noting previously there were two amendments to help with the advertising and promotional activities. She said the \$542,000 will be the total amount of the contract. She said the Council provided \$300,000 for this conference, and we also have appropriations from the State Legislature of \$85,000 last year and \$35,000 this year, and they recently received sponsorships from the Departments of Cultural Affairs and Tourism of \$6,000.

Ms. Pratt said they have done a lot of fundraising, and Councilor Wurzbarger has been getting community sponsorships. She said there is \$35,000 in sponsorships from various individuals and businesses. She said there are grants from the McCune Foundation of \$15,000, which already have been budgeted. She said the request before the Committee today, is to budget the Thaw Foundation grant of \$5,000 and the \$10,000 from UNESCO in Paris.

Councilor Chavez said then the grants and registration would offset the expenses for the conference. He asked how much has been generated to date in grants, sponsorships, Legislative funding and such.

Ms. Pratt said without the \$300,000 from the City, it is the figures on the fact sheet she provided this afternoon, which is about \$235,000 to \$240,000, plus the in-kind donation of hotel rooms which is a great relief to the budget.

Councilor Chavez said the providing of downtown rooms for many of our conferences would go a long way for this event and future event, and he hopes this will be a pattern which will continue.

Ms. Pratt said the Conference runs Sunday through Thursday, September 28 to October 2, 2008.

Councilor Chavez said the City does have a CAT Plan, and we also recognized previously that we wanted to focus on cultural and heritage tourism, and hopes those policies will be a part of this creative conference.

Ms. Pratt said yes. She said the great benefit locally is that we've done a lot of work in ascertaining who in the community is a cultural partner and interested in interacting with tourists. She said we now have a data base of artists, for example, who are willing to teach classes and/or something similar so people could go into a studio and have an afternoon of painting. She said a big part of the conference is taking the attendees into the community, into people's studios or other types of business places, to participate in an activity which is related to Santa Fe traditions and culture.

Chair Ortiz arrived at the meeting

Councilor Chavez said another feature is the new community gallery in the Community Center, and hopefully as we're setting up the ballroom, we can set up that space and the demonstration space so it can act in perpetuity as a vehicle for that interaction between the visitor and the resident artists and craftsmen 365 days of the year. He said as we make those connections, he is hoping it will be more significant. He said \$500,000 for this week is a lot of money, and he hopes it is an investment well made and carries over through the year from event to event. He noted we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month from mid-September to mid-October. He hopes we will be promoting local things and not things which are imported.

Ms. Pratt said this is embedded in the definition of creative tourism, and learning about things that happen in the local community.

MOTION: Councilor Chavez moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve this request

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

23. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORIZATION FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR CITY OF SANTA FE BONDS AND LOANS. (HELENE HAUSMAN)

Councilor Calvert said he doesn't know the total amount we are being asked to approve.

Ms. Hausman said this reflects the bond issues and loans which were not completed at the time the budget was done. She said on both loans and both bond issues, there is debt service, including principal and interest and fees for the banks as paying agencies, and administrative fees for NMFA. She said based on the debt service schedules, now that these are closed, some have principal and some have interest, and some have both in addition to the fees which she needs to budget for this fiscal year. So, these numbers come from the debt service schedule for each of these particular items. She didn't total it, because each of these are individual funds.

Councilor Calvert asked if the request is for roughly \$2 million.

Mr. Millican it is about \$2 million, but all of that is anticipated and consistent with the financing plan which was given to the Council at the time it approved the debt. He said the funds to pay these are available in each of these funds, but because the debt wasn't issued it couldn't be included in the budget. He said previously, this was sometimes handled in the quarterly review, but he wanted to bring this forward for the Committee consideration to be sure the budget was in place as early as possible, and this action is intended to do that.

Councilor Chavez asked how this relates to whether it is an enterprise fund, and if it would be tracked in the same fashion, and if both Items #3 and #4 would be captured in the water company as part of that enterprise fund.

Mr. Millican said yes. Those are debts which are reflected in the ten-year plan and are part of the water enterprise fund.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Ms. Hausman said these are in line items in separate funds, noting the 5300 fund is the water fund.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

25. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR WINTER OVERFLOW SHELTER. (TERRIE RODRIGUEZ)

Chair Ortiz said this is an emergency request which was put on the Agenda by the Mayor and himself.

Councilor Calvert said there was no mention of time sensitivity in the memorandum.

Chair Ortiz said when this came forward from the Interfaith Coalition, the request was made as part of the allocation, and we will be hearing the allocation at the next meeting. In developing the funding request, certain members of the Coalition told him and the Mayor that they need this funding in place before the weather gets cold. So, the time sensitivity is about getting this approved before it is cold so there is this place. He said he understood that we will have a lot of requests at the next Finance Committee meeting, and we would not be acting on those requests until the end of September. He said he and the Mayor felt this request needed to go earlier.

Ms. Rodriguez said she has been working with the community partners and they are close to finding a place, and it would be helpful to have these funds available.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Chavez said he attended some of the meetings in this regard. He said the memo indicates there will be a negotiation with St. Elizabeth's, and asked if that entity has been ruled out completely as a provider.

Ms. Rodriguez said no, we will still be using St. Elizabeth's shelter as a provider.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, she said the specific location hasn't been decided, but they are looking at two commercial spaces. She said we want them to be on Cerrillos Road, accessible to a bus route and a few other parameters.

Councilor Chavez asked if St. Elizabeth's Shelter is the proper title for the memorandum, commenting it is just the agency and not the physical space.

Ms. Rodriguez said this is how they're incorporated, even though they have multiple sites.

Councilor Dominguez noted we are giving the City Manager the opportunity to amend the contract, and asked if this will go to the City Council as is.

Chair Ortiz said if approved by this Committee, it will go from this Committee directly to the Council, and he doesn't believe it will go to any other committees.

Councilor Chavez asked Ms. Rodriguez to provide a Fiscal Impact Report in the packet when this goes to the Council.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND ADOPTING THE WATER DIVISION 10-YEAR PLAN (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER, CALVERT AND ROMERO). (GARY MARTINEZ).** Committee Review: Public Utilities Committee (Approved) August 20, 2008; Public Works Committee (Approved) August 25, 2008; and City Council (Schedule) October 29, 2008.

Items #8 and 9 were combined for purposes of presentation, discussion and public hearing, but were voted upon separately.

A copy of a letter dated November 1, 2007, to George Rael, Assistant Manager for Environmental Programs, U.S. Department of Energy, and Susan Stiger, Associate Director for Environmental Programs, LANL, Los Alamos, from Harry Montoya, Chair, Buckman Direct Diversion Board, entered for the record by Joanne Arens, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

A copy of a letter dated May 13, 2008, to Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair, Buckman Direct Diversion Board, from Susan Stiger, Associate Director Environmental Programs, LANL and George J. Rael, Assistant Manager Environmental Operations, Los Alamos Site Office, entered for the record by Joanne Arens, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Information regarding this matter was presented by Gary Martinez from materials in the Committee packet.

Angela Montoya Bricmont, Senior Consultant, Red Oak Consulting, gave an overview and history on the work on the ten-year financial plan, noting it has been updated annually. She said they have been able to ensure that the City's Water Division maintains a reasonable fund and one which meets all of its debt service requirement.

Councilor Chavez said this is a 10-year plan on the financing and the infrastructure, looking ahead to see what is needed regarding the Buckman Direct Diversion project, the treatment plant, repair and replacement – it is for the full system.

Mr. Martinez said this is correct, noting the 10-year CIP includes part of the infrastructure improvements, the BDD, the water treatment facility, the booster stations and wells, costs for resources, costs for chemicals – everything that the Water Division needs is included in the financial packet.

Councilor Chavez said this needs to be explained fully to the public, noting the discussion has

focused primarily on the BDD and that dollar amount which is a major component, but the whole infrastructure system is included as well.

Public Hearing

Chair Ortiz noted there will be a final public hearing on these items at the City Council meeting of October 29, 2008.

Chair Ortiz gave each person four minutes to speak to this issue.

Joanne Arens, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety, said their mission, which was adopted 20 years ago, is to protect all living beings in the environment from toxic and hazardous materials, now and in the future. She said they specifically focus on the Department of Energy sites in the State, specifically Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. She said their biggest concern at this point in time is the transport of contaminants to both the Buckman Well Field and the proposed Diversion site.

Ms. Arens said she has spoken about this in many different forums, as recently as last Thursday night. She said for the Finance Committee, the issue is one of liability with regard to what will happen if the early warning system doesn't work, where there would be flows through the Los Alamos Pueblo Canyon system to the Rio Grande. For example, this weekend there were two inches of rain in Los Alamos, and she is unsure whether there has been flow all the way to the Rio Grande. This is an example of where the early warning system would come into effect. She said relying on cell phone communication to turn off the Diversion Project is a big concern for her, because we know there are problems with these kinds of systems at the Laboratory with regard to its air monitoring systems.

Ms. Arens said the Concerned Citizens would like to see a legally binding agreement between the City, the BDD Board, the County and the Lab, for the Lab to do the things they said they would do in their response to the November 1, 2007, Buckman Diversion Board letter. She said the City, the County and the BDD Board need to take another step to get a legally binding agreement from the Laboratory. She said in their letter, the Laboratory said they want to emphasize their commitment which she said is not legally binding.

Ms. Arens said the Concerned Citizens are concerned about the contaminant levels getting into the Buckman Well Field and to the Diversion Project. She said, "There's already been reported increases of contamination. For example, when they filed their Clean Water Act lawsuit in February, the PCB levels were at 25,000 times the human health standard. One week later, they were reported at 38,000 times the human health standard, specifically in Los Alamos Pueblo Canyon system.

Ms. Arens said the Concerned Citizens are asking this Committee to ask the City Attorney to look into creating some specific agreement with the Laboratory about these issues, specifically about the liability issues. She said CCNS also supports the statements which will be made by the Santa Fe Watershed Association with regard to the rate increase and issues that there is not a minimum. There

used to be a rebate system where if you used a little bit of water, you got a rebate. However, right now the 7% increase is across the board, and there are a lot of concerns about people on low incomes being able to come up with an additional \$250 per year to pay for water. Right now, at \$31 for the basic rate, it will increase to \$51, and people don't know where the money to pay the increase is coming from.

Ms. Arens submitted two letters for the record [Exhibit "2" and "3"].

Jerry Jacobi, water consumer, said when he first came to Santa Fe he was using 8,000 to 12,000 gallons of water a month, but he and his wife now use only about 2,200 gallons per month. He said they have conserved water. He said a 7% flat rate could be a hardship on many people. He asked the Committee to think about a graduated rate of increase based on usage, just like the water bills. He proposed an alternative which would get the bills to \$50 per month by the end of 6 years: For people using less than 5,000, the rate increase would be 3%; usage of 5,000 to 7,000 gallons would be 4%; usage of 7,000 to 14,000 gallons is 5%; and those using more than 14,000 gallons a month would pay 10%. He said that would be a 7% average. He wants to see the City give people some sort of credit for conserving water. He said for those using 5,000 gallons, after 6 years would be paying \$38 per month, while the high end users would be paying more.

Dave Grunfeld, Director, Santa Fe Watershed Association, said their interest is in bringing the river back to life which became easier over the weekend. He said the Association sees the rate structure as the most effective conservation tool available to the community to send a signal to the community about the value of water, rewarding small users and in a sense penalizing larger users, or requiring them to pay a lion's share. He would go further than Dr. Jacobi, and say he believes the goal of the rate structure should be to make a sizable profit on water which would be "plowed back into" subsidies for conservation retrofits which are quite expensive. He strongly suggested sending the rate structure plan back to the Water Division for redesign around three areas:

- (1) Improve the rate structure blocks and add a third block at a high rate; lower the threshold to 6,000 and 9,000;
- (2) A social equity concept of charging lower users less and holding their rate increase flat, perhaps even reduce it and reward them for using very little water. Establish a zero block of no charge to reinforce the idea of water as a human right. Make sure small users aren't penalized in the process, and reward them for remaining small users.
- (3) Link the rate increase very specifically with a conservation retrofit program. The Water Division is talking about retrofits or front loading washers and faucets, as well as rooftop harvesting in the past which they believe has a huge potential, as are landscape irrigation improvements. These are expensive, and the only way to encourage people to use them is to reward them financially and to penalize them for non compliance through the rate structure. He said we can do better than this.

The Public Hearing was closed

Councilor Calvert said the title of #9 is somewhat misleading because it says, "...Water Rate Schedule 1; increasing the monthly volume charge..." He said it is also increasing the administrative charge equally.

Councilor Calvert asked, in terms of low income water customers, if there is an existing program.

Mr. Martinez said yes, there is a low income credit program as well as a program for those on disability or long term financial stress, and under those conditions, the City does adjust bills for those customers through these programs.

Councilor Calvert said then people that qualify for low income assistance don't pay the administrative fee, and just pay for the usage. He reiterated that the title doesn't include the administrative fee.

Mr. Martinez said under the HOPS program, run by the City's Office of Affordable Housing, the OAH will issue a notice to the Water Division stating that an applicant qualifies for HOP. He said HOP allows for a discounted utility expansion charge for a 5/8 residential service from \$2,013 to \$800. He said the low income credit is annually and quarterly, depending on how the person qualifies. He said approval of the low income credit is based on annual income, and we should follow federal income guidelines for eligibility. He said the annual credit is more long term for the elderly and permanently disabled, while quarterly is for a short term disability or an unemployment situation.

Councilor Calvert said we can look at the rate structure. However, overall revenue is going to have to increase by 7% per year, no matter how we would redo it.

Mr. Martinez said this is not a rate restructure, and the request is for a water rate increase to supply that, and somehow it keeps turning around to a rate restructure.

Councilor Calvert reiterated the title could be more clear in this regard.

Councilor Dominguez thanked staff for answering his questions last week. He said he believes it is inevitable that we will have some sort of rate increase to have a sustainable water supply for next generation.

Councilor Dominguez doesn't want to lose the opportunity to change the rate structure, and he believes now is the time to provide incentives to those who conserve water. He asked why we wouldn't look a restructure at this time, especially given that we haven't necessarily approved a ten-year plan.

Mr. Martinez said his largest concern with a rate restructure is that it takes a lot of time to do, noting it took many years to develop the current rate structure. Also, the longer the rate increase is postponed, the higher it will be. He said, due to delays, it will be January before the rate increase would become effective. He said if we delay further there will be costs, and if we have rate restructure discussions it will take longer than what time allows and it will result in larger increases for some customers.

Councilor Dominguez said he agrees that time is of the essence, and remembers discussions we had a year ago when we were looking at the rate structure. He would like to have that documentation and/or discussion as part of this discussion as well. He does remember when it was discussed, there was concern as to whether we had the system and technology to develop a complicated structure. He asked if this still is the case, or would it be possible.

Mr. Martinez said it always would be a challenge, saying it took about two years to fully implement the previous rate restructure. He said the success would depend on the extent of a rate structure change

Peter Ortega said, as he understands it, you are discussing on a water budget type of rate structure. He said the most difficult part of that is policing it and the administration of that, which is very time consuming.

Councilor Dominguez said the Long Range Plan is based on the assumption that the BDD will be completed. He knows there are other improvements which will be made in addition to the BDD. He asked how this fits into the long range plan. For example, will we see another increase after this has expired. What is the coordination between this and the long range plan.

Mr. Martinez said there was coordination with the water resource people in terms of what we can see ten years out. He said the long-range water supply plan is a 40-year plan. He said there is a big difference between what we expect in 10 years and in 40 years. One is the BDD which will be built by 2011. He said the \$110 million for the BDD is only one part of the Water Division financial needs, but it is a big piece of that. He said in the future if the Governing Body decides to go in a different direction with our water resources our finance plan will need to be revisited, and that could result in an increase.

Councilor Dominguez said there is much to understand, and he doesn't see the clear connection between the long range plan and this rate increase as well as the rate structure, and he would like to see this more clearly.

Mr. Martinez said it usually is tied into some of the CIP line items, for example, watershed restoration, BCC, professional services contracts to do analysis for conservation. It is all part of the package. He said the line items identified will provide the costs and the bases to get some of those analyses done. He said the biggest job on hand is completion of the Buckman Direct Diversion. Every thing else in there for the next ten years is part of maintaining our current portfolio and infrastructure. He agrees that the long range plan is very important, reiterating that the BDD is one of the most expensive and most identified projects on line for the next ten years.

Councilor Dominguez said things seem to be more stable for the next ten years, in terms of water sources, and this will get us to that point.

Mr. Martinez said once we have the sustainable supply, such as the BDD, it gives rest to the area and to the pumps, booster stations, wells and everything else, so a long range goal is to supply the sustainability, as well as to save our current sustainable resources.

Councilor Dominguez asked what is the plan to educate the public that their rates may be increasing which might encourage them to be more conserving of water, and this is how we are encouraging them to conserve.

Mr. Martinez said Dan Ransom is the expert in this regard, and we're looking at a couple of things for conservation, noting incentives are always there for appliances and other water conservation devices, although they aren't part of the rates. These are separate programs and shouldn't be confused with one another. He said the residential rate structure does incorporate water conservation just by the fact that you will pay more if you use more.

Councilor Dominguez reiterated his question about educating the public that this is coming, that the rates will increase, and conservation.

Mr. Martinez said the Water Conservation Committee has asked these kinds of questions, but the specific educational component hasn't been discussed.

Councilor Dominguez wants the educational component to be incorporated into this.

Mr. Martinez said it is on the website and there have been several public meetings which haven't been well attended, so they have tried to get the message to the public.

Councilor Chavez said the public seems to be following this closely, and we need to build on that to do the education and outreach to let the public know what is available in terms of incentives. He said we are looking at a 6.999% increase just to maintain the system in the future over a seven-year period. He asked if the one-year review is for the ten-year plan, or Item #9.

Mr. Martinez said the consultant is recommending a one year review for both the Resolution and the Ordinance.

Councilor Chavez said water quantity and quality are two issues of concerns to us, and he asked if staff would like to address any of the water quality issues which were brought up this evening, and the suggestion for an agreement between the local entities and LANL.

Mr. Martinez said there was a public meeting last week on the topic of water quality, which was videotaped and recorded, and talked about everything which would be available to the public. He said, "As far as staff is concerned, the Buckman Direct Diversion is getting built with that in mind and we feel that no matter what comes our way that we are going to handle that, we're going to treat that, we're going to handle that. The alert system we're looking at also will help us to be able to shut down the facility if need be and if we had that huge concern. That's why sustainability is important for Buckman Direct Diversion, because if that does happen, then you have to depend on your well sources, because that's the only source you have, whether it's the Buckman well field source, the City well field source, or Canyon. And hopefully, the Canyon source will be available. That's something we can't say is fully 100% sustainable either, but we feel very comfortable that we'll be able to handle those water quality issues that have been addressed."

Councilor Chavez asked Mr. Martinez if he sees a need for a stronger agreement between the local entities in Los Alamos, or is that already in place, and if he is comfortable with the monitoring system and the system needed to identify contaminants – will the systems be in place to deal with that.

Mr. Martinez said there have already been some agreements between LANL and the City, but there probably are further discussions which need to happen. He said we won't be able to finalize it in one meeting, but a lot of discussions are happening, and he understands LANL has been very cooperative with the City. He said LANL isn't running away from this, nor does it intend to do so. He believes we should leave that to the staff currently working on this project and let them handle those issues.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she believes it is the responsibility of the Buckman Direct Diversion Board to pursue trying to develop a more concrete agreement, noting she wants to pursue that.

MOTION: Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the Resolution endorsing and adopting the Water Division 10-year Plan.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Chavez wants to be sure it is reviewed annually, and asked if that will be part of the language.

Mr. Martinez said the consultant has recommended an annual review. However, it will take staff almost a year to ramp-up, and he would strongly recommend we start looking at a three-year finance plan review. He said staff can do a one year review, but it is a little tough for staff.

Councilor Wurzbarger said this motion is dealing with the ten-year plan. She agrees with the one-year review for the plan. She said Mr. Martinez can tell us a year from now what we've done on the plan, starting with the diversion project.

Chair Ortiz asked Councilor Chavez if he is proposing a friendly amendment to continue with an annual review instead of staff's recommended three-year review.

Councilor Chavez asked Mr. Martinez if he can do the one-year review.

Mr. Martinez said yes, if that is the desire of the Governing Body, but he would personally recommend a three-year review.

Councilor Chavez said if the Committee wants a one-year review he will propose a friendly amendment, but he would like to give staff the benefit of the doubt and let them do a three-year review.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

9. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 SFCC 1987, EXHIBIT B, WATER RATE SCHEDULE 1; INCREASING THE MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER, CHAVEZ AND ROMERO). (GARY MARTINEZ).** Committee Review: Public Utilities Committee (Postponed) August 20, 2008; Public Works Committee (Approved) August 25, 2008; Public Utilities Committee (Public Hearing) September 17, 2008; City Council (Request to Publish) September 24, 2008; and City Council (Public Hearing) October 29, 2008.

MOTION: Councilor Wurzburger moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the request for approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 25 SFCC 1987, Exhibit B, Water Rate Schedule 1; increasing the monthly volume charge by 6.999% per year over a ten-year period for residential, multi-family and commercial customers of the City's water system, with the proposed amendment on page 3 of the packet.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wurzburger wants the 6.999% language included so it is in the title, so it is clear from the earlier discussion.

Councilor Wurzburger said she believes there are ways to deal with some very important issues which were raised this evening, without changing the rate structure. She said we could go back and do an amendment for high users which wouldn't change the rate structure, but it would have the same effect of dealing with the concerns with respect to people who use more, as opposed by those who use less. She is making an argument for moving forward with the 6.999% increase in light of the demonstrated needs.

Councilor Calvert believes we could add a third tier for high volume users at this point.

Councilor Wurzburger would like to move the bill forward as is, and spend time at PUC between now and the Council meeting to come up with an amendment. She isn't comfortable doing that this evening.

Friendly amendment: Councilor Ortiz proposed that the motion be amended to provide that this Committee recommends engaging the Buckman Direct Diversion Board to seek more formal arrangements or agreements with Los Alamos National Laboratory regarding the issues of water quality and testing. **The amendment was friendly to the maker and second.**

Chair Ortiz understands, with regard to the clean water case which was filed in February 2008, that there is a decision in favor of the BDD, although there might be a judicial appeal.

Mr. Martinez said this is correct, but he would defer that to Mr. Carpenter for comment, because he doesn't want to give inaccurate information.

Chair Ortiz asked for a case status/disposition on both cases for the Council packets.

Responding to Ms. Arens, Chair Ortiz asked Ms. Arens to put her comments in writing and email it to the members of the Finance Committee.

Chair Ortiz said he is more comfortable with the rate increase now. He said when this came up at Public Utilities Committee when Councilor Montano was chairing that Committee, both he and Councilor Chavez asked for some sort of micro-breaks within the different rate tiers. At that time, there was a rebate system, and that program caused the City to be in default on its bonds two years later, and there were serious multimillion dollar deficits that we covered with CIP allocations. He doesn't want to go back to that.

Chair Ortiz said if this Committee approves this rate increase, he still believes we can look at a surcharge at the higher tier level, and create that on top of the increase, as well as micro-breaks within the lower tier structure so that we "equal it out." He recalls that one of the consultants developed a package to look at restructuring within those tiers. The Public Utility Committee needs to look at this at the lower end as well as the higher end before this goes to Council. He doesn't want to see another 125% rate increase.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously of a voice vote.

Councilor Wurzbarger departed the meeting at this time

DISCUSSION AGENDA

26. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2008/2009 UNION/MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, SANTA FE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION. (CAPTAIN GARY JOHNSON)

Captain Johnson said the City and the Santa Fe Police Officer's Association reached agreement, with only minor changes to the contract, but nothing which would have a fiscal impact to the contract, as this was a non-financial bargaining.

Mr. Millican said staff has done an analysis of the amounts included in this contract versus the budget, and there are no significant differences in the Police Department compensation resulting from these changes.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Captain Johnson explained that the change to the policy on take-home vehicles involved changing just one word. There was conflicting language in the previous agreement which talked about the discipline for violating the car plan. In one section it said an officer "will" lose the take home policy for 30 days, but in the very next paragraph it provided that the officer "shall" lose the take home policy. He said they did this one word change, but the overall policy doesn't change and everything remains the same.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Wurzbarger].

- 27. 2010-2014 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN. (ROBERT ROMERO)**
(Committee Review: Public Works Committee (Approved) August 25, 2008; and City Council (Scheduled) September 10, 2008.

A. REVIEW OF PROCESS

Chair Ortiz asked if there were any changes to the process this year by the State or DFA.

Mr. Romero said no. He said Councilor Bushee attended a meeting where they were discussing the County's process which is to hold a lot of public meetings.

Chair Ortiz said he attended that meeting, and the County Commissioners said they hold town hall meetings in the different Commission Districts to solicit input from the community and then narrow and winnow the list to be more efficient than the City.

Mr. Romero said last year the City received \$7 million from the Legislature and the County received \$50,000. He said this plan isn't fiscally constrained. He believes it would be difficult to do a public process where we ask for their wish list, but never do anything with it. However, we can do that next year if the Governing Body would like to do so, but he is unsure whether it is worth the time to do that.

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PLAN

Chair Ortiz asked if there were additions or deletions to the Plan, and Mr. Romero indicated there were none.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the 2010-2014 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan [Item 27(B)] and the Resolution adopting the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) [Item 27(C)].

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilor Wurzbarger].

C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (ICIP) (COUNCILOR BUSHEE). (ROBERT ROMERO)

See Item 17(B) above for action on this item.

28. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Mr. Millican said at the next meeting, September 15, 2008, the Committee will consider the recommended allocations of the GRT funds received in May. He also will be providing information on

some technical and allocation issues he found while reviewing the adopted budget. He said the Committee also will be looking at some of the other issues we may face, since the GRT isn't showing the strength needed to finance the budget which was adopted.

Chair Ortiz asked Committee members to be prepared for mid-year discussion which will be much more substantive than when we first heard about the windfall. He said he and staff will be working to "clear our decks" so we can have a very full and fruitful discussion on the next steps we may need to take.

29. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Chavez said the approval of the ICIP list doesn't identify our legislative priorities, and we need to do that.

Chair Ortiz said we will need to go through the same legislative process we have used the last two years, and said that can start here at this Committee. Chair Ortiz will work with the City Manager and the lobbyist to come up with a process so we can begin the more substantive discussions.

Mr. Millican said the Public Works Committee requested that the Finance Committee review and make recommendations on the CIP portion of the allocations and reallocations, and will be forwarding their recommendations to this Committee for the meeting on September 15, 2008.

Chair Ortiz said he previously requested an update from the City Attorney's Office on all current litigation – how much we have spent, who we're spending it on, what are the current cases and case load, and the names of the outside law firms/attorneys we've hired, and to hear that report in executive session at this Committee. Chair Ortiz said he wants this done by the first meeting in October 2008, and asked staff to so advise the City Attorney.

Responding to Mr. Millican, Chair Ortiz said there is only one meeting scheduled in October on October 5, 2008, but depending on what happens in September, the Finance Committee may have another meeting.

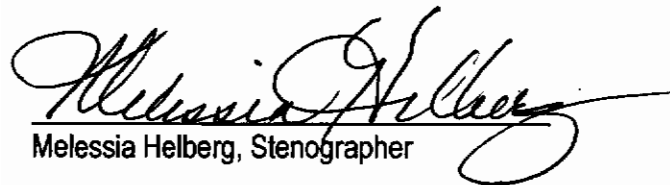
30. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its Agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Matthew E. Ortiz, Chair

Reviewed by:

David Millican, Finance Director
Department of Finance



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