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**PUBLIC WORKS/CIP & LAND USE COMMITTEE
MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
5:15 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
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4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2009 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC WORKS/CIP & LAND USE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works/CIP & Land Use Committee was called to order on the above date by Chair Patti Bushee at approximately 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln, Santa Fe, New Mexico

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBER PRESENT:

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair
Councilor Christopher Calvert [arriving later]
Councilor Miguel Chávez
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Rosemary Romero [excused]

OTHER COUNCILORS PRESENT:

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Romero, Public Works Director
Ms. Bobbi Mossman, Public Works Staff

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Trujillo moved to approve the Agenda as published. Councilor Chávez seconded the

motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Trujillo moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Councilor Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2009, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Councilor Trujillo moved to approve the minutes of August 24, 2009 as presented. Councilor Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA

6. COORDINATION BETWEEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND H-BOARD (ROBERT ROMERO)

Chair Bushee noted this was the result of a meeting with Sharon Woods, Marilyn Bane and Robert Romero.

Mr. Robert Romero said they did resolve several things. The first thing was the right of way excavation permit to which they had added that any contractor working the historic district shall not use concrete that was grey. On page 7 of the packet it said all city streets shall have curb and gutter that meets city standards. Earth tint concrete may be required. That was where the question came for staff. The Board now wanted it all to be earth-toned concrete so he would work to get that changed so it was clear that it all was to be earth toned concrete.

Also on page six, they added a requirement that Mr. Rasch sign off on all projects because some of them had archaeology issues. That way they wouldn't make another mistake about it.

He said Ms. Woods and Ms. Bane were very positive about it.

Councilor Calvert arrived at this time.

Chair Bushee asked if this was just administrative policy.-

Mr. Robert Romero said it would require a change to Chapter 14 to change the word "may" to "shall."

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Rasch regarding the sidewalk issue about parts of town where sidewalks were not earth tone color.

Mr. Rasch said a lot of the older concrete in downtown was earth toned by two reasons. One was just because of its age and some was just a brownish color and at some point all new concrete work was done with grey so now the theory was to just replace everything with earth toned concrete and eventually they would get back to all earth toned.

Chair Bushee understood this would mean more staff coordination was going on.

Mr. Robert Romero agreed and said ADA staff would also sign off on each project.

CONSENT AGENDA LISTING

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Chair Bushee asked if there was anything removed from it.

Mr. Robert Romero said a memo went to Finance and he addressed every concern that had been brought up here.

Mr. Robert Romero said he met with both councilors that had concerns. Councilor Wurzbarger had asked for postponement but that could not happen. They could amend something at Council if needed.

Chair Bushee said Kathy McCormick had something.

Mr. Robert Romero apologized for not having it in the packet. He said one thing that came up was the question about a project on Camino del Monte Sol that was never funded. That project was to raise the grade of the intersection from Santa Fe Trail to Cruz Blanca near Cordova Road. It was in bad condition and they would raise it with a sidewalk added.

Chair Bushee said there were no top priorities identified in it. She asked if the CSF was in there in the first place.

Mr. Robert Romero said he added College of Santa Fe later. He got some information from wastewater and water to make sure the list was consistent with their five year plan. He added those.

Chair Bushee asked about the \$17 million for the College of Santa Fe.

Mr. Robert Romero explained that it was what they were spending as part of the deal, even though they were not asking for it from the state legislature.

Chair Bushee said the Women's Health Center had the County as their fiscal agent so she wondered where they were on this list. The county bought that building and rented out part of it.

Mr. Robert Romero agreed to look into it.

He also thought that what Ms. McCormick raised was in the list. Chair Bushee said she had never seen it come up before them. She said at \$97 million, they didn't even need economic development.

Chair Bushee asked about the St. Francis crossing and the potential crossing at Alameda.

Mr. Robert Romero said they were both included.

Chair Bushee questioned if \$4 million for Tino Griego was correct.

Mr. Robert Romero said it was what the project would cost and explained that it was a combination of the teen center and the LaFarge Library improvements. He said it would be on the Council agenda on Wednesday and he would make sure that was clear on the list.

Councilor Chávez asked about the Digital Media Design Center on page 9.

Mr. Robert Romero said he would speak with Ms. McCormick about that one also.

Councilor Chávez brought up the problem of Siberian Elm growing up between the curb and gutter throughout the City and asked if there was a remediation plan to remove that and keep it out of the City's ROW and away from the curb and gutter. It was even growing out of box culverts.

Mr. Chávez said anytime the City removed any of them, they treated the stump so it wouldn't come back. Streets also asked Parks for assistance on that project.

Councilor Chávez said he saw curb and gutter already uprooted and the root system kept uprooting it.

Mr. Chávez said staff treated the stump with alpha master and he might be seeing cuts made in previous years.

Mr. Robert Romero asked him to tell the locations and they would deal with it.

Chair Bushee felt there should be criteria so things didn't get inserted out of the blue. She wasn't sure where some of them came from.

Mr. Robert Romero thought they should ask each department to submit a five year plan. They could also include whether it was by resolution or some other source.

Councilor Chávez hoped that local arts could be included in the Railyard multi-modal depot perhaps as a kiosk.

Mr. Robert Romero said they were working on an RFP right now with a little left over transit money.

Councilor Calvert moved to approve the request as amended. Councilor Trujillo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Councilor Dominguez presented the requested. He thanked the Committee for postponing it to this meeting so he could be present.

He said it was not their intent to place graffiti as a priority over other crimes. The Police Department would continue to deal with those. This was an intent to encourage the Police Department to take a little more ownership of this problem and the crime that was occurring - to try to recognize trends and try to advise the Council about them and to share the information within the Police Department. Also to integrate the prevention into their investigations. Taking ownership meant being proactive. Graffiti often leads to other crimes. They could educate the public about what to do.

He said he had discussions last Monday with several staff. Right now it required extensive communication between Parks and Police Departments and it could mean many things but gaps existed because it involved two departments. So this would move the clean up crew under the Police Department

Ms. Price provided an amendment to it.

Chair Bushee sensed the Committee was concerned when the Police Department presented a bill for \$300,000 for staffing but agreed the overall coordination did need to happen.

Councilor Dominguez thought the Police Department assumed there was to be a whole new division.

Chair Bushee added that the Police Department staff didn't even have the same kind of scheduling.

Councilor Dominguez said the clean up crew efforts would still be done but under a new chain of command.

Chair Bushee thought the Committee was leaning to have Parks retain staff but add stepped up communication.

Councilor Dominguez respected that but noted it might have too many chiefs. The potential for gaps existed.

Chair Bushee said everyone on the Committee was very serious about combating graffiti and potential gang activity. But she got a sense of uncertainty; that moving staff might be premature.

Councilor Dominguez said this was to get rid of communications gaps, also to continue the clean up efforts, and also to help people understand that graffiti was a crime and police dealt with criminal activity.

Chief Wheeler said they met with Councilor Dominguez and acknowledged there was a communication breakdown. He identified two staff who would work on it. They would create a database and reports would be made on a daily basis on the intelligence that was gathered and would allow them to cover the graffiti immediately. They also recognized the need for community education on it as well as COPS and Neighborhood Watch on what needed to be done with graffiti.

In their meeting they discussed what his officers should be doing when they saw graffiti on the streets. He agreed they should do more and make calls to the hotline but his officers were being proactive in recognizing it.

Chair Bushee said she was counting on the Chief regarding the COPS program. The COPS program was passed unanimously two years ago. The main thrust of the COPS program in other places was the graffiti issue.

Chief Wheeler agreed and said he asked Councilor Dominguez for a chance to begin that effort. They did identify some good ideas and good programs like camera systems. He felt if the Police Department took on that responsibility it would create more problems. Right now Mr. Romero and his staff had a good track record on removing graffiti within 24 hours.

Chair Bushee said the effort to move it to Police Department was an effort to beef it up. The City had not seen any increase in enforcement. So maybe they would have to have a hybrid with extended staff hours or a COPS program so that the gang detectives could track this better and make sure the exchange was there so those who commit know it was a crime and taken seriously by this community. It felt like that side had been missing. In Hopewell-Mann the graffiti was clearly gang messages.

Chief Wheeler agreed that was really the intent. To go back where Parks would respond and take photos and email it to gang detectives who would review it and gather the intelligence. He agreed that it

was gang communication. So his department could read it, create files, and identify the gang activities. So when they came across a crime, the information would assist them in prosecution. Unfortunately most graffiti was simple tagging and that would limit them in the prosecution. There were over 100 documented members of the west side gang. Also it was a misdemeanor act.

Chair Bushee said the cameras could pick up the activity even in the dark of night but questioned who would be monitoring those cameras and what the actual personnel coordination would be. If they didn't move it under Police Department she was concerned what they were going to get. They could get grants to buy equipment but needed to have effective interaction of staff. The research of the T.F. was based on what other communities were doing and Santa Fe was not close to being proactive on it.

Chief Wheeler agreed. He said they had a limited amount of time, very little proactive time, let alone allocating overtime to staff.

Chair Bushee said having COPS was less costly than overtime. With annexation they needed to grow larger but graffiti had to be worked into their ongoing work. They needed to get creative and proactive on how to do it.

Councilor Trujillo said the action between Public Works and Police Department was important but not working because there was graffiti all over the place. He asked Councilor Dominguez if the communication could get better and how long they should wait on it.

Councilor Dominguez was not opposed to looking at this here. It had to be more than 3 months. Logistics needed to be worked out. He was not opposed to what Chief Wheeler was saying but he was proposing that it be his responsibility and his alone. He was not opposed to looking at it for a year.

Councilor Trujillo said the public needed to know who to call: Public Works or the Police Department.

Councilor Dominguez said the clean up crew members were employees of the City of Santa Fe and where they were located could be worked out so they didn't miss a step on clean up.

Chief Wheeler said they had two detectives to assign to graffiti and right now budget constraints meant they could not expand that. The 8 new officers would have to be trained (stimulus money). For new hires it would be a year out before they could hit the streets.

Councilor Calvert asked how much crime in the city was gang related.

Chief Wheeler said he couldn't tell the Committee off the top of his head but knew the two gang detectives were very busy. With events this weekend (Fiestas) they had asked Bernalillo County to help them with things.

Councilor Calvert thought that would be good information to have, to know how much of Santa Fe's crimes were gang related. The visual blight was bad enough but the tagging and gang communication

made it worse. It didn't sound like having two officers was enough effort. They also had to look at the education component already in the Police Department. That was part of the communication that needed to happen - to disseminate the information on various types of graffiti and other things. The crime activity was more disconcerting so it would be helpful to find out that statistic on percent of gang related crimes.

Chief Wheeler said it was a limited amount of intelligence. They had 100 burglaries in a month and burglars didn't tag when they burgled. A lot of gang initiation involved robbery or burglary.

Councilor Calvert asked if crimes followed tagging.

Chief Wheeler said it was not necessarily a precursor but sometimes people entered another gang's area. Some tagging was just to escalate the prestige because of the risk.

Councilor Calvert thought they needed to look at what other cities have seen and done and what Santa Fe could glean from graffiti evidence to enforce or prevent more criminal activity. Conflict over a territory could lead to violent crime. Hopefully there was information to be used.

Chair Bushee recommended that Mr. Buller convene a meeting with Mr. Romero, Chief Wheeler, Councilor Dominguez and Ms. Price and come up with a strategy. She was not hearing actual coordination. She thought Albuquerque actually didn't even have the homeowner paint over it anymore because they had a large enough force to eradicate it. She didn't see the public safety component come through here yet. A plan needed to be made with timeline, criteria, anticipated results, etc. She said she understood the frustration.

Councilor Dominguez said he could write a plan but wasn't sure any department would accept it.

Chair Bushee said that was why she would ask Mr. Buller to do it. It was an urgent matter.

Councilor Dominguez felt that until they had it under one department they would continue to have problems. The Police Department could still do it and they would be responsible for it. He was looking to them for how to measure it and how to evaluate results. He agreed to work with Mr. Buller on it.

Councilor Calvert said, as a cosponsor on it, he would be willing to give that reprieve but the shot had been fired across the bow. They needed more coordination. They definitely needed a plan and evaluation in six months to a year.

Councilor Calvert moved to forward the request to Finance without the amendments after staff work on it and propose something for the Finance Committee. Councilor Trujillo seconded the motion.

Mr. Buller said he would agree on the recommendations of the Task Force. Councilor Calvert's point here at the end was that the flexibility of Mr. Chávez and Mr. Robert Romero was something the Police Department would not have. The one good thing from the meeting was that they could also bring constituent services into that. They could track it and issue reports on it - just to help and not to take it over.

A case plan from the Police Department was something they should do immediately and he thought they could make a compromise work. They could not have two chains of command so it had to be either here or there.

Chair Bushee said the law enforcement piece, even with communications, was still missing. Mr. Buller agreed. It sounded like the two gang officers would take charge of it. How it was done she didn't know but the case plan had to happen. She would make Chief Wheeler responsible for a report on the COPS program. She said she was tired of waiting on it. The City was short staffed and these citizens would be the eyes and ears out there.

Councilor Chávez said even moving it under the Police Department, wouldn't enhance the inter-department communication.

Mr. Buller said it would increase the communication and that was an essential piece of the pie.

Councilor Chávez said fighting crime and graffiti was an ongoing battle and it was important to keep moving it forward. Community education, prevention, enforcement and clean up were all necessary. A one-year review would be appropriate.

Chair Bushee asked if the request for ordinance changes was coming forward.

Ms. Price said she would take them from the resolution and prepare them.

Councilor Dominguez said he was somewhat optimistic that they could get to a better place before Finance. He agreed to continue to work on it.

Mr. Schmidt, from the Graffiti Task Force, was present but had nothing more to add.

The motion passed with all voting in favor except Councilor Chávez who voted against.

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Ms. Brennan reported on this matter giving some of the history. In the spring of 2008, the Council approved a lease of the property as one parcel in anticipation they would redevelop the property. For several reasons, the program shifted so there were three developments being financed separately. One

was family, second was senior and third was workforce development. As a result of the financing, each was independent and needed its own lease.

All three leases would be executed and the program as it would develop. Phase 1 and phase 2 were ready to go. Phase 3 needed to work on its financing a little bit more. It was still a 99 year term. It was a nominal sum. The cost was fundamentally the same among the three projects. Their prior lease was not done by ordinance and the leasing entity wanted it to be done on the proper form.

Ms. Brennan clarified that the terms and conditions were almost exactly the same as the prior lease. The prior lease was not done by ordinance but this one was to meet the statutory provisions.

Chair Bushee said she would have preferred the details of each lease to be in front of them to read and understand what was to take place on that property. She wondered if they were affordable. She wanted that information before she voted on it.

Mr. Ed Romero explained the three leases. In the first one they had the option for 13,000 square feet in commercial space. They decided to split it up with 4,000 in the family site and 9,000 in the workforce site. Since then they had a problem going through zoning so they dropped the 4,000 square feet and now had more playground and common area. The 9,000 sq ft was an option for workforce and could be implemented up to twenty years from now. It was the parcel closest to downtown. It might not be public housing. The remainder would have a rent cap but not restrictions on incomes qualifying. Egress was off of Camino del Campo.

He explained that unit two was a senior only complex with 50 unites. They would have a transportation assistance component for that site.

Chair Bushee asked if all of it would have affordable housing.

Mr. Ed Romero said in the family section 50% were affordable. It would be affordable for someone making \$48,000. The Workforce unit would have the same cap on rent.

Chair Bushee asked if there was a place for police.

Mr. Ed Romero said it depended if there was money to cover the mortgage. Right now he had a \$2.5 million gap. He was open to recommendations and would like to see a police officer there. It was a good starting point. They were all rentals and they would cost about \$100,000 each to build.

Councilor Chávez asked Mr. Ed Romero if they had a voucher program to win back the former tenants.

Mr. Ed Romero said they did as a right of first return. About 40 of the 90 have said they would like to come back. They wanted to see more but it was what it was.

Councilor Chávez moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the leases for these three tracts of land. Councilor Trujillo seconded the motion.

Councilor Calvert noticed a discrepancy in the documents about what the lease amount was per year. In one place it said \$10 and in another it said \$3.

Ms. Brennan explained that it was originally \$10 for the whole and was split into thirds 3, 3 and 4.

Councilor Calvert told Mr. Ed Romero he had heard rumors they were putting in all electric appliances.

Mr. Ed Romero said the rumors of all electric were correct and a solar component on the family unit. We would use high efficiency appliances and in family to would wire it for solar at some point in the future. They had submitted for a grant for green built that would bring money to the project. At present there was no solar scheduled for the senior portion but that could change if they got notice of additional grants.

He explained that residents could get an increased utilities allowance if there were higher costs. The estimates were about \$80 per month for heating. Gas heating might be \$50 so that would give them a \$30 reduction in rent.

Councilor Calvert asked him to have that conversation with the City's energy specialist before it went to Council to make it a better project.

Chair Bushee commented that Tierra Contenta put in those cheap electric heating units and now regretted it.

Mr. Ed Romero said they did contact City staff on the grant and heard back from them today. They also went out and looked at those apartments and would not make those same mistakes. He added that the recent spikes in natural gas prices could wipe out their budget. He said they were meeting the green standards.

Councilor Chávez didn't accept the proposed amendment by Councilor Calvert as friendly.

Councilor Calvert moved to amend the approval with a requirement that Mr. Ed Romero meet with the City's energy specialist to see if anything could be worked out. Chair Bushee seconded the motion and it passed on a 3-1 voice vote.

The motion as amended passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None.

12. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Bushee asked that the remote monitoring come to them at the next meeting.

13. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

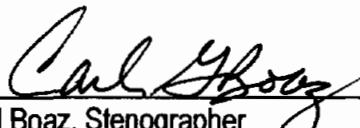
14. ADJOURN

Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti J. Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer