



# Agenda

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 5, 2010 – 5:15 P.M.

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

MARCH 22, 2010

6. PRESENTATION

- A. FIRST SOUTHWEST ASSET MANAGEMENT - CITY'S INVESTMENT ADVISOR (SCOTT MCINTYRE)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 4/1/10 TIME 8:15 p  
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**Committee Review:**

Transit Advisory Board (Approved)	3/02/10
Public Works (Approved)	3/29/10
Council (Scheduled)	4/14/10

Fiscal Impact – Yes

14. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2001-35; AND REESTABLISHING THE SANTA FE TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD (COUNCILOR ROMERO) (JON BULTHUIS)

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Transit Advisory Board (Approved)	3/02/10
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Regional Planning Authority (Scheduled)	4/20/10
Council (Scheduled)	4/28/10

Fiscal Impact – No

15. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-5.5 (A) (3) SFCC 1987 REGARDING GENERAL STANDARDS FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER AND COUNCILOR ROMERO) (JEANNE PRICE)

**Committee Review:**

Planning Commission (Approved)	3/04/10
Public Works (Approved)	3/29/10
Council (Request to Publish)	4/14/10
Council (Public Hearing)	5/12/10

Fiscal Impact – No



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**Committee Review:**

Public Works (Scheduled)	4/12/10
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Fiscal Impact - No

17. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT B CHAPTER 21 SFCC 1987 REFUSE AND RECYCLING RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO INCREASE MONTHLY CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS BY 4.2% PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS; AND MAKING SUCH OTHER CHANGES AS ARE NECESSARY (Postponed at Finance Committee Meeting of March 1, 2010) (COUNCILOR ROMERO) (REGINA WHEELER)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works (Approved)	2/08/10
Finance (Postponed)	3/01/10
Public Utilities (Postponed)	3/03/10
Business & Quality of Life (No Quorum)	3/09/10
Public Utilities (Scheduled)	4/07/10

Council (Request to Publish)	4/14/10
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Fiscal Impact - Yes

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**Committee Review:**

Public Works (Approved)	3/15/10
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Council (Scheduled) 4/12/10

Fiscal Impact – Yes

19. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS (ROBERT ROMERO)

*END OF CONSENT AGENDA*

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22. ADJOURN

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Monday, April 5, 2010

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Matthew E. Ortiz, at approximately 5:15 p.m., on Monday, April 5, 2010, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz, Chair  
Councilor Bushee  
Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Councilor Dominguez  
Councilor Rosemary Romero

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Kathryn Raveling, Acting Finance Director  
Laura Vigil, Finance Division  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.

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

*[Stenographer's Note: Since there were only three members of the Committee in attendance, Chair Ortiz voted on all issues so a majority of the Committee would be voting in favor of the item.]*

**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 Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the agenda, as presented

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzbarger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the following Consent Agenda as amended.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzbarger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

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#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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19. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Wurzbarger]*

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 22, 2010, REGULAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzburger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the minutes of the Regular Finance Committee Meeting of March 22, 2010, as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzburger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

**6. PRESENTATION**

**A. FIRST SOUTHWEST ASSET MANAGEMENT – CITY'S INVESTMENT ADVISOR.  
(SCOTT McINTYRE)**

A copy of "Key Investment Points," for the City of Santa Fe, dated April 5, 2010, with attachment, prepared by First Southwest Asset Management, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Helene Hausman, City Finance, said we are looking at rates of ½% on the market, which is lower than the 1% she projected when she prepared the budget last year.

Ms. Hausman introduced Mr. McIntyre.

Scott McIntyre, First Southwest, spoke about the economy and reviewed the information in Exhibit "1."

Chair Ortiz thanked Mr. McIntyre for his presentation and the information provided.

Councilor Bushee asked if the City does any banking at locally owned banks.

Ms. Hausman said the City's fiscal agent is Wells Fargo Bank which has local branches and was chosen after a competitive bidding process. One year ago she approached all of the local banks and asked if there were opportunities for the City. She said in Spring 2010, she placed over \$30 million in CD's at local banks, including First National Bank, LANB, Community Bank, Guadalupe Credit Union, State Employees Credit Union, and Century Bank. She said some banks chose not to deal with public funds, one of which was Charter Bank, and she hasn't had a response from Del Norte Credit Union and two others.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Ms. Hausman said Wells Fargo handles the payroll, accounts payable and the big, heavy, week-to-week transactions.

Councilor Wurzburger asked the impact of not meeting our protection by 50% and how that ties into the budget process.

Ms. Hausman said it is a little less than \$500,000 below projection, which is significant.

Ms. Hausman credited the local banks, noting she just rolled-over the Library Endowment Fund which is \$272,000, and First National Bank gave 1.2% on those funds, which is 2-3 times what she could buy elsewhere.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION**

### **11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INTERIM PROPOSAL – PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS – ELECTRICAL PANEL. (CHIP LILIENTHAL)**

Councilor Bushee asked, regarding option 2, where is the other underground location.

Mr. Lilienthal said the other underground location hasn't been specified. He said the architect brought in one of his pictures to say that this is an area where there wouldn't be interference with tree roots or irrigation lines.

Mr. Lilienthal met with John Silver who owns the Catron Building, and there are no tunnels in the basement of his building, but there formerly were two apartments with an exterior entrance below the street level. He said he knows of no tunnels which exist on the east side of the Plaza.

Councilor Bushee said then you found another location, and it is still expensive, and Mr. Lilienthal said this is correct.

Councilor Bushee asked who dictated that the panel be painted green, and asked if there is any reason we can't leave that to SHPO to decide what would be allowed in terms of colors.

Mr. Lilienthal said conversations with, and a letter of January 4, 2010, from, SHPO approves the reduction of the size of the electrical panel, and to paint it the traditional Plaza color, which is Plaza green, and that is what will be done, although he doesn't know the timetable.

**MOTION:** Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to approve this request as recommended by the Facilities Division.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Ortiz asked what is the choice, noting it doesn't say that they opted for Option 1, and the action is for the information and concurrence of this Committee.

Mr. Lilienthal said since the Public Works Committee meeting, Public Works directed the Facilities Division to move forward with reducing the size of the panel, which is Option 1, and he is asking for concurrence with that recommendation.

Councilor Bushee thought the cost was \$45,000.

Mr. Lilienthal said this is correct. He said the \$75,000 includes the four street lights which cost \$30,000, and the reduced in size electrical panel will cost \$45,000. He said the street lights will be paid from the budget for Small Parks.

Councilor Bushee asked why this is called an "interim proposal."

Mr. Lilienthal said the plan by SHPO, City Historic Preservation Office with the Cultural Landscape Report is to have all electrical equipment in sight moved from the Plaza. He said the street lights have been approved by SHPO.

**CLARIFICATION OF MOTION:** Councilor Bushee said her motion includes approval for Option 1 – Reduce the size of the electrical panel.

Chair Ortiz noted there is no FIR, so we don't know the line item from which this will be paid. He said if it is to be paid from the Small Parks Fund, he will vote against it at Council.

Councilor Bushee understood there were monies in the Plaza Improvement Fund.

Chair Ortiz said he wants to see an FIR on this request by the time it goes to Council, commenting that if it is coming from Small Parks, he will vote against it. He believes the funding should come from some sort of Plaza fund. He wants to see a funding source identified other than from Small Parks.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Mr. Lilienthal said he has not found any additional funds.

Councilor Bushee said she doesn't want this paid from Small Parks either.

**RESTATED MOTION:** Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to approve this request with Option 1, and with direction to staff to identify the funding source by the time this goes to Council and to provide an FIR.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Bushee again asked if there are Plaza Improvement Funds to pay for this improvement.

Chair Ortiz said all of those funds have been used.

**VOTE:** The motion as restated was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzbarger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

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Councilor Bushee said she pulled this item to vote against it to be consistent, noting she voted against this request in Public Works Committee.

Chair Ortiz said the Memorandum in the packet builds on what Mr. DeGrande said in 2009, and Ms. Wheeler provides two options in that Memo.

Councilor Bushee said she is still of the opinion "that if we go to every other week there could be a savings."

Regina Wheeler, Solid Waste Division Director, noted she is in the beginning of her 4<sup>th</sup> week with the City, and she definitely sees opportunities to increase efficiency and customer service delivery, and believes they will be making significant steps in that direction. She will look at the "every other week recycling collection," and report back to this Committee before the "next year the rate increase would be passed."

Councilor Bushee asked if the timing is such this has to be approved right now, and then consider reducing it, noting she hopes we don't have "to have one."

Ms. Wheeler said the model which was done by Jason Mumm looks at key elements, such as landfill tipping fees, annexation, fund balances which must be maintained for operating, capital balances which needs to maintained, and they were able to come up with a smaller number, and leave the finances of the enterprise in a better condition than previously. She said this rests on the assumption that 5,000 homes will be annexed in 2012, according to the City/County Annexation Agreement. She said without the annexation, the increase would be 5.6%. She said to maintain the health of the enterprise fund, an increase is requested to start on July 1, 2010, and to look at what will be needed in 2011.

Councilor Bushee said Mr. Mumm advised an increase in the water rates, and we are now considering a rebate to the customers. She isn't convinced that we need to do this rate increase right now.

Chair Ortiz said, as Ms. Wheeler's Memorandum states, the City has to increase its rates because SWMA continues to pass its increases to us, and we don't have City involvement in the City/County decision making. He asked if there is some process we could put into place to approve a bare increase to produce the funds this year, and give direction to staff to explore other kinds of cost cutting measures, so we can "arrive at the same place."

Ms. Wheeler said SWMA has increased tipping fees by 30% over the last two years, which is a tremendous expense for this operation to absorb with no increase in rates.

Chair Ortiz asked if there is any way to reexamine the SWMA increase in fees as of July 1, 2010, noting the City has equal representation on the SWMA Board.

Ms. Wheeler said she has reviewed the budget in detail, the Memorandum and the proposed Ordinance, and she does have ideas. She said, for example, there is a \$650,000 Household Hazardous Waste permanent collection facility planned for next year which is in the budget.

Councilor Bushee said she doesn't want that.

Ms. Wheeler said it has been on SWMA's strategic plan for some time. She said there are a couple of other things, but she is unsure that all these reactions can happen this quickly. She believes we should respond to the current fee proposed by SWMA, and then during the next year work with SWMA to get them to look at efficiencies and cost reduction strategies.

Councilor Bushee said this is a "knee jerk" reaction to this.

Chair Ortiz said it isn't a "knee jerk" reaction, noting Bill DeGrande has been telling us this for a year – that SWMA has increases coming – and we have been pushing this off for a year.

Councilor Bushee said, "It has come to light that there are three-quarters of a million of unnecessary improvements that don't need to be built now, or ever maybe." She would like to see this at Public Utilities and have a more in-depth discussion. She would like to postpone the rate increase until we talk about annexation and how Solid Waste is going to manage that.

Chair Ortiz asked Mr. Mumm if he has information on this in terms of creative solutions.

Mr. Snyder said Mr. Mumm didn't recommend the water rate increase, it was Red Oak, and Mr. Mumm came on board after that. He said Mr. Mumm currently is looking at the rate structure and will be making a presentation at the Special Study Session at Public Utilities on Wednesday.

Chair Ortiz said he will be in Taos on Wednesday.

Ms. Wheeler said SWMA approved its rate increase at its last meeting, and voted to publish the ordinance with the new rates, which will be considered at the meeting on April 15, 2010. She said there really isn't an opportunity to change the \$37.50 per ton for this year. She said SWMA is proposing an increase of \$1.25 per year for the next four years, which we have used in our model as well. She believes the first year of the increase is "cast in concrete" at this point, but we could respond to future years.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Ms. Wheeler said the public hearing on the SWMA ordinance increasing the rates will be at the next meeting on April 15, 2010.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she feels somehow, we should, for our part, not approve this rate increase, until we take the next two weeks to see what we can do to protest the ordinance. She said this whole process has caused many of us to ask how SWMA decisions are made which impact the City, in which we feel the City doesn't have the necessary level of input. She said this is on the Public Utilities agenda on Wednesday.

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to postpone this request to the next Finance Committee meeting on April 19, 2010, with direction to staff to ask SWMA to postpone the vote on the ordinance, and invite SWMA to participate in a Special Study Session at the PUC meeting on May 7, 2010.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Bushee said she would rather have no, or a minimal, rate increase this year. She said we are reacting to SWMA's rate increases.

Mr. Mumm said he calculated what is needed, in terms of rates, based on the existing costs now and as anticipated in the future. He said the scale of the annexation reduced the rate increase from 4.3 to 3.1%. He said tipping fees are a variable cost, which is factored into what they have done as well. He said if the City didn't approve the 3.1%, it would be necessary to draw down the Solid Waste Fund balance which would leave less funds for emergencies or to have operating cash on hand to pay bills and such. He said this is one of the restraints that they monitor.

Mr. Mumm said the other issue is that there are outstanding bonds for the Solid Waste enterprise, and there are requirements for reserves and to meet the bonding obligations.

Councilor Bushee how the proposed 30% increase compares to the fees in surrounding operations.

Ms. Wheeler said it is still a better deal for Caja del Rio. She said it is difficult to compare our rates with those of surrounding operations because of the variables in the operations and the costs of those operations. She said our break even is \$40 per ton, so it is still a better deal for the City because of the cost to transport waste to other landfills.

Ms. Wheeler said, as mentioned by one of the members of the SWAC subcommittee of SWMA, there are special constraints which are imposed on Caja del Rio, which increase our costs – we use union workers, environmental constraints such as heights, and only accepting in-County waste which keeps the landfill small and the costs higher.

Councilor Bushee said it also extends the life of the landfill.

Ms. Wheeler said the landfill has 100 years of capacity, and hopefully by that time we are doing something "much cooler" with our garbage. She said the fee we pay incorporates our values into the landfill. She said it is run beautifully, is the best looking landfill she's seen, is impeccable and they really are delivering quality for the City from an environmental and good neighbor perspective.

Councilor Bushee noted SWMA raised its tipping fees last year. She understands the economic constraints, and not taking other waste, but said "maybe they can charge more for out-of-Santa Fe County waste and tipping fees." She said we may have "missed the boat," this time, but there should be more communication, and we shouldn't always "be in reaction and accepting it as a given."

Councilor Wurzbarger agreed, and said she would like for SWMA to come to Public Utilities and explain why an increase of 30%, how much of that is based on something which could be postponed, and what would happen if they did, for example, the new building 3 years from now.

Councilor Bushee asked if landfills are doing these kinds of permanent structures for household hazardous waste.

Ms. Wheeler said they are rare, and this would be only the second in the State, noting it really is a tremendous operational challenge with a lot of regulatory, health and safety issues.

Councilor Wurzbarger believes it is time to challenge SWMA, with no disrespect to the City Councilors serving on SWMA.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzbarger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

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**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION**  
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## **DISCUSSION**

### **20. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

There was no other financial information.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to reconsider the previous action to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzbarger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzbarger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to remove item #19 from the Consent Agenda for discussion at this time, and to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.



**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzburger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against.

#### **19. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS. (ROBERT ROMERO)**

Councilor Wurzburger noted there is a proposed Community Services Department Director, and there is no organizational chart. She still has concerns about a macro Community Services Department which includes Economic Development. She says the Memorandum states that the Director's position "is crucial to operation of Youth Services, Library, Seniors and the Arts." She asked what happens to Economic Development.

Mr. Romero said this "is filling it right now. We'll still be going through the organizational chart for the budget process, so we will have time to decide whether anything else moves into Community Services."

Councilor Wurzburger said, "Okay, by approving this, it does not state agreement with that." She said her understanding is that this position is being funded by merging other positions, and this is not a new position.

Mr. Romero said it isn't a new position, it is Terrie Rodriguez's position. He said Ms. Rodriguez is going to step down and fill this position which is Rick Anaya's old position which has been vacant until now. He said the summer program is going to start very soon, and Ms. Rodriguez will be moving into the position of Human Services manager, Rick Anaya's old position. He said we will then be filling Ms. Rodriguez's old position.

Councilor Wurzburger said then this is a "zero/zero proposition." She is comfortable with this, as long as it is clear that we have not resolved the placement of Economic Development and its importance to the Arts. She still wants to pursue the placement of the four positions.

Mr. Romero said what is listed is currently in the Community Services Department.

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzburger moved for approval of this request. **THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

Councilor Bushee asked if there is a new Human Services Manager position.

Mr. Romero reiterated that it isn't new and was Rick Anaya's old position.

Councilor Bushee said it says "new" in the packet on page 3.

Mr. Romero reiterated it isn't new, or newly funded, and it is Rick Anaya's old position which has been vacant since Rick retired last August, and he has been on the books until now. He reiterated that the Community Services Director position is not new and is Terrie Rodriguez's position until she moves

down to fill Mr. Anaya's old position. He doesn't know why it says "new" on page 3, saying there are no new positions on the list.

Councilor Bushee asked what is the annual salary at \$36 per hour, and Mr. Romero said it is \$72,000 with benefits. He said \$44 per hour is about \$88,000 annually.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Mr. Romero said Ms. Rodriguez will continue as the Department Director until that position is filled, and he will be filling it very soon after this request is approved by the Council. He said the only positions he is requesting to fill are those listed on page 1 of the Memorandum.

Chair Ortiz said the other positions are given as an example of total salaries and benefits.

**MOTION:** Councilor Wurzburger moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve this request, with the understanding that the Organizational Chart for Community Services has not been approved.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on a voice vote with Chair Ortiz, Councilor Bushee and Councilor Wurzburger voting in favor of the motion and no one voting against..

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**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION**  
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## **21. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Responding to Councilor Wurzburger, Chair Ortiz said he removed the budget from the agenda, because there is no additional information, and he needs the members' windows of time so he can see when the Committee wants to do budget hearings.

Ms. Raveling said she will email available dates and work out the times for the Budget meetings with the members of the Committee.

Chair Ortiz said the best dates would be the last week of April and the first week of May.

Councilor Wurzburger said she has lost track of what has and has not been approved, and she wants a clear understanding before the next meeting of what is still to be approved.

Chair Ortiz said prior to beginning the budget process, there will be a status update in terms of progress and what needs to be decided. He will work with Ms. Raveling and Mr. Romero to be sure that Memorandum is in the packet. He said we gave direction to the City Manager to provide options for cuts ranging from \$5 million to \$11 million, depending on our situation.

Councilor Wurzburger said the contingency idea remains.

Chair Ortiz said this is correct and we would be looking at services which can be cut.

**22. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

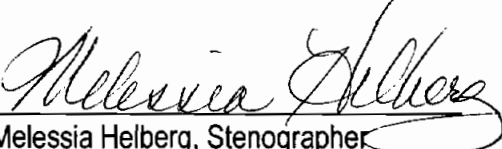
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