



Agenda

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 20, 2011 – 5:00 PM

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 6-17-11 TIME 2:00 pm

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MAY 31, 2011

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6. UPDATE ON INTERNAL REVIEW OF PARKING DIVISION – CASH RECEIPTS HANDLING PROCEDURES (RICHARD MARES)
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Committee Review:

Council (request to publish)	06/29/11
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Fiscal Impact – No

19. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-2.2 SFCC 1987 AND CREATING NEW SECTION 11-2.6 SFCC 1987 LIMITING GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL COSTS (COUNCILOR ORTIZ) (KATHRYN RAVELING)

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Monday, June 20, 2011

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 5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 20, 2011, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Acting Chair
Councilor Patti J. Bushee
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Rosemary Romero

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz, Chair

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Kathryn Raveling , 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 Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve the agenda, as published.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the following Consent Agenda as published.

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

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END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 21, 2011

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Finance Committee Meeting of May 31, 2011, as presented.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6. UPDATE ON INTERNAL REVIEW OF PARKING DIVISION – CASH RECEIPTS HANDLING PROCEDURES. (RICHARD MARES)

A. RESPONSE TO PARKING OPERATIONAL CONCERNS. (SEVASTIAN GURULE)

Richard Mares presented information from the materials in the Committee packet. Please see the Committee packet for specifics of this presentation.

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said she has read the report which was very thorough, noting she was very impressed with the number of recommendations which already have been addressed. She asked if there was any recommendation Mr. Mares felt hampered in addressing for lack of policy direction from this Committee, or the necessary funds to address the recommendations.

Mr. Mares said the City Council, the City Manager and staff have been very supportive and the Parking staff have been very cooperative and forthcoming with information, and he appreciates their time and effort.

Chair Wurzburger asked when Mr. Mares will be coming back to the Committee about the things which have not been implemented, and when those would be done.

Mr. Mares said addressing some of the findings will take some time, noting many require software upgrades and acquisition of additional equipment which takes time. He said for other things, it takes time to implement corrective action.

Chair Wurzburger asked Mr. Mares to provide a timeline for response to these recommendations at the next Finance Committee.

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Acting Chair Wurzburger noted Councilor Bushee won't be here for future meetings, and asked Councilor Bushee if she has comments regarding the redistricting effort.

Councilor Bushee said she attended the Special Council meeting and has seen all of the options. She said she is waiting for a community response, commenting she hopes we get one. She said each option had its merits and it will be interesting to see what happens. She said, "I don't know what would be the driving force to choose one over another amongst the Council, other than perhaps incumbents not wanting to be redistricted or not. I honestly... I liked a couple better than the others, but I feel it is my job at this point to listen to the community. And I just hope that we'll be voting when I am returning, which I understand will be the last meeting in July, which I will be back for."

Acting Chair Wurzburger asked Ms. Vigil to clarify when the final vote will be taken.

Ms. Vigil said the final vote will be on July 27, 2011, which will be a public hearing.

Councilor Bushee said she will fly in the day before so she can attend this meeting.

Councilor Dominguez thanked Ms. Vigil for getting the text of Mr. Sanderoff's presentation as requested on Wednesday. He said the other piece of information which was requested was the precinct-by-precinct population count, and asked the status of that request.

Ms. Vigil said the information was requested from Research & Polling, but it hasn't yet been provided.

Councilor Dominguez said our ability to look at changing some of these things, depends on whatever data we get out of that.

Ms. Vigil said she called twice today and left messages, but didn't get a return call, but she will follow-up again tomorrow.

Councilor Dominguez said he also wants to hear from the public about what they're looking at. Councilor Dominguez said, "I will say that I want to put on the record my opposition to Plan B for no other reason other than the fact it's really splitting Tierra Contenta into two districts. And, I'm not really of an opinion whether that's good or bad, but it just seemed a little odd, and so that would be my only point of opposition right now in terms of the different plans. I will say, that as far as the 4 Plans go, I kind of like Plan A more than the rest. Plan C is kind of appealing. The only problem with that is I appreciate the efforts to condense District 3 or compact it, but we're compacting it to the north as opposed to the south, and really, it just kind of flips what we have now. The jagged edge we have to deal with now, somebody else is just going to have to deal with it, so we really don't resolve that issue with any of these Plans quite frankly."

Councilor Romero said she will be on vacation for the vote on July 27th. She said Councilor Ortiz had pushed for a two week schedule to get this done sooner rather than later. She apologized for being absent.

Councilor Romero said, "I would advocate for Plan C and I'll tell you why. It consolidates the Districts in a way that I think... what Brian laid out.. Is around a couple of goals. And the goals weren't about where people ended up, but the bigger goals were around consolidation of Districts, equity issues, and to me, I was looking at the deviation and we ended up with 2 predominately Hispanic Districts, which I thought was kind of equitable in many ways. So, we know that we are going to have to do redistricting now and we will have to do it again when we finish annexation. But to me, and I will say publicly, that C actually held a lot of potential because it was more equitable and it creates change which isn't horrible. So, you know, I'm looking at it from that perspective of... I want to caution folks to look carefully at the deviations to make sure those are pluses and minuses of numbers of votes, and to me that was an important element. The consolidation of the Districts, I think was another important element. It is going to create some change, but I think it is very positive change. I think it's very different from the status quo of the earlier ones. So, if there is any way to move the vote earlier or later, Yolanda, great, but, you know I just think it's important to say why I think the bigger goals are what we need to advocate for. And I understood from Brian that precincts were... there is a caution with precincts, because it is then putting it in our court to do the pluses and minuses which he's already done through a computer program. So, you know, if we can move it forward great, if not, I understand. But, you know, I just think I'll say publicly that C was the one that I thought created the most equity."

Councilor Bushee said, "I listened to Brian Sanderoff, and I heard him field questions on annexation and which Plan seemed to lend itself better to annexation down the road. Was there a conclusion on that issue."

Ms. Vigil said, "What I seem to remember is that they were actually going to look at that and see if there was a Plan that would address...."

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Ms. Vigil said she would like it before it goes to the public on Wednesday."

Ms. Vigil said, with regard to Councilor Dominguez's comment on the split precincts, under Plan B, Precinct 75 is falling in both District 3 and District 4. She quoted from §1-3-12(E) "A local public body when redrawing districts shall not split a precinct into two or more districts for any elected office unless necessary to comply with federal law, or to preserve communities of interest." She has not heard from Research and Polling regarding that issue, but it seems like Plan B may not be acceptable because of that.

Councilor Bushee asked if we can change Plan B. She noted we are holding the first public meeting on Wednesday, and asked if staff is ready for those and if we have answers to the questions.

Ms. Vigil said we don't have answers, but she is hoping to get answers tomorrow so that on Wednesday, we know if the City is prepared to enter Plan B for consideration or to do an alternative.

Councilor Bushee asked Ms. Vigil to be sure Mr. Sanderoff does answer the annexation question in terms of which plan currently will help with that issue, and Ms. Vigil said she will. Councilor Bushee would like an email in this regard, noting she will try to attend the meeting on Wednesday.

Councilor Dominguez said he can't find a definition of a community of interest. He said Mr. Sanderoff talked about communities of interest and asked for that definition.

Marcos Martinez said the first reference to communities of interest is first under the Guidelines #3, but he thinks it arises out of Federal law and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. He said there is a bullet list on packet page 45, regarding Communities of Interest which "includes, but not limited to: Neighborhoods, Cultural/Historic Traditions and Geographic Boundaries."

Councilor Dominguez said then it is pretty vague and general, and really a community of interest could be, for example, the Historic District.

Mr. Martinez said, "Yes. It is possible. Yes. That would be a geographic boundary."

Councilor Dominguez asked about the Traditional Village of Agua Fria.

Mr. Martinez said that would be a historical area.

Councilor Dominguez asked if we have pre-established communities of interest that we need to point out, such as the Historic Districts.

Ms. Vigil said all of the neighborhood associations and boundaries of the neighborhoods have been provided to Research and Polling, so they have that, in terms of neighborhoods.

Mr. Martinez said our own Charter states that communities of interest, including those based on economic and ethnic factors, shall be preserved with a District, whenever reasonable.

Councilor Dominguez said he wants to point out that the 4 Plans presented are not the only things we have to consider. He said Mr. Sanderoff has taken a macro look at this, and based his decision on deviations and how we can get to the appropriate numbers – a 5% deviation above or below. However, that doesn't mean the Governing Body or the community can't change those and shift things from one District to another. He said in Plan C, there are 4 or 5 City Councilors living in close proximity to one another. He said when we look at representation and trying to be equitable, we need to consider these as well. He said until we are able to deal with the precincts, we're going to be maintaining the status quo, and he looks forward to getting the precinct-by-precinct count so we can look at the populations and how those have shifted with the precincts themselves.

Councilor Bushee said she didn't realize we took into consideration where current incumbents are located in terms of an equitable distribution and representation, and asked if this is something we consider.

Councilor Wurzbarger said, "From what I hear, that's something that Councilor Dominguez has suggested needs consideration. And again, I'm hearing, not to totally put words in your mouth, is the notion that this is a baseline from which we start. And the question of raising normative questions about values and what else needs to be considered is certainly part of this process."

Councilor Bushee said, in terms of equity and distribution, she thought it depended more on ethnicity. She doesn't know where the incumbents are on the map, and she's not looking at that, and it isn't a consideration for her. However, she would like to know if that can be taken into account.

Councilor Romero said on the legend, it indicates the 2012 Councilors and the 2014 Councilors.

Councilor Romero said, "What I have said, is I would rather not look at where the stars are, but to look for greater values that we have around consolidation of Districts which is what Mr. Sanderoff said. The equity, when you look at the deviation, and you even look at the demographics of the area, looking at those things, rather than where Councilors live, to me should be the last layer that we look at. I think that the community good should be first and foremost of what creates the best Districts, from the perspective of equity around deviations. And that's why I was pointing out that yes, there are Councilors that live in close proximity. If you look at Plan C, you'll see there's like a couple of them in a row and throw me into that pot. But it wouldn't... to me.... those where the stars are, where the stars align isn't as important to me as what the Districts look like when it's all said in done. That it has nothing to do with where parks are, where... some of the other issues that have come up are what creates the best model from an equitable perspective. So, again, I don't mean to continue to beat it, but that'll be what is critical. I think Mr.

Sanderoff did a really good job in pointing out those deviations of numbers of people within... you know, how many votes does it actually take to create equity, and I think he shows that really well. Whereas, if you look at Plan B, on District 3, that to me is not equitable. So I think it's just a different lens that we each are going to look at this problem with."

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said this discussion is great, because it says, to her, that before we vote, we, as a Council have to come to an overt description on what our values are with respect to equity and how we operationally define that, giving a range of possibility. She said, "Brian has given us one which focuses on the numbers to which, you know, I agree, but there may be other dimensions that will be brought up by individual Councilors and we'll all work to see how we weigh-in on those criteria."

Councilor Dominguez said, "A couple of things. If we're not really interested in where stars are on the map, then we might just as well go ahead and do an at-large City Council race. There's a reason why there's districts that are created. I don't support an at-large City Council race, but part of the distribution of where our Councilors live, and the representation of our entire community should be equitable. And so, if we're not really interested in where our stars are or where our Councilors live, then we might just as well consider going at large."

Councilor Dominguez continued, "The other point that I wanted to make, was if you look at the report that Brian Sanderoff brought forward, he specifically indicates that the location, or the addresses or the geographic locations of the incumbents, he doesn't say have to be considered, but should be considered, or should be a part... I'm looking for it in the report, but I can't find it again. It was in the report we got at the last meeting. It doesn't say that we need to not consider it or that we should only consider it. Can you find it for me Yolanda."

Ms. Vigil said she thinks it says it's not required, noting on packet page 45 under Protection of incumbents it says it is not required.

Councilor Dominguez said, however, it doesn't say that you can't require it. It doesn't say you have to do either one.

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said, "Well I think there's a difference between protection of incumbents and stars, but anyway, we can play with that later. I understand what you're saying."

Councilor Bushee said, "I was saying that I was not looking at the stars. I don't know where other Councilors, other than my District... because to me, every decade we do a census and we're considering a redistricting, and so it's a very random thing about who is going to run from what part of the District and who's going to win. It's really not an equitable... I mean you can't consider that. That's the luck of the draw and how the elections go for me, and I don't think it really should be part of the consideration of how we redistrict. I understand it may play into it, I know people are concerned, but that's where I thought, perhaps it would be better to have this decision made by an outside body that perhaps didn't have that same interest around incumbency. But I just... I am still puzzling over some of the shapes that have been created and wondering if that, you know, really creates more equitable distribution and also, you know, I've got... it's just... I'm looking at all the Districts. I'm not just looking at District 1 to be honest. I really am

concerned for the growing parts of town and how they're going to get represented, and how you can actually get more participation in hopes that this process actually lends itself to that. So, I just don't know how you consider the incumbency piece when, you know, in two years... in less than two years and in less than one years, you know, there'll just be the luck of the draw of who runs and who wins, and it won't have anything to do with where your stars are by then."

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MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to postpone this discussion to the next Finance Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Romero said she spoke with Councilor Ortiz and he indicated he had further amendments and further discussion, and she believes it is important to have the discussion when he is in attendance.

Councilor Bushee asked if we know Councilor Ortiz will be at the next meeting, because we just keep postponing this item.

Acting Chair Wurzburger said we can't control one another's agenda. She said Councilor Ortiz planned to be here today, but he had a conflict, and the best we can do is to postpone it to the next meeting.

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

- 20. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONSIDERATION TO FILL VACANT POSITION. (ROBERT ROMERO)**

Robert Romero said we went through all of the Organizational Charts earlier in the budget process, and this is a position he feels is critical in IT. He said Thomas Williams can respond.

Thomas Williams said, with respect to background information, this position was vacated in April 2012, when Bradley Spencer left the City. The position primarily is assigned to support our Police Records Management and Public Safety applications, as well as community development, primarily. So when Mr. Spencer left the City, there obviously was a void in these particular areas. He said there are critical projects upcoming. He said they had to do a contract amendment for an additional \$10,000, to take care of some of the routine work that Mr. Spencer normally did. He said this is due mainly to the fact that all of the other applications specialists are otherwise engaged with the systems they support. It is difficult to reassign the work and get it done efficiently as needed by Community Development and Public Safety.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Mr. Romero said he does want to fill this position.

MOTION: Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve this request.

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

21. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

A copy of *City of Santa Fe Gross Receipts Taxes Collected (less Water 1/4%)* dated June 20, 2011, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit 1.

Ms. Raveling said the GRT is up 7.65% over this time last year, and said we are starting a trend of being in the black for the past 2 months.

22. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Wurzbarger asked Chief Salas to update the Committee on fire hazards.

Chief Salas said a Public Safety Committee is scheduled for tomorrow, and all the Councilors have been invited. She will be doing a presentation on the Wildland Project, Wildland Fire, and would like to wait to present the information until tomorrow afternoon. She did email everyone with an update on the fire, which has been moved out of State Forest jurisdiction and now a Type 2 team, or a transition team, has moved in. She said there has been a "stop" on information during the transition.

Deputy Eric Litzenberg said they brought in a Type 2 Incident Management Team which is larger and more capable of sustained management than was originally on the Arizona fire, noting Arizona is familiar with and very good with large fire management. He said during the transition of management teams, the assessments and information flow stops for a day or two, but isn't unique to the City. He said it will pick up again tomorrow in full force, and they can provide better information tomorrow. He said the one thing to take note of today when it is cooler and the relative humidity is up, which has an effect on the fire. However, the fire right now is being called "The Sleeping Giant," so it has a lot more potential, although it is being well managed.

Councilor Romero said the County is meeting tomorrow 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in this regard and believes it would be valuable if someone could attend that meeting.

Councilor Bushee said then there is zero containment of the fire, and Deputy Chief Litzenberg said yes. Councilor Bushee asked if there is any contact from the Governor's Office.

Chief Salas said she has a meeting with the Governor on Wednesday in Albuquerque, and they are talking about doing a fireworks ban. She will find out more at that meeting.

Councilor Bushee asked about closing trails and such.

Chief Salas said they're not weighing-in on that, noting there already is a ban on campfires, fireworks, smoking and such, but she doesn't believe they will shut down the parks completely.

Councilor Bushee would like answers in this regard.

Chief Salas reiterated she is going to a briefing tomorrow morning on the wildland fire, so she will get some better information tomorrow after the transition is complete, and will meet with the Governor on Wednesday.

Councilor Romero said she has been getting email from constituents that people are still making campfires in prohibited areas.

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said she lives at the base of Atalaya, and said people will go up the mountain regardless of a bank. And these are not the regular hikers who obey the law, so we have taken away eyes that need to be on the trails. She is very concerned about this, and wants to be sure there are people on the trails to let us know.

Chief Salas said if we ban fireworks in the City, the Pueblos still will sell illegal fireworks, we are forcing people to go out of the City to buy illegal fireworks.

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said she spoke with Commissioner Vigil, and there is some permeation of a resolution which would say that you can't ignite fireworks, but doesn't prohibit the purchase. She said Commissioner Vigil seemed to think this is an important legal decision, and they will be discussing that tomorrow at the County meeting. She said the Mayor has a good relationship with the Pueblos, and we need to have that kind of intervention as well to reach out and ask them to cooperate with us on this issue.

Chief Salas said she spoke with all the surrounding Departments – Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, Albuquerque, Corrales and everyone is doing the same thing. We are all allowing safe and sane fireworks, which means they must follow State regulations. She said there also will be increased enforcement, and hopefully there will be no fires.

Acting Chair Wurzbarger said she thought Albuquerque is passing a resolution setting limits on the illegal fireworks.

Chief Salas said they are passing what we have already put in place.

Councilor Bushee asked if there is a source for the fire, and Chief Salas said no.

Councilor Dominguez reiterated Councilor Bushee's request to make the contact with the Governor and find out if she is looking to close Hyde Park, and doesn't know our position on that. We need to be sure something like that is being considered.

Chief Salas said she met with Secretary Duvall on Friday, and he didn't indicate they were planing to move in that direction.

Councilor Dominguez said then it would be wise for them to say that.

Chief Salas said she did express that it would have more meaning if it came from the State, noting she expressed our concerns about fireworks as well as fires.

Councilor Dominguez asked about the fiscal impact and if we keeping account of that – the cost of fighting the fire.

Chief Salas said we do get reimbursed from the State, noting that information will be presented tomorrow at Public Safety.

Councilor Romero expressed appreciation for their work. She said part of a press release should indicate the City's willingness to help in this regard, offering to house someone in her home. She said the Forest Service will reimburse us, but it is costing us in terms of air quality and quality of life.

Acting Chair Wurzburger thanked Chief Salas. She would like Mr. Romero to get Chief Salas' report on line and on TV so people have this information.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Chief Salas said the press will be here tomorrow night for the meeting.

Councilor Bushee would like to promote that meeting.

Acting Chair Wurzburger would like that on the ticker and on email, an asked Mr. Romero to work on that.

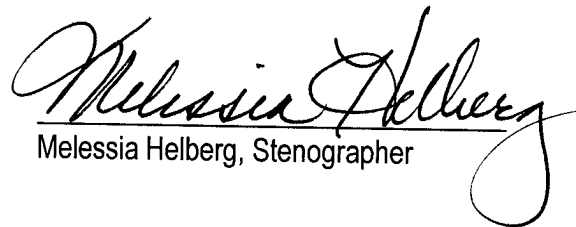
23. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Matthew E. Ortiz, Chair

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