



Agenda

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 19, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.

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 3-16-12 TIME 11:30

PREPARED BY Yolanda Green

APPROVED BY [Signature]

Regular Finance Committee Meeting – March 5, 2012

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement – Historic Preservation Projects and Training; State of New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs Historic Preservation Division (David Rasch)
7. Request for Approval of Grant Award and Grant Agreement for Santa Fe Municipal Airport; New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division
 - A. Request for Approval of Budget Increase – grant fund
8. Request for Approval of A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of Economic Development Activities related to the Film Industry within the City of Santa Fe and Authorizing the use of City-Owned Properties, at No Cost, for Film and Television Productions that are enrolled in the New Mexico Film Production Tax Credit Program. (Councilor Wurzbarger) (Nick Schiavo)

Committee Review:

City Business & Quality of Life (no quorum)	3/13/12
Public Works (scheduled)	3/26/12
City Council (scheduled)	3/28/12

Fiscal Impact – No

9. Request for Approval of A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2010-24 so that Required Reporting by the City Attorney to the Governing Body be done on a Quarterly Basis. (Councilor Wurzbarger) (Geno Zamora)



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Committee Review:

City Council (scheduled)

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Fiscal Impact – No

10. Request for Approval of A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2012-7 Relating to Governing Body Consideration for Special Dispenser Permits, above three, at the same Location; and Directing Staff to Research and Recommend best Practices Related to Special Dispenser Permits and Propose Amendments to State Law to Prevent Abuse of The Special Dispenser License Process. (Councilors Wurzbarger and Bushee) (Alfred Walker)

Committee Review:

City Business & Quality Of Life (no quorum)

03/13/12

City Council (scheduled)

03/28/12

Fiscal Impact – No

11. Request for Approval of A Resolution Supporting Local Non-Profit Organizations and declaring that on an Annual basis each Member of the Governing Body is Authorized to have the User Fees Waived at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center, on behalf of a Non-Profit Organization, for a One-Day Event. (Councilor Trujillo) (Jim Bradbury)

Committee Review:

City Council (scheduled)

03/28/12

Fiscal Impact – Yes

12. Request for Approval of A Resolution Declaring that the City of Santa Fe Desires to Establish a Sister City Friendship with the City of Nevsehir, Republic of Turkey. (Mayor Coss) (Julie Bystrom)

Committee Review:

City Council (scheduled)

03/28/12

Fiscal Impact – No



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13. Request for Approval of A Resolution Directing Staff to Prepare the Required Documents to Amend the Current Agreement between the City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Railyard Park Stewards for Continued Services to be Provided at the Santa Fe Railyard Park and Plaza for an Additional \$100,000 per Year to be Paid Over a Three Year Term (Councilors Romero, Trujillo, Wurzburger and Calvert) (Bob Siqueiros)

Committee Review:

Public Works (approved)	01/23/12
Finance Committee (postponed)	01/30/12
Finance Committee (postponed)	02/20/12
City Council (scheduled)	03/28/12

Fiscal Impact – Yes

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION

14. Request for Approval of Consideration to Fill Vacant Positions. (Robert Romero)
15. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
 - A. Update of Gross Receipts Tax Report Received in March 2012 (for January 2012 Activity) and Lodgers' Tax Report Received in March 2012 (for February 2012 Activity). (Dr. Melville Morgan)
 - B. Update on Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 (Dr. Melville Morgan)
16. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE
17. ADJOURN

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Monday, March 19, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Carmichael A. Dominguez, at approximately 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 19, 2012, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carmichael A. Dominguez, Chair
Councilor Patti J. Bushee
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Bill Dimas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Peter N. Ives

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Dr. Melville L. Morgan, Director, Finance Department
Robert Rodarte, 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

Chair Dominguez explained to the new Councilor, Councilor Dimas, that he puts as much as possible on the Consent Agenda. If you want to discuss an item, please feel free to pull that item from Consent.

Chair Dominguez noted Item #13 was withdrawn by Councilor Romero, the sponsor, at the last meeting, and won't be heard tonight. He said the other Councilors will have to reintroduce that item.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the agenda, as amended.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS AND TRAINING; STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION. (DAVID RASCH)
7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SANTA FE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION. (JIM MONTMAN)
 - A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASE – GRANT FUND.
8. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Bushee]*
9. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Bushee]*
10. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Calvert]*
11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND DECLARING THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY IS AUTHORIZED TO HAVE THE USER FEES WAIVED AT THE SANTA FE COMMUNITY CONVENTION CENTER, ON BEHALF OF A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR A ONE-DAY EVENT (COUNCILOR TRUJILLO). (JIM BRADBURY) Committee Review: City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – Yes.
12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CITY OF NEVSEHIR, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY (MAYOR COSS). (JULIE BYSTROM) Committee Review: City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – No.

13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO AMEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND THE SANTA FE RAILYARD PARK STEWARDS FOR CONTINUED SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AT THE SANTA FE RAILYARD PARK AND PLAZA FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 PER YEAR TO BE PAID OVER A THREE YEAR TERM (COUNCILORS ROMERO, TRUJILLO, WURZBURGER AND CALVERT. (BOB SIQUEIROS) Committee Review: Public Works (approved) 01/23/12; Finance Committee (postponed) 01/30/12; Finance Committee (postponed) 02/20/12; and City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – Yes. WITHDRAWN BY COUNCILOR ROMERO AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 5, 2012

MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve the minutes of the Regular Finance Committee Meeting of March 5, 2012, as presented.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE FILM INDUSTRY WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES, AT NO COST, FOR FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS THAT ARE ENROLLED IN THE NEW MEXICO FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER). (NICK SCHIAVO) Committee Review: City Business & Quality of Life (no quorum) 03/13/12; Public Works (scheduled) 03/26/12; and City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – No.

Councilor Bushee said she spoke with Nick Schiavo about this Resolution. However, she expected a full Fiscal Impact Report and there is nothing in the packet.

MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to postpone this request to the next Finance Committee meeting on April 2, 2012, "and ask for a full Fiscal Impact Report, including what we currently charge for either permit fees, facility use fees, and I would also like to have a bit of history. I would like to have a report also from our Film Liaison, I know we have one, I would like a lot of information, how other cities charge for use of facilities, how many films we've had, I don't know, give us a 10 year time frame if you want, there's just a lot of information that's not in here and without that, I can't make a good decision."

DISCUSSION: Chair Dominguez noted an FIR has been submitted, and asked Mr. Schiavo if that means there is no fiscal impact or he just has no information.

Mr. Schiavo said he spoke with Councilor Bushee earlier, and agreed with her that this information should be provided in the FIR, commenting he can provide that information timely for the next meeting.

Councilor Bushee would like to get the information in advance of the next meeting.

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

9. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-24 SO THAT REQUIRED REPORTING BY THE CITY ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNING BODY BE DONE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS (COUNCILOR WURZBURGER). (GENO ZAMORA)
Committee Review: City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – No.

Councilor Bushee said, "We've got a brand new set of Councilors, and the reason this was put in there in the first place, and maybe Geno you could address this, because you know... I don't care so much about us meeting more than on a quarterly basis, but I want the report on monthly basis. And I know, as an attorney, you don't like to give us Attorney-Client Privileged information outside of executive session, at least you never have us take the paper with us. So, I wanted to know how we could make an arrangement to that effect, because you've already got the case management system in place and I think you keep track of them, and I would like that information on a monthly basis. And again this is a Resolution... because really, the reason I brought the Resolution forward in the first place is that we had just stopped. We had no system in place. We were no longer hearing about settlements, about lawsuits about tort claims, any of it, and the cost of it and what lawyers were being hired by the City and just general information. And so, given that system is in place, would you feel comfortable if we had a monthly report, somewhat like the Municipal Judge. I don't even care if it's electronic and it melts after an hour... I just want to get that information."

Mr. Zamora said, "I'm trying to keep track. There were several questions, but the gist of my response is that I will provide the reporting that the Council requests. As you know, after a conversation with you personally, Councilor Bushee, about two years ago when I started, we informally started a monthly report so that we could bring the Council up to speed on all litigation matters. You shortly thereafter introduced a resolution for that report on a monthly basis. Because this is still pending, and still going through the Committee process, we are still scheduled to do a monthly report for March, so we'll bring all the Councilors, including the new Councilors, up to speed now at the second March meeting, so they will get a full litigation report then."

Mr. Zamora continued, "I think the request from several of the Councilors, once we go into executive session is the lengthy nature of the updates, and so the request has been made instead of doing it on a monthly basis..."

Councilor Bushee said, "I understand what the Resolution asks for, but did you understand what I asked for."

Mr. Zamora said, "Yes, and I'm slowly getting there. I'm just providing context, especially for Councilor Dimas who is unaware of this process. So, the basis for this Resolution has been simply the lengthy nature. Now there are two things going forward Councilor Bushee, that I think are important to keep in mind. One is simply a comprehensive report of all pending and threatened litigation, which is what we're giving on a monthly basis. But in addition to that, we can have executive sessions at any Council meeting for an important issue."

Councilor Bushee said, "Actually the antithesis of what I want. I want to know if I can continue to get those reports, or anybody that wants them, if you address Attorney-Client Privileged. I don't need to go hear them in executive session unless you want us to, but I want to get the reports."

Mr. Zamora said, "The short answer to that is we can continue generating them on a monthly basis and circulate them, just like I have circulated Attorney -Client Privileged to the Council by email in the past."

Councilor Dimas asked if this would be for each individual Councilor, and not just to Councilor Bushee.

Mr. Zamora said, "When the situation has required, what I do with an Attorney-Client Privileged Memo to all Councilors, is I typically send a pdf version, initialed by myself, to each of the Councilors with an Attorney-Client Privileged heading on it, so that Councilors are cautious and do not inadvertently waive the Attorney-Client privilege that they hold."

Councilor Bushee said, "You pretty much put the attorney-client privileged on everything."

Councilor Bushee said, "So, if that's the case, Geno, and you're comfortable with that as a practice, I really don't even see the need for a required reporting on a quarterly basis. I think it should be reporting when the City Attorney's Office feels the need to explain something in a report, or you like to put us in there for updates on Qwest, what have you. I personally would either reword this Resolution... there's no need for a required anything as long as you're willing to continue to give the reports."

Chair Dominguez said Councilor Bushee certainly can make a motion to this effect.

Councilor Bushee said, "Well, I would have to rearrange the language of this, and I don't know that it even needs a Resolution. It's a directive and he's said that he'll do this. I guess what I'll do is to move to deny this, I don't want to rewrite it on the spot. I'm not the sponsor."

MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas for purposes of discussion, to deny this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Calvert said we do have to do something, repeal it or something, or we're stuck with a Resolution that says we're providing it on a monthly basis.

Councilor Bushee said we could do a substitute Resolution to repeal the first one, or change the language of this one, commenting, "I'm not in the business of rewriting somebody else's work from the floor."

Councilor Calvert said he would change the title. He said he thought there was a desire to have it done on a periodic basis. Councilor Calvert proposed to amend the title as follows: "...to the Governing Body be done ~~on a quarterly basis~~ as needed as determined by the City Attorney"

Chair Dominguez said Resolution 2010-24 was approved by the Governing Body, noting it was sponsored by Councilor Bushee. He asked the intent of that Resolution.

Mr. Zamora said, "The intent, as I understood it, and Councilor Bushee will be able to speak to this, the intent was to form and maintain a consistent dialogue between the City Attorney's Office and the collective of the Governing Body to keep them informed. I think there was a concern that there was potential for the collective body not being aware of major litigation, not having periodic updates, on the status of some of the longer, ongoing litigation. The question was posed earlier, if we could eliminate the requirement of the meetings. One of the benefits of this is the City Attorney's Office having that periodic dialogue in the presence of all of the Councilors in executive session, because the City Attorney's Office responds to the collective. So it's certainly not necessary each month, but I believe there is benefit, both for the City Attorney's Office in receiving directives, and to the Governing Body's benefit for collectively discussing these issues."

Chair Dominguez said he reads this is as an attempt to be somewhat considerate of the original resolution to require this reporting to happen, if not monthly, in this piece of legislation on a quarterly basis. This is his understanding of the intent of the current legislation to be. He said the motion on the table is that this be denied and that there be no formal requirement for the City Attorney to provide us this information on a regular basis via Attorney-Client privilege. He sees no problem with providing this information on a quarterly basis, commenting he felt monthly was a little cumbersome.

MOTION TO DENY WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER: Councilor Bushee withdrew her Motion to Deny.

MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve the Resolution, "with an amendment, and Geno will do that, just a line in here that says an Attorney-Client Privileged monthly report will continue, or something like that."

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bushee said what I don't want to stop is the monthly information.

Mr. Zamora said, "I'm fine with such an amendment if such an amendment is proposed."

RESTATEMENT OF THE MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve the Resolution with an amendment in the text that we will continue to receive monthly report, and suggested a sentence be added on line 24, as follows: "... attorneys fees and costs and to continue on a monthly basis providing the information to the Governing Body."

CLARIFICATION BY THE MAKER: Councilor Bushee asked Mr. Zamora if he will write the appropriate language, and Mr. Zamora said yes.

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

10. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-7, RELATING TO GOVERNING BODY CONSIDERATION FOR SPECIAL DISPENSER PERMITS, ABOVE THREE, AT THE SAME LOCATION; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO RESEARCH AND RECOMMEND BEST PRACTICES RELATED TO SPECIAL DISPENSER PERMITS AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THE SPECIAL DISPENSER LICENSE PROCESS (COUNCILORS WURZBURGER AND BUSHEE). (ALFRED WALKER) Committee Review: City Business & Quality of Life (no quorum) 03/13/12; and City Council (scheduled) 03/28/12. Fiscal Impact – No.**

Councilor Calvert noted the Legislative Summary says the sponsors want to repeal the Resolution because of "unintended consequences," but didn't say what those are. He understands that in some cases, people with a Dispenser's License are using that to provide services for non-profits. However, the reason for the Resolution in the first place, is that there were for-profit businesses, such as a conference center, that were using somebody else's license and holding a function, and were not using the Dispenser's License the way it was intended. He asked, rather than repealing the Resolution, if there is any middle ground to deal with the issues. He said it is problematic to start all over again with no restrictions, and continue to have those abuses. He asked Mr. Zamora to comment.

Mr. Zamora said, "Councilor Calvert, I certainly understand your concerns. The difficulty that staff encountered, was simply that there wasn't a full and complete understanding of how the Special Dispenser's Licenses are used, how often they're used, how frequently they're used, within Santa Fe, and for purposes that are well intentioned, instead of some of the problematic purposes that were identified back in December. The difficulty I believe that staff has, is that they don't possess that full knowledge and a study of the issue is necessary. And until that point, if the Resolution holds, what it's going to do is to subject Council to hundreds of these hearings of what is otherwise an administrative process, and may actually hold up the positive purposes that are being pursued."

Councilor Calvert understands the complaints by certain people who are used to providing this to non-profits, and they have the Dispenser's License, and are caterers. He said the one license we identified and thought being abused isn't really that same kind of thing, "kinda, but not really." He understands it's hard to distinguish. He said, "I guess we'll just live with the bad ones in the meantime."

Councilor Bushee noted she is one of the sponsors, and said it was in response to hoteliers that felt it would be overly-burdensome. She is unsure why we can't have a replacement resolution ready to go by the time this gets to Council. She said the concern still remains, and doesn't understand the reason new language can't be worked out.

Mr. Zamora said, "Currently this Resolution is scheduled to go before Council next Wednesday, and I believe, and forgive me if this wasn't the full intent, but I believe part of the intent was for staff to go back and study this, meet with those constituency groups that expressed concern, so they could educate staff as to how these Special Dispenser Permits are used."

Councilor Bushee said this hasn't taken place.

Mr. Zamora said he is unaware if it has, noting that isn't being coordinated by his office.

Councilor Bushee said she doesn't believe the Council wants to hear anymore of that non-profit business trying to avoid getting a liquor license through a dispenser's permit either. She doesn't know how we can prevent that, and asked if there is an administrative way to stop those submissions.

Mr. Zamora said, "The short answer is no, because State law does not distinguish between for-profits and non-profits. And I'm not sure how we would be able to provide non-profits with rights that for-profits would not have."

Councilor Bushee said she is feeling badly because the Council turned down the event, commenting the idea is that liquor shouldn't be the main thrust of events for non-profits. However, that non-profit got caught at the wrong time. She asked how hard it would be "to figure out between now and then."

Councilor Dominguez said, as the sponsor of the original Resolution, the intent was to somehow prohibit for-profit organizations from using non-profit advantages to be able to serve alcohol more than 3 times. He isn't opposed to the Resolution, because it directs staff to come up with some of that language so we can eliminate the position in which the Council found itself. He said it also took some of the burden off staff, because staff was approving these Special Dispenser Permits because there was no legislation prohibiting them from doing so.

Mr. Zamora said, "Regardless of what happens with the old Resolution, or the current Resolution, the Governing Body retains its full authority to consider waivers. And for one of the for-profits that appeared to be abusing it's the authority, the reason that came to light, was because it was within 300 feet of the school and was coming before this Governing Body 6 times in 3 months for a waiver. You continue to be able to listen to those waivers, and approve or deny those waivers."

Chair Dominguez reiterated that he has no problem with the Resolution, and will leave it to the Committee to decide.

Councilor Bushee asked what is the time frame for follow-up to fill the void we will create if we approve this Resolution. Is it the plan for the City Attorney's Office to visit the individuals that felt this caused problems and come up with something "or just leave it alone."

Mr. Zamora said, "I believe that this Resolution directs all the staff, not necessarily the City Attorney's Office. The City Attorney's Office is available to give legal advice to staff and legal

recommendations on the redrafting. But I believe this examination will include not only staff responsible to the City Manager, staff responsible to the City Attorney and staff responsible to the City Clerk. So, it would be a coordinated effort between our three offices to meet with those constituencies."

Councilor Bushee asked how long this will take.

Mr. Zamora said, "Up to 60 days, but I'm not trying to be smart. It is something we... provided this passes, we will be very pro-active on it to come back with reporting as soon as possible. And if we can do it earlier than 60 days, we'll make every attempt to do so."

Councilor Bushee said it is the season and everybody has some kind of wine event.

Councilor Dimas said, "So basically, what you're saying is this really isn't going to be ready by the next City Council meeting, bearing in mind what you have to get done first."

Mr. Zamora said, "I do not see how it could be prepared in the next 9 days."

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Dimas, to approve the Resolution, with the understanding that they're not only going to talk to the affected parties, but also your staff looking into any nuances with the Dispenser Permit under the jurisdiction of the State – what if any discretion and restrictions we can place on that would be helpful in discussion.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION

14. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONSIDERATION TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS. (ROBERT ROMERO)

The staff report was presented by Robert Romero, noting there is an error in the Memo, the Program Supervisor is not an AFSCME position, it is a management position.

Councilor Bushee said she is having difficulty distinguishing between the two recreation positions. She asked if these are specific to GCCC, and what we have there already in similar positions.

Mr. Romero said these are budgeted positions, both of which are vacant – one left the City and the other has been vacant for some time.

Liza Suzanne, Recreation Complex Manager, said the Program Supervisor position became vacant last year when the person in that position was promoted to manager. She said we waited until now so he could get his feet grounded in being the manager in that section. We are now ready to hire the supervisor beneath him. She said, regarding the two Recreation Coordinators, one is GCCC site and the other is Recreation site.

Councilor Bushee asked if there is more than one Recreation Coordinator.

Ms. Suzanne said there are 3 Recreation Coordinator positions.

Councilor Calvert said there are a total of 3, but this is a request to fill only one vacancy.

Mr. Romero said they are proposing to do some things in Recreation to have better coverage, noting this will be coming forward during the budget process, commenting that Ms. Suzanne "jumped the gun somewhat." He said there are some other positions, Fitness Tech positions, we're proposing would be better suited as Recreation Coordinators because we can use them in other areas, but we'll bring all of that forward during the budget process.

Councilor Calvert clarified that the request is for only one Recreation Coordinator at this time, and Mr. Romero said yes, they want to fill that position now.

Councilor Bushee asked the distinction between Program Supervisor and Recreation Coordinator, and if the future Recreation Coordinator position is just for the GCCC.

Mr. Romero said no. He said ever since GCCC opened there have been different job titles at the GCCC, which are pretty much the same at Salvador Perez. He said he is trying to correct that so that like work and like positions are classified the same way. Currently at the GCCC there is a Gym Tech, a Gym Attendant, a Fitness Tech and a Rink Tech. He said he wants to create a position called a Recreation Tech so these people can work in any of the 3 areas. He said right now, if it's slow in the gym and busy in the rink, we can't have the gym person working in the rink because that's not their classification. He is working on things like this to better use our resources and provide better coverage when needed.

Chair Dominguez asked the difference between the Program Supervisor and the Recreation Coordinator.

Mr. Romero said the Program Supervisor prepares the league schedules and is at a higher level than the Recreation Coordinator which would be at the games, running the clock and making sure the facility is clean and available. The Program Supervisor is programming activities, so it is a higher level.

Councilor Bushee said that position has been vacant for a year.

Mr. Romero said last year when the position was vacant, the person was promoted. We hoped he could handle this position as well, and the position could be eliminated, but there's just too much work. He said the person is overwhelmed, and the Division Director and Ms. Suzanne came to him requesting to fill that position.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Mr. Romero said the person promoted is a Recreation Section Manager.

Councilor Bushee asked what they manage.

Ms. Suzanne said currently at the GCCC, that manager oversees the facility, the building supervisors and the custodial staff as well as the gymnasium staff. She noted the Gym staff at the Chavez center is 1 Program Supervisor, 2 Recreation Coordinators and 1 Gym Attendant, and they're running all the Leagues at the GCCC and "really across the Division" with the special events and sports league. She said someone retired, one moved out of town.

Councilor Bushee asked, "Can we stop just calling them the GCCC, the three positions. Can we move them around... generally call them..."

Mr. Romero said he is working on a way to do this, noting he wants people to work across entire divisions and not just one division, and for employees to be treated consistently.

Chair Dominguez said we have both a General Revenue Fund and Special Revenue Fund, and asked if doing this will create any conflicts.

Mr. Romero said, based on his discussions, as he understands it, the only difference between a General Fund and a Special Revenue Fund, is that the Special Revenue is GRT funds allocated just for the GCC. The General Fund is money that goes into Recreation, noting "it crosses a lot between the GCCC and the entire division." He doesn't think it is an issue. He said there is the same situation at Transit with its increment of the GRT just for transit which is supplemented with General Fund moneys. He said there are a lot of areas where one employee is General Fund and another is Special Revenue.

Councilor Bushee said, "So what I want in advance of the budget, there's time, I really want a report on Recreation. Easter is coming up. I remember last year, reading the paper, not knowing in advance, that we are now not going to have candy and Eggs for kids. We were going to take \$30,000 and use it for outdoor recreation. I never understood how that money got spent. I would like to understand how that got spent and how you intend to spend it again, to see if we're getting the kind of programming we want. I also want to see... I got some flyer in my box from somebody saying they were against some new tax on the Leagues. And I've never seen the tax and I don't understand what that was all about and I don't know if there's an intention to start charging the leagues more to pay for any of this. So, I want a general report on Recreation, and I have to say, I don't go to the GCCC, but on occasion I get calls and emails about safety, I hear this from Fort Marcy too, but also the cleanliness of the facility. So, in general, I want an update, you know.... and these programs, for your benefit, it says Special Revenue, we tried to think of them as an Enterprise Fund at one point, but it's not... these facilities, this one in particular, the

GCCC is heavily subsidized, which is great, but it is, it's subsidized, and the golf course more so. But you know, I just want people to understand the revenue differences, the fund differences, and exactly how, you know... because we're now moving into, as our gross receipts pick up a little bit, filling positions. Before, we were filling emergency type positions. I'd like to get the overall picture so I can determine if this is a priority or not."

Mr. Romero said he can bring forward that information.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve this request, with the stipulation to delete any designation of facility with a position, so we have the flexibility to use them where needed.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Calvert said, "If we are going to fund these positions, we need the flexibility to use them wherever needed – similar to what we did with the Lifeguards where we didn't attach them to a facility."

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

15. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

A. UPDATE OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REPORT RECEIVED IN MARCH 2012 (FOR JANUARY 2012 ACTIVITY) AND LODGERS' TAX REPORT RECEIVED IN MARCH 2012 (FOR FEBRUARY 2012 ACTIVITY). (DR. MELVILLE MORGAN)

Dr. Morgan said he has given these reports at the last two meetings, and asked Ms. Hausman to make any comments she would like in this regard. He noted the GRT and Lodgers' Tax Reports are in the Committee packet. He said we are "picking up." He reminded the Committee to be cautious, because we are moving into the months where GRTs are quite low. However, nothing is responding as we think it should, locally or nationally or globally, citing the Dow, NASDAQ, and commented that oil is still about \$108 per barrel which means gasoline prices are increasing. The GNP is okay, moving up a little, but unemployment is decreasing which is the reverse of what we should have.

Dr. Morgan said the City's GRTs to date are \$2.8 million above where we were last year, and the budget is exactly where we said we would be. He said the places where GRTs have increased are utilities, construction, real estate, educational services, accommodations and food and other serves.

Dr. Morgan said, with regard to the Lodgers' Tax Report, the Lodgers' Tax is down 1.85%. He said he has had conversations with the OTAB and others. He said hoteliers will tell you they are full, and we are seeing a discounted room rate, but people are spending money on other kinds of things. He said, included in the 1.8% decline is a delinquency of approximately \$100,000 from hotels, which the City is trying to collect.

Councilor Calvert said, in terms of things not being as anticipated, we saw unemployment decrease for a while. He said now that the economy is getting better, it doesn't decrease any more because of the people who were on unemployment are trying to reenter the workforce. He said that is sort "good news bad news."

Councilor Bushee asked Dr. Morgan if he is sure all of those Lodgers' Taxes are delinquent, and Dr. Morgan said, "Yes, ma'am."

Councilor Bushee said it is striking that construction GRTs are up, and asked if there is any particular, new construction contributing to that, or has there been a rush on remodels with the good weather.

Mr. O'Reilly said in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, the volume of building permits has increased 35-36% across the entire year. He is projecting, for 2012-2013, 1% higher than the last fiscal year. He said Land Use is seeing lots and lots of small projects – additions, remodels, renovations –, and commercial projects on the south side. However, they have not seen a corresponding increase in valuation of permits, noting the permits are based on construction costs. He said we still will be only at 50% of the City's maximum year, 2005-2006, in terms of fees collected. However, in terms of volume of activity, number of permits, we are at 85% -86% of the City's maximum year.

Mr. O'Reilly said staff thinks this means people are starting to invest in their property in small ways, in ways that they don't need to get financing to do. He said they are either preparing the property for sale, or after deciding they can't sell, they are going to stay. He said either way, this is an encouraging trend. He said the activity is among both contractors and owner/builders.

Councilor Bushee asked how you correlate an increase in fees in Land Use, to an uptick in GRTs under the construction category.

Mr. O'Reilly said the largest single construction project was the Super WalMart which was a \$14 million construction evaluation, but there are ground-up construction projects, notably on Airport Road and places like that. He said they have issued 5-6 major commercial construction permits in the last 60 days on the south side of town. For example, in the Las Soleras project alone, there is a new restaurant, a bank, a filling station and rumors of a furniture store. He said on Airport Road there is the Guadalupe Credit Union, the Dollar Store, and others. He said they are seeing commercial construction which is financed at a corporate level, but they're not seeing spec building.

Councilor Calvert asked if they have seen anything on the Pavilion project.

Mr. O'Reilly said there is nothing at this time.

Dr. Morgan pointed out that Santa Fe's economy is following national trends. He said the percentages of increase and decrease are showing less negatives and more positives beginning in 2010, noting there is one negative beginning in 2012 and many more positives. He said, based on the data, the City should continue to be cautiously optimistic that we're improving.

B. UPDATE ON BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. (DR. MELVILLE MORGAN)

Chair Dominguez asked members to review the proposed Budget Calendar, saying it is open for discussion. He said he is trying to move away from the all-day meetings we had in the past, although that may be necessary, depending how things move forward. He said Councilor Calvert will be unavailable for some of this. He asked Committee members to let him know of anything which might not have been included. He asked staff to communicate this information to Councilor Ives. He asked Dr. Morgan to be sure the entire Governing Body is invited to any discussions that we might have on the budget.

Chair Dominguez said at the first meeting, there will be an orientation for the 3 new Councilors on the types of funds, organizational chart, what has been done in the past and the reasons for doing so, etc., to get them up to speed.

Councilor Bushee asked if we are going to review the budget in the standard time frame for a regular Finance Committee meeting, noting there are only two meetings. She asked if we are going to review department-by-department in those two meetings, and if he plans to start the meeting earlier than 5:00 p.m.

Chair Dominguez said we could start earlier at 4:00 p.m., and get the regular business done, and then have discussions solely on the budget beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Dominguez said he wants to move away from going department by department, although there will need to be some discussions by department.

Councilor Bushee noted a one-day meeting after possible approval of the budget and asked, "What's that."

Chair Dominguez said that will be done if necessary and the budget will be approved after that.

Councilor Bushee asked, "And your abbreviated department review. What does that look like."

Chair Dominguez said he is unsure what that looks like, commenting the agenda hasn't yet been formulated.

Councilor Bushee asked the Chair if he is going to bypass certain departments.

Chair Dominguez said he doesn't know yet, reiterating that he wants to move away from a department-by-department approval like we've done in the past.

Councilor Bushee said, "Unilaterally, that's your decision."

Chair Dominguez said, "No."

Councilor Bushee said, "So, in two meetings, we also have to handle regular Committee business. I mean in the past, we've never done it in 2 meetings and we've not reviewed department-by-department. So, I know this is information only, but how do I approve it until I know what the process is, and when will I know that."

Chair Dominguez said right now, he wants to get input from the Committee, and "if that's your recommendation, that's something that's duly noted."

Councilor Bushee said, "I didn't get a recommendation, I'm getting a reaction. I still don't know what I'm reacting to until I know exactly what you're proposing. In all of my time here on the Council, we've never not reviewed department-by-department. So, with 3 brand new Councilors, two of whom are on this Committee, I would presume that this is an interesting time to do that. You need to tell me what departments you don't plan on reviewing, because we only have a budget process once a year when we actually get to look at the details. And I hate to see us gloss over anything."

Councilor Dominguez asked Councilor Bushee if she has anything else for the Committee.

Councilor Bushee asked Councilor Dominguez when he will get the details on the budget meetings to the Committee.

Chair Dominguez said he will email it as soon as he gets more input from the Committee. He would like to get the calendar firmed up. He said if Councilor Bushee wants full day budget hearings, then she needs to propose some dates to do that.

Councilor Bushee said she doesn't necessarily want full-day budget hearings, but "I just don't think you can achieve what we have usually done in two meetings, and I want to very specifically know what departments your considering not reviewing."

Chair Dominguez reiterated that he doesn't have that information at this time. However, he thinks we should begin the budget hearings on April 16th, noting the budget has to be approved by May 30th.

Councilor Bushee said, "So you're saying we need to insert more meetings."

Chair Dominguez said Councilor Calvert has indicated dates he won't be available, and he would like to hear from the other Councilors on the Committee if they have issues with any of the proposed dated.

Councilor Calvert said he will be out on April 16th, but if the majority of that is introduction and orientation that's fine, commenting he doesn't expect the Chair to work around his schedule. He said April 30th could be an all-day session. He said the time needed will depend on the approach, department-by-department, or goals and strategic objectives and what we're trying to accomplish.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Chair Dominguez said May 16th is the Wednesday we don't have a Council meeting.

Councilor Calvert suggested scheduling the 16th as a possible full day session if needed.

Chair Dominguez said that is the suggestion on the proposed budget calendar.

Councilor Dimas said he sees no problem with the dates. He clarified that the March dates listed are for preparation of material by staff, and it has nothing to do with Committee.

Chair Dominguez said this is correct, but you can attend the internal meetings if you would like, commenting other Councilors have gone in the past.

Councilor Calvert said if you want to see something specific, please let tell staff so they can provide the information to address your concern or answer your question.

Councilor Bushee recommended that new Councilors or Councilors new to the Committee, have orientation on an individual basis with Dr. Morgan and that we utilize April 16th as the start of the meetings dedicated to the budget so that we don't have to have full day meetings at the end. She likes to start early.

Chair Dominguez said he has no objections to that, but he wants to talk to the other Councilors as well. He said we can change "orientation" to "overview."

16. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A Memorandum dated March 19, 2012, to the Finance Committee from Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, regarding Finance Committee Agenda Items, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Chair Dominguez said he wants to make it clear to the Committee that, and he will speak with Councilor Ives, if there are any items you want on the Finance Agenda, please let him know. He will do the best he can to get it on the agenda as soon as possible, with respect to the other committees it needs/may to go to. He said this includes anything which will be on the consent calendar and he will try to see it's pulled prior to setting the Agenda.

Chair Dominguez said he asked staff to prepare the Memorandum which was on their desks [Exhibit "1"]. He said four issues to be heard by this Committee are addressed which Councilor Bushee brought up at the last Council meeting. Chair Dominguez reviewed those items and the dates scheduled for hearing by this Committee, as follows: Transparency Informational Item – 04/02/12; Public Safety Informational Item– 04/02/12; BBER 04/16/12 or perhaps 04/02/12 although that agenda could get rather heavy; Annexation Resolution Renegotiation 04/02/12 or 04/16/12. His expectation is that we will have good discussion here at the Finance Committee meeting, and asked that members be prepared and to be hard on the issues, but soft on people. He asked members to call him with any questions or concerns, saying he wants as transparent a meeting as possible.

Councilor Dimas

Councilor Dimas said when he drives on Siringo Road, he has noticed there are 30 brand new Police cars sitting there, and he understands they have been sitting there since October 2011, and are not be utilized. He asked why the vehicles are not on street.

Robert Rodarte said the vehicles are waiting on certain parts, noting there are back orders on radios and other things. He said, "From the procurement end, we've done our share, and now it's up to the Police Department and the radio shop, and one of the contracted companies.

Councilor Dimas is concerned that they have been sitting there so long. He said he served on the Police force in past years, and when new units came in, they generally were on the street within a month. He said this is a long time for the cars to be sitting in one place, and "I won't be a bit suprised if the rats have gotten into them and chewed up the wires. He said these should have been on the street months ago.

Chair Dominguez asked Dr. Morgan to talk to the City Manager and ask him to give a response to Councilor Dimas on that.

Councilor Bushee

Councilor Bushee said she spoke with the Chair over the weekend once she got the agenda, and she is surprised that no one called or conveyed to her that the 3 issues she requested to be on the agenda at Council were not there. She has expressed her dismay to the City Manager that she was not given the BBER Report as soon as it arrived, even if it was in draft form. She said this is an outside report commissioned and paid for by the City. She said, "It is hard enough that the public feels they can't get information, but when I can't get information, it really disturbs me. When that is not on an agenda and is pushed off, with my companion resolution that went into a black hole in the Committee you used to chair, Mr. Chairman, it's simply.... we were not allowed to have that discussion. If you push it off to the sixteenth, then you're into budgets and budget hearings."

Councilor Bushee continued, "So, I'm just going to ask again that the Resolution I've been trying to get back and discussed in public, transparently, along with the report, be put forward, and I insist that... and I get there's a distinction between an internal report and a report that's been commissioned by an outside group. So, I get the sort of dragging the feet distinction of using the draft format for an internal report a little bit more, but not a lot. But an external report like that, I just think we did a great disservice to the public and to their representatives. I had to read about it in the paper and that never sits well with me."

Councilor Bushee continued, "So, that's on that one. So, I recommend that you please, and I'm going to ask again and I'm going to keep asking, that discussion needs to take place. And there are other Councilors that want to have that discussion and I don't see why it can't take place on April second."

Councilor Bushee continued, "And with regard to the, and I asked the City manager as well, there was an internal audit done by our formal Internal Auditor on the P.D., with regard to federal contracts. I understand that perhaps it's not complete, but when will it be complete. If it's not complete, what's missing and when can we begin the discussions on that. And I'm going to move forward with some kind of new proposal. I'm going to investigate models with Dr. Morgan and perhaps the Chair of our Audit Committee. But, you know, Albuquerque has used solicitors general, and maybe it's time for us. You know, an internal auditor position is not very independent. They're hired by the City. They have a desk. They're supervised, I'm sure, by the City Manager. They report to the City Manager. I feel like we don't have enough distance between that process and perhaps that... and in the past, I don't know what we've done with most of those internal audits. So I'm looking for a new model, a new way to put that forward."

Councilor Bushee continued, "I also asked for the transparency audit. My Resolutions were put in, I don't know how many months ago now. I put my Sunshine Portal resolution in, and it's gone on months, months and months, and I understand there's a price tag, maybe a quarter million dollars, maybe more, on trying to implement that. I have no understanding of that until I can actually see the details. And so, for me, if I don't see these things put on agendas at the Committee, even when I ask, and I'm going to ask for those reports for myself. I'm not going to wait for a committee."

Councilor Bushee continued, "In particular, Public Safety. My safety concerns were raised at the Council and I've been raising them for a while. We went to these new shifts, the 5 eights, rather than the 4 tens. We were told there would be a cost savings. Where is that. Are we living only on overtime now because we've got so many unfilled positions. All of that doesn't need to be punted and sent off to Public Safety. Those are financial matters that need to be heard here. We've been asking for them for some time."

Councilor Bushee continued, "I know you're the new chair, so I'm going to give you a little room to feel your way around here, but I have to tell you I was severely disappointed to see not one of these items make it onto this agenda. So, that's my concern. I've raised it to you privately. I'm raising it to you all publicly, so I really hope to start to see some of those details. I had a meeting close to 100 people attended on Saturday, that, you know, we gave very generic answers. Well, we're short staffed. We don't have the resources. And I don't have answers to this day to folks you know. Are we going to have a drug task force. Are we going to have the ability to fill certain positions. Are we going to be able to be proactive, rather than reactive. All of those things."

Councilor Bushee continued, "You know, when I get a response that says we're short on resources, the public thinks we're just not giving our Police Department the funds they need, rather than just understanding the magnitude of the problem. So, I think that, I hope for this Committee to be transparent. I hope for this Committee to have as much public input as possible. But I'm speaking generally, beyond this Committee, that information needs to get out, to the public, to the Councilors. This has been the least transparent administration I've ever served with, and I want to see that change."

Councilor Calvert

Councilor Calvert had no remarks.

Chair Dominguez

Chair Dominguez asked staff to make the Memorandum available to the media. He said, "I just want to let the Committee know that this Committee agenda was pretty light. I got this gig on Wednesday night, and so I've been working with staff to get some stuff done. And so, my commitment is to do the best I can and make sure that items get placed on the agenda in a timely and appropriate manner. But one thing I do not want, and I will reiterate this to staff, I do not want items on the agenda that are not ready. If staff doesn't have enough information or the proper information, that's not acceptable. We need to make sure that information gets to us and that we don't postpone items or issues because staff doesn't provide the information."

Other items from the Committee

Councilor Dimas said, "It kind of disturbed me, when I read in the paper about that meeting that Patti had the other day, and they asked Chief Rael why it was we didn't have a Narcotics Unit which is near and dear to my heart. His answer was that as soon as we fill the openings that we have in the Police Department, then he'll assign two officers to be Narcotics Officers, I guess, at that time. Well, I don't know how long these openings have been in the Police Department, but I think it's for a very long time now that they've had these openings. So in essence, what I think I heard was that, I guess we're never going to have a narcotics unit. And if that's going to happen, then I have a real problem with that personally and professionally. And I think that the core problem to burglaries and everything else is drug related. 95% of the burglars arrested last year were related to drugs, and if we don't have a Narcotics Unit that they broke up several years ago, or I guess it's been maybe 2 years ago, when we had a couple of Narcotics Officers that decided to go into business for themselves, and they just completely did away with the Narcotics Unit. I have a real problem with that. We need a Narcotics Unit. I think we need it now. And I don't think we should wait for staffing to get a Narcotics Unit in place. That's just feelings that I have."

Chair Dominguez thanked Councilor Dimas for his input, and advised him that he can propose those kinds of pieces of legislation if he would like, and hopefully he will get the support to make those things happen.

Councilor Calvert said these are the kinds of discussions we can have a budget time as well – how to allocate our resources and what to fund. He said, "My understanding on the drug unit, and I don't want to speak prematurely, but I thought what was happening is that we had assigned some officers to a Task Force, a Regional Task Force, and that wasn't really working as well as we thought, so we were going to pull those people back and use those people to start that drug unit. So, my understanding was it wasn't necessarily waiting to fill positions, it was reallocating resources differently than we currently have them."

Councilor Dimas said, That's what the paper said, and actually said he had indicated he would fill those two positions when all the positions were filled. That's how the paper said it, and that's what I took it from. They're not always right, but you're talking about the Region III Drug Task Force." He said the Region III Drug Task Force is funded with federal funds and they concentrate in the north, because that's where they were funded, to take care of Northern New Mexico, Espanola and up in that area where they have a real serious heroin problem, but we have a serious heroin problem right here in Santa Fe, and this is why we need that.

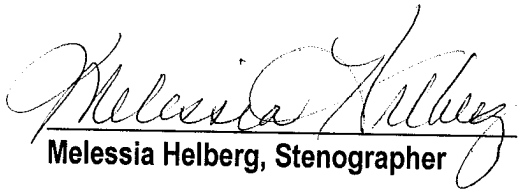
17. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.

Carmichael A. Dominguez, Chair

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