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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
5:15 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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7. Update on Solid Waste Division (Bill DeGrande)
8. Report on Water Distribution System Flushing for Zone 2. (Shannon Jones)

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9. Request for Approval of Award of Bid # 08/02/B for Canyon Road Water Treatment Plant Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Electrical Improvements to RMCI, Inc. (P.J. Griego and Brian Snyder)
10. Request for Approval of Resolution No. 2007-____. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of an Executed Agreement for Financial Assistance to the New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau, for the Planning, Design, Engineering and Construction of a Sewer Line for the 2400 Block of Agua Fria. (Stan Holland) (Councilor Chavez and Councilor Dominguez)

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12. Request for Approval of Bill No. 2007-_____. An Ordinance Creating a New Section 14-6.2(H) SFCC 1987 Restricting the Placement of Electric, Telecommunication, Cable, and Gas Lines Within City Parks, Open Space, Trails or Other City Owner Land. (Jeanne Price and Robert Gallegos)
13. Request for Approval of a Resolution Directing Staff to Study and Make a Recommendation to the Governing Body Regarding an Incentive Program to Use State of the Art Water Conservation Technology in the Laundry Industries. (Dan Ransom) (Councilor Calvert and Councilor Heldmeyer)
14. Request for Resolution No. 2007-_____. A Resolution Directing the Santa Fe River Commission, Staff and the Community of Santa Fe to Evaluate the Environmental Flow Needs of the Santa Fe River. (David Chapman and Claudia Borchert)
15. Request for Approval of Resolution No. 2007-_____. A Resolution Directing City Staff and Santa Fe Public School Staff to Work Together to Design and Implement a Recycling Program for the Santa Fe Public School District. (Bill DeGrande) (Councilor Calvert, Councilor Wurzbarger, Councilor Dominguez)

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
September 19, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

A meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Miguel Chavez, Chair, at approximately 5:15 p.m., on September 19, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Miguel Chavez, Chair
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Karen Heldmeyer
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

OTHERS ATTENDING

Galen Buller, City Manager and Public Utilities Division Director
Marcus Martinez, Assistant City Attorney
Stephanie Trujillo, Public Utilities
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Lopez said staff is requesting to remove Item #12 from the agenda, to postpone approval of the minutes to the meeting of October 3, 2007, and to combine Informational Item #7 and it with Discussion Item #11.

Councilor Dominguez asked to move Item #13 and #15 ahead of the Informational Items, if not, move it to the first of the Discussion items, noting Councilor Calvert, the sponsor of those items, is in attendance.

Chair Chavez said if the Committee would like, we can hear Discussion Item #11 and then Items #13 and #15.

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Councilor Heldmeyer moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

9. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID #08/02/B FOR CANYON ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO RMCI, INC. (P.J. GRIEGO AND BRIAN SNYDER)**
10. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION No. 2007- _____. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN EXECUTED AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS BUREAU, FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER LINE FOR THE 2400 BLOCK OF AGUA FRIA. (STAN HOLLAND) (COUNCILOR CHAVEZ AND COUNCILOR DOMINGUEZ)**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

Postponed to the meeting of October 3, 2007.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS (Michael Gonzales)

A copy of the Weekly Water Report for the week ending August 12, 2007, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Mr. Gonzales reviewed the information in Exhibit "1."

Councilor Heldmeyer noted that Canyon Neighborhood Association gave an award to Gary Martinez because of how well he and the staff work with the neighborhood to solve problems.

6. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DIVISION (BILL DeGRANDE)

This item was combined with Discussion Item #11.

8. REPORT ON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FLUSHING FOR ZONE 2. (SHANNON JONES)

Shannon Jones presented information from his Memorandum of September 10, 2007, which is contained in the Committee packet.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked about PR staff is doing on this.

Mr. Jones said staff published notification in the newspapers, sent written notification to department directors, and he will appear on the water show which is presented by the Water Division on Friday to get the notification to the public.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

**11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUSPEND/KEEP "TEAM WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM."
(BILL DE GRANDE)**

A copy of a Memorandum dated September 19, 2007, to the Public Utilities Committee, from William DeGrande, Solid Waste Management Division Director, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Items #7 and #11 were combined for purposes of presentation, discussion and voting.

Mr. DeGrande reviewed the information in Exhibit "2 ."

Chair Chavez said he appreciates Mr. DeGrande recognizing the employees and the team he put together. He asked staff to acknowledge or backup Mr. DeGrande's presentation, for the record.

Bruce Houston said he has worked with the City for 22 years. He has been working closely with Mr. DeGrande to resolve the issues and make things better for the City. He believes Mr. DeGrande's recommendation will work. He said most of Santa Fe is on recycling and automated containers, which has been difficult because they have also been doing the bag distribution and resolving issues which have

arisen. He said last year there was a turmoil in Sanitation, but the Division now is running smoothly with Mr. DeGrande as the director.

Chair Chavez said it is good that he is in support of Mr. DeGrande's recommendation. He reiterated his appreciation to the employees for resolving the issues. He thanked Mr. DeGrande for his efforts, and the crew for working together on this.

Councilor Heldmeyer thanked staff for working cooperatively in this area. She thanked Mr. DeGrande who has put up with a lot during the past year. She said we see the results all the time, and she now hardly ever gets phone calls about solid waste, as opposed to before Mr. DeGrande took over. She said the improvement is palpable.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked, before the move to volume-based billing, and we go to once a week recycling, if the rates will be changed to reflect that, or if that will be covered under the current rates.

Mr. DeGrande said it will be covered under the current rates.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked if someone takes all of their breaks and lunch hours, is the 1/4 hour covered as overtime.

Mr. DeGrande said no, they aren't paid for 8 1/4 hours, and are paid for 8 hours. Under this plan, the most time the employee would be at work is 8 1/4 hours.

Councilor Trujillo thanked Mr. DeGrande, and said he is glad staff and management came to a compromise. He said he hasn't received many complaints.

Councilor Trujillo asked if there anything else which needs to be sent to auction.

Mr. DeGrande said no. He said there is one unit to be turned over to Parks, but everything they had went to auction this year.

Councilor Trujillo thanked all of the staff for all the work they have done at the yard, saying things are looking good there.

Councilor Trujillo asked what is "wash up time."

Mr. DeGrande said under the union contract, employees have 15 minutes at the end of the day to clean up, and it is included with their time.

Councilor Trujillo said he did receive one complaint from a Nava Adé resident regarding recycling pickup. The person said everything was separated, and the employee just threw everything in the back of the truck.

Mr. DeGrande said the only thing separated within the truck is glass, everything else is commingled, and is sorted later.

Councilor Dominguez thanked Bill and staff for working so hard to take care of the constituency to the best of their ability, which is demonstrated by the fact that no one leaves until everything is done.

Councilor Dominguez asked the life expectancy of the automated trash bins, because people are concerned they will need new ones soon because of the abuse taken by the bins in the automation process.

Mr. DeGrande said there are two things happening with the automated receptacles. With these trucks, the arms have to be adjusted every week, and sometimes they slam the bins down too hard. Secondly, during the first phases of the automation program, the carts purchased had a different polymer than we are buying now, and the polymer is more brittle, and they don't last as long as those currently being distributed. He is replacing 30-40 cans per week with the new ones, noting this is an ongoing process.

Responding to Councilor Dominguez, Mr. DeGrande said it is expected that the new cans will last for 5-10 years, provided we maintain the arms on the trucks.

Councilor Dominguez asked Mr. DeGrande if he will propose a replacement program.

Mr. DeGrande said the replacement program will be ongoing.

Councilor Dominguez thanked Mr. DeGrande and the staff for all the work they have done. He said when Mr. DeGrande took this job there were no questions about his ability, but we were questioning whether he would be able to overcome the obstacles. He said Mr. DeGrande has proved to everyone that he can.

Councilor Trujillo said he got a call from a subdivision by Ragle Park and 3-4 people did not get their trash cans.

Mr. DeGrande said we took care of that today.

Chair Chavez thanked Mr. DeGrande and staff for their hard work and said, "keep it up."

MOTION: Councilor Heldmeyer moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve this request in accordance with the recommendations in Mr. DeGrande's Memorandum of September 19, 2007.

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

- 12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2007- _____. AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 14-6.2(H) SFCC 1987, RESTRICTING THE PLACEMENT OF ELECTRIC, TELECOMMUNICATION, CABLE AND GAS LINES WITHIN CITY PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS OR OTHER CITY OWNED LAND. (JEANNE PRICE AND ROBERT GALLEGOS)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO STUDY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO USE STATE OF THE ART WATER CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE LAUNDRY INDUSTRIES (COUNCILOR CALVERT AND COUNCILOR HELDMEYER). (DAN RANSOM)**

Dan Ransom presented information on this matter to the Committee.

Responding to Councilor Dominguez, Mr. Ransom said the Resolution states that the incentive program would be specific to the laundry industry, noting there are commercial, and residential laundries, hotel and motel laundries, apartment laundries and such.

Councilor Calvert said the main focus is the commercial laundry industry which serves a lot of motels and hotels in Santa Fe, and believes this is where we will see some of the bigger savings in water by using this kind of technology on that scale. He said it is not directed to this one company, but this one company would be able to benefit, and it is hoped other companies would want to do a similar type of arrangement.

Councilor Dominguez said he is in support of the Resolution. However, as technology improves, he asked what other industries might come forward to recycle their water.

Chair Chavez this is a narrow view of the "larger" problem, dilemma, people are experiencing in terms of the cost of water and what can be done to reduce costs and be environmentally sensitive. He said in the debate on the water rate structure, we wanted to give business a rate structure which was heavy on conservation, and this is an example. In the future, as we become more dependent on imported water, we will have to become as dependent on conservation, and will include effluent as we move into the future. He said this does tie into the discussions about the larger group of users.

Councilor Heldmeyer said she is glad to see this. She said to date, we have emphasized conservation in residential properties. It has always been clear that this is the way we have to go, on an industry by industry basis. She said laundry industries are more similar to other laundry industries than to other things. This brings up the question of what other industries should follow, in terms of being targeted for conservation, observing that car washes come to mind. Some have done good a job of conserving while others haven't bothered. She asked, other than laundry industry and car washes, where does he see this going in the future – the top 5-6 industries to target.

Mr. Ransom said there is a long list of "to dos" and "possibles," in the commercial industry, each of

which are different and unique. He said sometimes it isn't so much recycling, but it is technology. For example, x-ray machines in doctor's offices use a lot of water. He said a car wash is a good example of a recycling type business. He said we can get into water harvesting and gray water, but is a long list, and this is specific to a couple of things.

Chair Chavez said perhaps we should focus on this, and worry about the other stuff in the future.

Councilor Calvert said this one came to his Committee, and was not something the Committee discovered. However, if businesses see we are willing to do this, then they might be more inclined to look within their own industry for ways to save water as well. He said it may be that some of the technology which the laundry industry is using might be applicable for car washes, for example.

Chair Chavez he said this won't be a \$1 million impact because we aren't dealing with restructuring the rates, and it is an incentive program based on the extent of their conservation efforts. We can't determine now how it will apply to other businesses.

Councilor Trujillo said he likes the Resolution, but there are other businesses, and he believes El Ice Plant and the bottled water will come in.

Councilor Calvert said he has been following this discussion, and one of the things you have been discussing is giving people a break if they can prove they have done conservation measures. The incentives in the Resolution are in very general terms, and it is left to staff to figure this out, and this might be one of the incentives which is applied. He said we would want to see this from all industries which are applying for this break, if possible. He has heard, with regard to the ice plant, there is a lot of "waste water" at the end of the process which he gives to the Historic Santa Fe Association for its garden. He said it might be an incentive to reclaim or do otherwise with that water.

Councilor Trujillo said he is asking if other businesses could "piggy back" on this resolution as well.

Councilor Calvert said this is a proven conservation technology, and if they have one which works and they can prove that, he doesn't see why we couldn't do similar things for other industries. He reiterated this Resolution is narrowly focused because we know it is something which works.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Martinez said we are looking for the criteria to focus on conservation, and most of the commercial accounts which were either 1½ in. or 2 in. meters, but focusing on them applying and proving to us that they had done the extensive conservation efforts, or everything feasible. He said the Resolution before this Committee is very similar, and deals with the laundry industry. He said the laundry industry has the potential to save 80% of its water. He said this wouldn't have occurred unless the current water rates had driven it to this point. He said there will be those businesses which may be able to save 80% while others can only save 10-20%, but they should be able to prove in some fashion that they have done everything feasible in conservation efforts. He said this what the draft ordinance was trying to get to.

Chair Chavez said this is one piece of that more comprehensive approach the Council had

considered if we were going to restructure the water rates. In that discussion, Mr. Martinez said he had visited with the ice plant, and there is some water that is unusable because it is a by-product of its production of ice. He understood the ice plant was interested in going in this direction in applying newer conservation efforts in its business to fit in the criteria and conservation efforts the City wanted.

Mr. Martinez said this is correct. However, the ice plant is a little unique, because the waste is high in total dissolved solids or something similar. There is technology which can reduce those total dissolved solids and send it back into the system, but there always will be a waste by-product. Because the business is just water, there probably are some savings, but it won't be a tremendous amount because they have a small meter which is continuously running. He thinks they need an audit of some sort, and to prove to the City that they have done everything possible to the extent possible to get there. He doesn't know if this has been done or not. He understands at the last PUC meeting it was reported that they had one reported violation of wastewater all over their floor, but doesn't know the quantity.

Chair Chavez said it is open to conservation as an avenue to pursue, rather than the time and expense of replacing a meter and other things.

Mr. Martinez said they are very open to the idea.

Chair Chavez asked how many businesses Mr. Martinez identified which could qualify under this.

Mr. Martinez said there were approximately 390 accounts. The PUC directive at the last meeting, was to try to narrow that group to something smaller.

Councilor Heldmeyer said the Committee was emailed a memo and list of businesses. She asked why this isn't on the agenda as a discussion item.

Mr. Martinez said there was more follow-up work which needed to be done. He was hoping to meet with Frank Katz to advise if it is legal for us to condense some of these groups into a smaller group. He said he has a follow-up meeting with a Councilor next week who may have a different idea on the draft ordinance.

Chair Chavez asked if this deals with the larger group of 390.

Mr. Martinez said this is correct, and staff is looking at the legality of that, and the legality of condensing it even further.

Chair Chavez said then this still involves Mr. Mumm and his review of the policy decision we make so he can look at the fiscal impact.

Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Mumm today to try to condense the draft ordinance to take back to the City Attorney and request a legal opinion.

Councilor Dominguez said this really is what has prompted this Resolution. He asked if Luna Laundry has gone through an extensive conservation audit.

Mr. Ransom said the owner of Luna Laundry is very aware of water conservation, and although an extensive audit wasn't done, he has been to the site. He said his machines are efficient and he has a very efficient system. The technology he is using is very new, noting he has just finished 1½ months with the new system, and working out the kinks. He is already reusing more than 70% of his water, with the goal to reuse 80%.

Councilor Dominguez said the Resolution, as written, says "laundry industries." He asked if we are anticipating that these industries will go through the same audit.

Councilor Calvert said there are two things happening: someone who is taking the initiative to install this efficient equipment, and the best incentive would be something to do with his rate. There are a lot of hotels which do their own laundry, and a lot of their equipment is old and antiquated. We will be looking at ways to incentivize them to use this type of technology.

Councilor Dominguez asked, in terms of car washes, if the incentives are great, what stops them from wanting to take advantage of those incentives and to start doing water recycling.

Councilor Calvert said this is a straightforward and simple Resolution. There are many things which can be studied and analyzed as a result. He said we can also be looking at other industries, but we already know what the technology can do in this industry, and the reason for the narrow focus.

Councilor Dominguez said this is a good first start.

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

DISCUSSION: Councilor Heldmeyer said "incentivize" is a broad term, and can mean many things, and one of which she hopes will be you don't pay as much on your water bill whether we do anything about the rates. If you use less water, you pay less money.

Councilor Calvert said Mr. Luna understands he won't necessarily get a rate reduction, but if he saves water he will save money, and probably will get a payback on his investment in three years just on the savings on his bill, even if he doesn't get a break.

Councilor Heldmeyer would like to develop a way to backdate it to whoever bought new equipment since a certain date, which would even the playing field.

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

15. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007- _____. A RESOLUTION DIRECTING CITY STAFF AND SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF TO WORK TOGETHER TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR THE SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (COUNCILOR CALVERT, COUNCILOR WURZBURGER AND COUNCILOR DOMINGUEZ). (BILL DeGRANDE)

Bill DeGrande presented information on the proposed Resolution.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked who is in charge of Santa Fe Beautiful.

Fabian Chavez said Santa Fe Beautiful is now under Parks.

Councilor Heldmeyer said Santa Fe Beautiful is supposed to go into the schools and teach recycling, and asked if we have data on how often the schools are visited, and which schools, the message – do we keep records on this.

Fabian Chavez said he doesn't know, but he will certainly cooperate with Mr. DeGrande to do that and track it for him.

Councilor Heldmeyer said under the former City Manager, there was a meeting attended by Gilda, Mr. Meir, Board Chair, and the Former Manager suggested recycling in schools. She responded that she thought that is what Santa Fe Beautiful was doing. Mr. Meir advised her that "we" haven't been in the schools for two years. She said perhaps things have changed. However, if this is part of the mission of Santa Fe Beautiful, we should be doing it, and we should be keeping records of what is done, where and the message.

Mr. Chavez reiterated that he would be happy to assist Mr. DeGrande and Santa Fe Beautiful with any efforts that the Committee would like to see along these lines – visiting schools and keeping track of data.

Chair Chavez suggested we also should reevaluate what we are doing currently, and if this is to be a district-wide effort, then move in that direction and continue to track and document what we're doing, so we know how effective these programs might be.

Mr. Chavez agrees, but he has to take a "leap of faith," because the schools aren't here, and he can't speak for the schools, reiterating his offer of assistance.

Chair Chavez asked if the program is only educational, or if we will be picking up paper and stuff from the schools

Mr. DeGrande said there has been some confusion between Santa Fe Beautiful and the City of Santa Fe Solid Waste Division. He said he was approached, through Santa Fe Beautiful, to implement a recycling program at Santa Fe High School, and he agreed and asked what was needed from the City. He was told they needed two containers for each classroom and he said fine. He said then Santa Fe Beautiful

wanted its name on the containers, and as a result, nothing happened. He said he is trying to develop a solution as to how to run it, meet with the stakeholders, develop a plan and implement it. He is willing to work with everybody, but wants to work a certain way so we don't have to wait on something and to implement the program.

Mr. DeGrande said the primary job prior to that was to pick up recycling at the schools, not to provide the educational programs, or anything else, and only to provide the recycling bins.

Chair Chavez asked if Mr. DeGrande is suggesting that SWMA should be the lead agency for this and not Santa Fe Beautiful.

Mr. DeGrande said no, the City should be the lead.

Chair Chavez said then the language needs to be changed on page 2, lines 14-15, from "Solid Waste Management Agency," to the City of Santa Fe.

Councilor Calvert said the Solid Waste Division will be the driver of this, and work with Santa Fe Beautiful and SWMA because they will be the recipients.

Chair Chavez said then the language on page 2, lines 14 and 15 is okay then, because they are at the end of the line.

Councilor Heldmeyer pointed out that not all public schools are in the City.

Councilor Calvert said he discussed this with Mr. DeGrande and told him he is not committing him beyond the City limits. However, he might be willing to do the three which are outside if he has the resources.

Councilor Heldmeyer said today the members of the conference she is attending took a tour of the Villagra Building and its gold LEEDS certification, and they talked about how the City of Santa Fe helped them, because part of LEEDS certification is recycling. She said there was a suggestion to put signs in English and Spanish at construction sites with regard to waste which needs to be separated, noting there is increased recycling when this is done.

Councilor Calvert responded that some schools are doing recycling, but not on a regular schedule. He said several teachers approached him about this. He said schools generally are supportive, but they have no funds. Councilor Calvert said this won't require a big expense or bureaucracy. He hopes the teachers will step forward to volunteer at the schools.

Councilor Dominguez said Santa Fe Beautiful will do such an awesome job that Mr. DeGrande will have a lot to pick up, which is the intent and the hope for this program.

Councilor Chavez said Dr. Carpenter did say, in support of this, that there are grants for learning through participation and community services which probably could be used to fund any expense by the School. She felt it would fit with the curriculum.

Chair Chavez said there have been recycling shows about what can be done with recyclables.

Chair Chavez said Santa Fe Beautiful needs to be engaged and consistent, and go to all the schools and follow the program.

Councilor Calvert said the schools are prepared to provide some of the educational components and/or to incorporate it into its curriculum, and would welcome participation and assistance by Santa Fe Beautiful in doing this.

Councilor Dominguez said this is an opportunity for the entire facility to participate, and it is not just about teaching kids about recycling, it is actually to do it.

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

DISCUSSION: Councilor Calvert noted that Councilor Ortiz also is a cosponsor.

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

14. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2007- _____. A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION STAFF AND COMMUNITY OF SANTA FE TO EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW NEEDS OF THE SANTA FE RIVER. (DAVID CHAPMAN AND CLAUDIA BORCHERT)

Claudia Borchert presented information regarding this matter to the Committee. Ms. Borchert noted two amendments are proposed by staff which are clerical in nature as follows:

Page 4, lines 9 and 10, Section 2, add an "s" to "resource," delete "project" and change "coordination to coordinators."

Page 5, line 2, recommend changing "summer of 2008," to "December 2008."

Ms. Borchert noted there is an amendment in the Committee packet from Public Works to include a section on legal oversight in the Resolution.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked if, in regard to what would make a healthy river, are we talking in generalities, or about what would make THIS river healthy.

Ms. Borchert said we are talking specifically to this river.

Councilor Heldmeyer said different sections of this River would require different things to make that section healthy, so it seems as if it is as specific as it can be.

Chair Chavez noted this study or analysis is for the whole Santa Fe River.

Ms. Borchert said yes, but we can never expect the River to be as healthy downstream of Nichols, for example, as it is above McClure.

Chair Chavez pointed out that the public isn't allowed there.

Ms. Borchert said there are different reasons such as the amount of sunshine and trees, and many different criteria which will determine which sections might be measured in different ways, or we may recognize that an ideal will never be achievable.

MOTION: Councilor Heldmeyer moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez for purposes of discussion, to approve the Resolution with the proposed amendments from the Public Works Committee and staff.

DISCUSSION: Chair Chavez said he can understand that visual impact and erosion are different along that corridor, but the ultimate goal would be to have a sustainable and consistent flow in that channel as far as it can.

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

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

There were no matters from the City Attorney.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Heldmeyer reiterated her email earlier this week, with regarding to changing trash collection days to avoid conflicts between automated pickup and street cleaning.

Chair Chavez said he noticed fugitive water coming from the irrigation in the median at the corner of St. Francis and Agua Fria on the east.

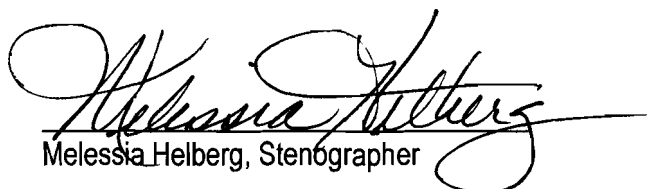
Mr. Buller said he will notify Mr. Chavez to correct this problem.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 19, 2007

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Miguel Chavez, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer