

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, in full conformity with the rules, regulations and ordinances of the municipality.

At such meeting the following were present, constituting a quorum:

MAYOR	Nate Duckett
COUNCILORS	Linda G. Rodgers Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
ABSENT	Sean E. Sharer, Councilor

constituting all the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
CITY ATTORNEY	Jennifer Breakell
CITY CLERK	Dianne Smylie
DEPUTY CITY CLERK	Andrea Jones

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM AWARD

Employee Council President Joanna Oliver recognized Electrical Engineer Roberto Ga as the Employee of the Month award recipient for December 2019. Mr. Ga was presented with a plaque and gift certificate and the Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for his dedication to the City.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION & ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION FUND (CTED)

Directing the Council's attention to the handout titled, "204 Community Transformation and Economic Diversification ("CTED") GRT Fund," City Manager Rob Mayes reviewed how the spreadsheet is intended to work and he briefly reviewed the projects authorized by the Council for Fiscal Years 2019 ("FY19") and 2020 ("FY20"). At the Mayor's request, Economic Development Director Warren Unsicker reviewed the approved operating budget for Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation Industry Initiative ("ORII") and he confirmed that the separate budgets are spent on their respective target industries. Concluding his introduction to today's presentation, Mr. Mayes pointed out that it is staff's recommendation to repay the CTED Fund's loan from the General Fund in three annual installments beginning in FY22 and he briefly reviewed staff's recommended recurring expenditures.

Mayor Duckett requested that staff add a column to the spreadsheet indicating the date that Council authorizes expenditures for CTED Fund projects. In addition, he commented on the various CTED Fund projects that have been completed in the past 18 months and he expressed his appreciation to the Council for their vision and dedication to the future of the community.

Responding to Councilor Rodgers's question, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs ("PRCA") Director Shaña Reeves reported that the PRCA Commission is well apprised of the projects being presented today.

All Abilities Park

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Reeves reported that \$75,000 from the CTED Fund has been earmarked for the All Abilities Park conceptual plan and feasibility study but noted that staff has not finalized an agreement with Farmington Municipal Schools for the desired location at the old Tibbetts Middle School property. She announced that this type of park is typically a regional draw and she pointed out that there is a well-organized community group called the TAP Committee that meets monthly in support of this project.

Lake Farmington Group Pavilion

Ms. Reeves reminded the Council that this group shade structure for the campground at Lake Farmington was presented previously but was cut from the approved budget and she reported that it is a 25-foot by 34-foot "ready-to-construct" shade structure for a cost of \$60,000.

In response to Councilor Jakino's inquiry, Parks Planner Rachelle Crosby reported that the \$60,000 cost is for the shade structure only and does not include a concrete pad or picnic tables.

Mayor Duckett requested that staff review and revise the proposed shade structure and pricing to include possible associated amenities for further consideration.

Harvest Food Hub and Kitchen

Mr. Unsicker announced that this partnership with San Juan College ("SJC") is still in process and reported that staff is awaiting the estimated facility renovation costs. He stated that SJC received a grant for equipment and operating costs and that the City will assist with renovations. Additionally, Mr. Mayes reminded the Council that this project is the "food side" of The Big Idea @ SJC makerspace and is utilizing the old Roof facility in downtown.

In response to Councilor Bingham-Kelly's inquiry, Mr. Mayes confirmed that the dollar amount listed on the spreadsheet is only a placeholder until SJC provides the estimated renovation cost and that staff is not requesting any action regarding this project at this time.

North Riverine Trail Extension

Noting that the North Riverine Trail extension is 90 percent designed, Ms. Reeves reported that Phase I includes the trail section from Browning Parkway to Middlefork Plaza and that Phase II is the section from Middlefork Plaza to Piñon Hills Boulevard. She stated that the trail requires bank stabilization along the area near Red Lobster and she announced that the trail will be built from the middle outward based on the issuance of environmental permits and to help mitigate any negative effects to the native species in the area. Ms. Reeves stated that staff is requesting \$400,000 for Phase I in FY20 and approximately \$400,000 for Phase II in FY21 to complete the trail.

Responding to the Mayor's inquiry, Mr. Mayes confirmed that the trail from Among the Waters to Piñon Hills Boulevard should be completed by June 2022 except for the remaining hold-out properties. Mayor Duckett announced that he believes that constructing quality trails is much more important than quickly completing inferior trails.

In response to Councilor Rodgers's question, Ms. Crosby estimated that the trail is approximately 10 miles in length and that an estimated six to eight miles of trail is located within Berg and Animas Parks.

Pickleball Courts at Brookside Park

Mr. Mayes reported that the Council previously authorized \$68,000 to install pickleball courts at Brookside Park and stated that the contractor has damaged the subsurface which requires approximately \$52,000 to repair, noting that staff is seeking reimbursement through legal means at this time. He also stated that the users group has requested fencing and shade structures to enhance their experience and reported that those improvements will cost an additional \$25,700. In addition, Ms. Reeves reported that the users group requested six courts rather than eight and reiterated that the subsurface damage renders the courts unusable without repair.

At Councilor Rodgers's request, PRCA Commissioner Deborah Cutler announced that she is an advocate for the trail system and contended that the trails are vital to every age group within the community. She stated that pickleball is a desirable activity popular with senior citizens and she pointed out that San Juan Country Club is installing two courts. In regards to the Lake Farmington shade structure, she expressed her support, noting that living in the desert necessitates shade for outdoor activities.