

Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held virtually using Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89957519350> at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. The virtually open regular session was held in full conformity with the laws and ordinances and rules of the Municipality.

Upon roll call, the following were found to be present, constituting a quorum:

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

constituting all members of said Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	Julie Baird
CITY ATTORNEY	Jennifer Breakell
CITY CLERK	Andrea Jones

The meeting was convened by the Mayor. Thereupon the following proceedings were duly had and taken:

Airport Manager Mike Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Mayor announced that those items on the agenda marked with an asterisk (*) have been placed on the Consent Agenda and will be voted on without discussion by one motion. He stated that if any item did not meet with approval of all Councilors or if a citizen so requested, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard.

*MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 9, 2020.

*MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN to reallocate \$11,000 from the PRCA Indian Center ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Improvements project to the complementary project of converting the PRCA Indian Center showers into needed ADA compliant storage.

*INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL between the City and San Juan County for the operation of an animal care facility and services, including but not limited to, spay and neuter, adoption, rescue, transportation and disposal services for San Juan County animals.

*WARRANTS PAYABLE for the time period of June 7, 2020 through June 20, 2020, for current and prior years, in the amount of \$9,267,455.74.

There being no requests to remove any items, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
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Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATION PROCESS

Economic Development Director Warren Unsicker presented the proposed temporary outdoor dining application process for businesses that wish to utilize the public right-of-way for outdoor dining services and he thanked Planning Manager Beth Escobar and Chief Building Inspector Derrick Childers for their assistance in creating this process. Mr. Unsicker reported that the proposed application process is aimed toward businesses located in Downtown with zero-lot-line properties abutting public right-of-way and he confirmed that there are other processes in place for businesses with different property characteristics to enable outdoor dining services. Mr. Unsicker and Ms. Escobar answered various questions of the Council.

Mayor Duckett requested that staff provide the Council with visual examples of possible outdoor dining configurations specific to Farmington's downtown businesses.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to direct staff to implement the temporary outdoor dining application process. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
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Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion was duly passed and adopted.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance

In regards to the ordinance governing signs, Mayor Duckett contended that Planning Manager Beth Escobar and her staff should be afforded adequate time to review and present recommendations for updating the sign regulations as well as other various City ordinances.

Commendation of Law Enforcement Officers

Mayor Duckett expressed his personal appreciation to all law enforcement officers for their dedication to serving their communities during this national crisis. Councilor Sharer echoed Mayor Duckett's sentiments and announced that he is proud that local law enforcement agencies support our community and vice versa.

CITY MANAGER BUSINESS

Senate Bill 8/Law Enforcement Body Cameras

City Manager Rob Mayes briefly reviewed the passed version of Senate Bill 8 regarding law enforcement body cameras and he announced that the Farmington Police Department is currently well equipped to meet the new regulations.

Transportation Services Agreement for Jet Airline Service with SkyWest Airlines, Inc.

Providing opening remarks, City Manager Rob Mayes reported that it has been 30 years since Farmington has offered jet airline service to the community and he thanked Mayor Duckett and Airport Manager Mike Lewis for their determined perseverance over the past three years to secure this service.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Airport Manager Mike Lewis reviewed the recent history surrounding the search for airline service and he provided usage data for several airports in the Four Corner's area. He reported that the proposed transportation services agreement with SkyWest Airlines, Inc. provides for daily non-stop jet airline service to Denver, Colorado beginning on October 15, 2020 utilizing a United Express-branded Bombardier CRJ-200 (50 passenger) regional jet or

larger and he provided the proposed beginning flight schedules. Mr. Lewis stated that the term of the agreement is through February 28, 2022 and he reported that the revenue guarantee is limited to \$350,000 through February 28, 2021. He stated that the City has received grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (\$850,000) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Aviation Division (\$200,000) to go toward the costs of promotion and revenue guarantee of the agreement. Additionally, he reported that the City will provide \$83,000 plus an in-kind contribution of \$17,000 for a total investment of \$1.15 million, noting that \$70,000 will be dedicated to marketing and promotion of the new airline service.

At Councilor Rodgers's request, Public Affairs Administrator Georgette Allen provided a brief overview of the marketing campaign planned for the promotion of the new jet airline service.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to approve the Transportation Services Agreement between the City and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. for jet airline service and to authorize the Four Corners Regional Airport Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
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Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

Lions Pool Condition Assessment Results

City Manager Rob Mayes happily announced that Lions Pool passed the New Mexico Department of Health's annual inspection and will reopen for the year once COVID-19 restrictions permit barring any catastrophic failure of the facility's systems. He pointed out that looming questions regarding age, conditions and capital costs remain, noting that these concerns will be analyzed in a comprehensive condition assessment that was previously authorized by Council.

Red Apple Transit Fares

General Services Director Eddie Smylie requested that the City waive the Red Apple Transit fares for the duration of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act funding period.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to waive the Red Apple Transit fares for the duration of the CARES Act funding period. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
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Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Linda G. Rodgers Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
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Those voting nay:	None
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The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

The City Clerk certified that notice of the foregoing meeting was given by posting pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-1466, et seq.

Approved this 14th day of July, 2020.

Entered in the permanent record book this 15th day of July, 2020.



Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Andrea Jones, City Clerk