

Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. The 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 (arrived late) Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino

constituting all members of said Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
DEPUTY 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:

INVOCATION: The invocation was offered by Pastor Brian Adams of RiverStone Church.

Councilor Sharer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Rodgers arrived at the meeting.

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 under Business from the Floor.

\*2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (22-JAG-REG2-SFY24) for funding in the amount of \$184,790 for the Region II Narcotics Task Force (term to June 30, 2024).

\*ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1906 supporting the acceptance of a New Mexico Economic Development Department Local Economic Assistance and Development Support (LEADS) Program grant.

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.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

CONSENT AGENDA: Planning Manager Beth Escobar requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation marked with an asterisk (\*) be placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission Consent Agenda and voted on without discussion by one motion. She asked that if the item proposed did not meet with approval of all Councilors or if a citizen so requested, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard in regular order.

\* (1) Adoption of the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission as contained within the Community Works Action Summary to approve Petition No. ZC 23-45 from Lisa L. Webb requesting a zone change from the IND, Industrial, District to the MF-M, Multi-Family Medium Density, District for the development of a duplex residence on 0.17 acres of vacant property located at 605 East Animas Street, subject to:

- (a) the parcel being limited to a maximum of two dwelling units;
- (b) an administrative adjustment for a reduction of six percent towards the minimum require lot size shall be granted; and
- (c) the site meeting all relevant development standards outlined in Article 5 - Development Standards of the Unified Development Code.

Councilor Sharer questioned if the subject property was the same property that the City recently condemned and demolished. In response, City Attorney Jennifer Breakell confirmed that it is the same property, noting that a lien for the demolition costs has been filed against it and she briefly reviewed the legal options for satisfaction of the lien including the potential for future foreclosure action. Additionally, Planning Manager Beth Escobar indicated that she would follow up with the petitioner regarding the lien on the subject property.

There being no requests to remove the item, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission Consent Agenda, as presented, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

#### UPDATE/JOINT INTERVENTION PROGRAM (JIP) AND SOBERING CENTER

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Presbyterian Medical Services ("PMS") Regional Behavioral Health Clinical Director Kristine Carlson-Werito reported that hundreds of people with chronic addiction and health conditions cycle through jail, the emergency room and other publicly-funded crisis systems of care at a great public expense with limited positive human outcomes. She announced that the goal of JIP (Joint Intervention Program) is to end the cycle of homelessness, incarceration, emergency department utilization and detoxification through collaboration, data and innovative programming. Ms. Carlson-Werito briefly discussed how treatment providers and the legal and medical systems intersect with one another and illustrated the collaboration between the City, San Juan County ("SJC"), PMS and San Juan Regional Medical Center ("SJRMC") in regards to JIP. She explained that JIP, outpatient and traditional services, the Sobering Center and the Expansion (formerly known as The Roof) are all housed at the Totah Campus of Care ("Totah") and she pointed out that there was a savings of approximately \$973,270 to the community based on the cost of resources (arrests, days spent in jail and/or detox and emergency room visits) not being utilized by the 79 JIP participants in 2022. Ms. Carlson-Werito reviewed the 2022 statistical percentages and she thanked the Police Department for their efforts to provide JIP participants with bicycles to help with their transportation needs. She proudly introduced Derrick Charley, noting that he is a current JIP "relative" and Mr. Charley shared his personal experience and the success he has had so far in the JIP program. In regards to the Sobering Center and Expansion, she reiterated that they are the "front door" to available resources and treatment and reported that the Sobering Center is a short-term voluntary hold that provides clients with "a safe place to sleep it off" while the Expansion is open to sober individuals for shelter from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Ms. Carlson-Werito noted that clients are provided a medical screen, mental health and crisis intervention services, food, showers and clean clothes and she reviewed the number of admissions versus the number of unique users, admission types and the various referral sources. She discussed the quality indicator statistics for 2022 and she provided the average daily census numbers for each facility.

Continuing the presentation, Deputy City Manager Julie Baird provided the financial assistance levels between the City, SJC, SJRMC and PMS for the operations of Totah. She pointed out that the recently approved second amendment to the intergovernmental agreement beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 has increased the total funding level by \$40,000 but that the cost splits have changed resulting in a slight reduction for the City. Ms. Baird explained that the Local Detoxification Grant Program

provides annual funding of \$300,000 and she reviewed the additional programming components and maintenance of the campus buildings that are being provided by the City.

In response to various questions from the Council, Ms. Carlson-Werito explained how the yearly statistics are calculated; confirmed that their communication with court judges is better but could be improved; stated that food service is the next "want" at Totah; and discussed the phases of JIP and support services provided following graduation from the program.

Mayor Duckett presented Ms. Carlson-Werito, Mr. Charley and Estevan Rodriguez with Mayor's Challenge Coins and the presentation was concluded with a photograph and round of applause.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Connie Mack World Series

Mayor Duckett announced that the Connie Mack World Series begins next week.

Freedom Days

Mayor Duckett expressed his appreciation to all City staff and community members for their support in making the Freedom Days events successful again this year. Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to research the feasibility of adding flagpoles to the streetlights in Downtown.

Citizen Ownership

Mayor Duckett pointed out that citizen ownership is integral to the community and he strongly encouraged everyone to engage and volunteer with local civic organizations.

CITY ATTORNEY BUSINESS

City Attorney Jennifer Breakell presented for discussion a proposed ordinance dealing with Lodgers' Tax and Convention Center Financing. The title of such proposed ordinance being:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE DEALING WITH LODGERS' TAX AND CONVENTION CENTER FINANCING.

At the Mayor's request, Ms. Breakell briefly reviewed the proposed revisions and she reported that the proposed ordinance will be presented for final action at the July 25, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m., and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Entered in the permanent record book this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:

  
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Andrea Jones, City Clerk