

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held virtually using Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286069692> at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The virtually open work 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 the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

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

PRESENTATION/WATER TREATMENT PLANTS IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

Community Works Director David Sypher provided a brief history regarding the improvements needed to Water Treatment Plant No. 1 ("WTP1") and No. 2 ("WTP2") and he introduced Jill Peterson, Project Manager for Jacobs Engineering.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Peterson reviewed the current conditions of the water treatment plants and she explained that while improvements are needed, both plants are currently producing good quality water. She presented the individual treatment process for each plant and she discussed the evaluated needs for improvement. Ms. Peterson provided the alternative improvement options that were considered and she announced that the construction of a costly new water treatment plant near Lake Farmington is not being recommended at this time. She detailed the recommended improvements to WTP1 and WTP2, noting that the estimated capital costs are \$12.5 and \$11.9 million, respectively, and she reviewed the projected timeline for the recommended improvements.

Providing closing remarks, City Manager Rob Mayes provided a recap of the 20-year water and wastewater infrastructure history and he applauded the proactive steps previous City leaders took to implement the renewal and replacement ("R&R") charge.

Responding to the Mayor's inquiry, Mr. Mayes explained that this \$24.4 million investment in critical infrastructure could be phased over the next five to six years and will be included in the cost of service for water ratepayers and he confirmed that the design phase of the proposed improvements is included in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Responding to additional inquiries of the Mayor, Mr. Sypher stated that winter consumption averages 8-10 million gallons per day ("gpd") and summer ("peak") consumption averages 18-20 million gpd; Mr. Mayes pointed out that the recommended improvements increase water treatment capacity by 25 percent year-round and enables pumping from the San Juan River which can potentially "buy us a year" in a drought scenario; and Mr. Mayes explained that the City relies heavily on the Animas River because it is cleaner and cheaper to treat, but having the secondary source available is a critical component in emergency contingencies.

Mayor Duckett emphasized that drought and other water emergencies such as the Gold King Mine spill have brought to light the many entities, including the Navajo Nation, that rely on the City's water supply and

reserves. He offered to assist staff at a political level to engage the Navajo Nation in negotiating the installation of a pipeline from Lake Nighthorse.

In response to Councilor Rodgers's question, Mr. Sypher reported that the recommended improvements to both water treatment plants will potentially extend the operational life by 20 years and he contended that the extended lifespan could be 30 to 40 years with proper usage and maintenance.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to authorize staff to proceed with the design of the improvements to Water Treatment Plant No. 1 and No. 2, 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.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

City Manager Rob Mayes directed the Council's attention to pages 1.0 through 1.22 of the agenda materials and explained that the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan ("ICIP") is being presented for the purpose of granting the Council the opportunity to review the projects. He briefly introduced staff's twelve recommended projects and he stated that the Council will be asked to select, prioritize and adopt a resolution approving the ICIP at the August 25, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to include the improvements to Water Treatment Plant No. 1 and No. 2, as presented earlier today, to the ICIP listing.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Jakino to close the meeting to discuss the disposition of real property (MRA district), pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(8) NMSA 1978. 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 Mayor convened the closed meeting at 10:35 a.m. with all members of the Council being present.

Following the closed meeting, during which meeting the matter discussed was limited only to that specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to open the meeting for further business. 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 open meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 10:43 a.m. with all members of the Council being present.

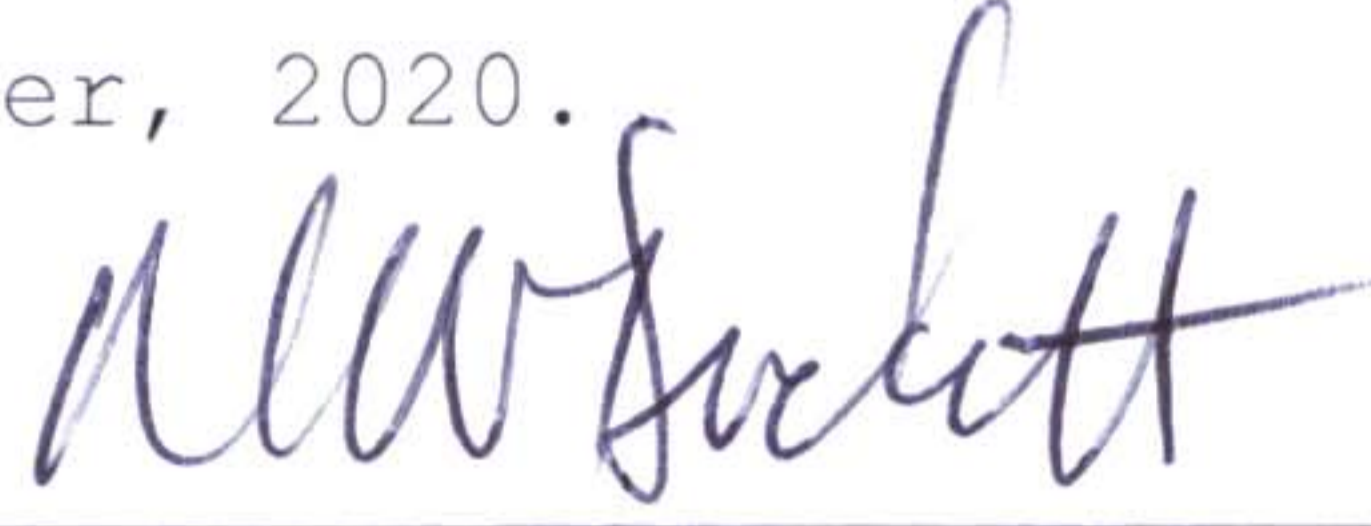
There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. The roll was called with the following result:

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.

APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2020.



Nate Duckett, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:



Andrea Jones, City Clerk