

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held Tuesday, September 19, 2023 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 Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino

constituting all the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

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

PRESENTATION/SOUTHWEST POWER POOL (SPP) WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE SERVICE (WEIS) MARKET

Providing opening remarks, Farmington Electric Utility Service (FEUS) Assistant Director Linda Jacobson-Quinn introduced consultant Metin Celebi from The Brattle Group to provide their analysis of joining the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) market. Mr. Celebi advised their model simulates hourly dispatch of generation, purchases and sales of the adjusted production costs under WEIS and FEUS stand-alone system operations. He emphasized WEIS's adjusted production cost savings are driven by a reduction of FEUS generation when variable costs are below WEIS pricing and, coupled with optional contract savings, he provided an estimated savings of \$5.3 million in variable energy costs to the City using future year 2025. He reviewed the pricing structure of joining WEIS at an estimated monthly fee of approximately \$19,000 and administrative fee of 22 cents per megawatt. Concluding the presentation, Mr. Celebi reminded the Council that the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) administrative fee increased substantially in October 2022 from \$12,800 to \$32,400 per month.

Councilor Rodgers left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Responding to comments from the Mayor, Ms. Jacobson-Quinn confirmed that continuing operations on FEUS's stand-alone generation is not in the best interest of the City and reported that their study of emerging new technology and market group options focuses on timing, flexibility and pricing.

There being no further discussion, City Manager Rob Mayes announced for the record that The Brattle Group's analysis was presented to the Public Utility Commission at their August 9, 2023 meeting where they unanimously recommended approval to Council of joining the WEIS market.

BOUNDLESS ADVENTURES, ALL ABILITIES PARK/FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR PHASES 1 AND 2

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs ("PRCA") Director Natalie Spruell introduced Greg Miller from Pland Collaborative to present the final construction documents for Phases 1 and 2 of the Boundless Adventures, All Abilities Park. Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Miller highlighted renderings of the final overall site plan of the existing building and Phases 1 and 2, the landscape plan and the surface treatment plan and then provided enlarged segments of key areas to illustrate play equipment, signage, wayfinding, art opportunities and donor recognition features.

Responding to questions from the Council, Mr. Miller confirmed lighting features are incorporated into the design at varying levels that compliment surrounding features; explained that the existing track will be available for use during the construction of Phase 1 and 2 and is scheduled to be upgraded in the third phase along with the placement of a new bathroom and fencing; and Ms. Spruell reported that the new park's hours would align with the current summer and winter operating hours of the existing parks.

Directing the Council's attention to the white board within the room, Deputy City Manager Julie Baird reviewed the confirmed funds (\$4.7 million), pending grants (\$1.2 million) and the deadlines associated with expending specific fund types. She provided reasonable assurance that additional grant opportunities and renewed fundraising commitments will supplement the remaining deficit once construction breaks ground and she announced that staff expects to send the building renovation and Phase 1 segments out to bid by October/November 2023 pending Council's approval.

Following consideration, a motion was made by Councilor Jakino, seconded by Councilor Sharer to approve the final construction documents for Phases 1 and 2 of Boundless Adventures, All Abilities Park, as presented. Mr. Mayes requested a friendly amendment to include the final construction documents to renovate the existing building. Councilors Jakino and Sharer were amenable to the friendly amendment. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye:	Sean E. Sharer Jeanine Bingham-Kelly Janis Jakino
Those voting nay:	None
Those absent:	Linda G. Rodgers

The presiding officer thereupon declared that three Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

20th Street Repair

Mayor Duckett requested staff address the need to repair sections of the road along 20th Street before inclement winter weather commences.


Drag Racing

Mayor Duckett conveyed community feedback concerning drag racing along East Main Street near Dairy Queen and requested staff add this to his request for an upcoming presentation on speed and traffic control measures.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.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 10th day of October, 2023.



Nate Duckett, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:



Andrea Jones, City Clerk