

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held virtually using Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85954195021> at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 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/ADVANCED TRAINING UNIT

Police Chief Steve Hebbe provided brief opening remarks regarding the newly formed Advanced Training Unit and he introduced Police Lieutenant Nate Lacey. Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Lt. Lacey reviewed the Farmington Police Department's ("FPD") previous training model including the Training Unit's personnel and their responsibilities, the training landscape and the overall training process. He pointed out that State only requires each officer to complete 40 hours of training every two years and he discussed some of the challenges associated with infrequent training. Lt. Lacey indicated that the new model for the Advanced Training Unit focuses more on quality training that involves reducing logistical issues and utilizes a hybrid scheduling model. In addition, the new model includes objective-based and documented lesson plans, an evaluation process that indicates competence, vetted training components, career planning, tailored instruction, in-depth budgeting management, liability reduction and risk management.

Responding to a question from Councilor Rodgers, Lt. Lacey indicated that there is a training component for mental wellness and he pointed out that FPD officers and civilians are supported through a peer-support group, the City's robust Employee Assistance Program and by a volunteer counselor.

In response to Councilor Sharer's inquiry, Lt. Lacey reported that cost-share options among other local law enforcement training are utilized where applicable, but that the Advanced Training Unit's post-academy and in-house training are specific to the needs of FPD.

Mayor Duckett thanked Lt. Lacey and Chief Hebbe for the presentation and he questioned the current status of recruiting and staffing levels. In response, Chief Hebbe reported that current recruiting efforts aimed towards cities and unions affected by the "defund the police" movement have not been entirely successful and he pointed out that they have had more success locally with hopes of a better response in the coming spring and summer recruiting period.

PRESENTATION/UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FY21 BROWNFIELDS MULTI-PURPOSE GRANT APPLICATION

Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency ("MRA") Commissioner Elizabeth McNally presented a recommendation from the MRA Commission to seek approval to apply for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) FY21 Brownfields Multi-Purpose Grant, noting that the full award amount is \$800,000 with a performance period of five years. Ms. McNally reported

that the intended use of the grant funding is for the development of City-owned land parcels and she provided an aerial map of the Target Area that is bound primarily by East Pinon Street, South Miller Avenue, East Corcorran Drive and South Commercial Avenue. She pointed out that the Target Area has had previous excavation and remediation and she noted that some residual pollutants could potentially be countered with the use of phytoremediation, a "green" remediation option that utilizes trees, shrubs and grasses. Ms. McNally postulated that the development of the Target Area would create economic opportunity for public gatherings such as an event park and food truck plaza, create and link greenspace to existing City parks and supports the ongoing development of outdoor recreation businesses. In conclusion, Ms. McNally reported that the City's cost-share for the \$800,000 grant award would be a \$40,000 commitment over a five-year period and she emphasized that there are no long-term requirements or commitments that would "lock" future development opportunities.

Economic Development Director Warren Unsicker explained that the City has previously applied for wide-spread projects throughout the City but pointed out that today's request targets a more narrowly focused area of intent for more than twice as much funding, noting that the grant allows for both residential remediation and development use.

At the request of City Manager Rob Mayes, Ms. McNally clarified that the cost share is a total cost of \$40,000 over the five-year period.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to approve the MRA Commission's request to submit an application for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) FY21 Brownfields Multi-Purpose Grant, contingent on funding in future fiscal years. 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.

BID/2K METER ADAPTERS FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT

Acting Chief Procurement Officer Rosalyn Potter reported that bids for the purchase of 2K meter adapters for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project (Electric) opened on October 13, 2020 with two bidders participating. She recommended that the bid be awarded to Western United Electric Supply on its low bid meeting specifications after application of the in-state and Veterans preferences of \$74,181.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Rodgers, seconded by Councilor Sharer to award the bid for purchase of 2K meter adapters for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to Western United Electric Supply, as recommended by the Acting Chief Procurement Officer. 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.

BID/MULTI-TERM CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS TRANSFORMERS

Acting Chief Procurement Officer Rosalyn Potter reported that bids for a multi-term contract for the disposal of surplus transformers (Electric) opened on October 13, 2020 with two bidders participating. She recommended that the bid be awarded to Solomon Corporation as the highest responsive revenue bidder meeting specifications of \$35,207.97 annually.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to award the bid for a multi-term contract for the disposal of surplus transformers to Solomon Corporation, as recommended by the Acting Chief Procurement Officer. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye: Linda G. Rodgers
Sean E. Sharer
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
Janis Jakino

Those voting nay: None

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

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION - REGULAR WORK SESSION DAY, TIME AND PLACE

In accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, City Attorney Jennifer Breakell presented and read by title a resolution setting and establishing the regular day, time and place for City Council Work Sessions as the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Rodgers to pass and adopt the resolution as presented. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye: Linda G. Rodgers
Sean E. Sharer
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
Janis Jakino

Those voting nay: None

The presiding officer thereupon declared that four Councilors having voted in favor thereof, the said motion carried and the resolution was duly passed and adopted.

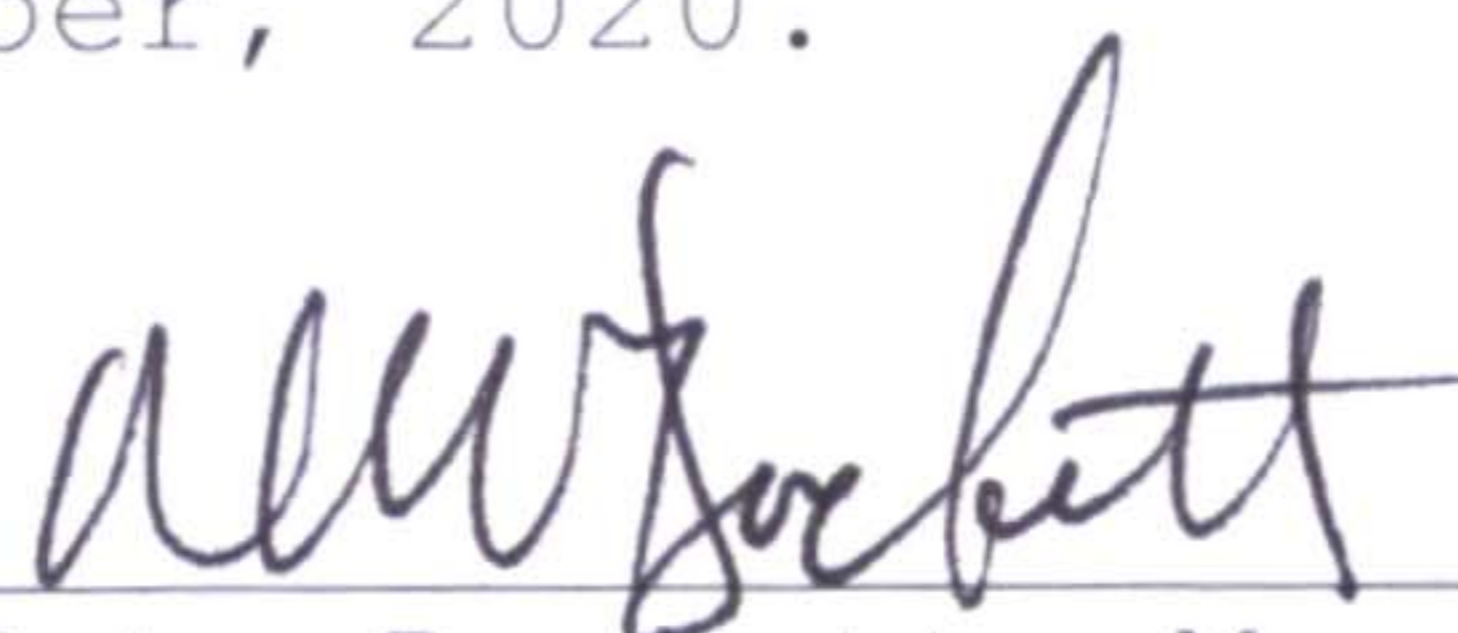
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Sharer, seconded by Councilor Jakino to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye: Linda G. Rodgers
Sean E. Sharer
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
Janis Jakino

Those voting nay: None

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

APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2020.



Nate Duckett, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:



Andrea Jones, City Clerk