

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
February 1, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1. Federal lobbyist 4th quarter report (October to December 2010) and request for continuation of services (George Ramonas of the Advocacy Group)

Action Requested of Council:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the automatic renewal clause of the Federal Legislative Consulting Services Agreement.

Background/Rationale:

The Advocacy Group has been a resource for the City for the past several years by monitoring relevant appropriation bills. They have researched and kept the City informed of federal issues including climate change legislation, the Transportation Reauthorization bill and the Water Resources and Development Act.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an automatic renewal of the contract.

2. Quarterly financial review (Andy Mason)

Action Requested of Council:

Information only.

Background/Rationale:

Update the Council and discuss revenues and expenditures for the six months ending December 31, 2010.

3. Draft and/or amend an ordinance revising certain sections of the City Code to provide clarification or to add provisions to Chapter 24-4-1 relating to trees encroaching on power lines (Todd Johnston)

Action Requested of Council:

Grant permission to draft and/or amend an ordinance to include action for dead trees on private property to avoid them falling into utility power lines and causing outages.

Background/Rationale:

Personally-owned dead trees are falling into power lines causing outages and the current ordinance does not allow Code Compliance to take action against private property owners in regards to trees encroaching on power lines.

4. Proposed ordinance approving the annexation of 439.02 acres of land contiguous to the current city limits located west of La Plata Highway (NM Highway 170), north and South of Twin Peaks Boulevard and east of Troy King Road (Jay Burnham)

Action Requested of Council:

Grant permission to publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance.

Background/Rationale:

The Farmington Municipal School District, owner of a majority of a tract of land adjacent to the present city limits, has petitioned the City for the annexation of that tract. The said tract will be the new location of the Tibbetts Middle School to be completed near the end of 2012. On December 30, 2010, the Planning and Zoning Commission and on January 11, 2011, the City Council determined that the annexation of such territory is in the best interests of the citizens of Farmington. A draft ordinance approving the proposed annexation has been prepared.

Staff Recommendation:

Grant permission to publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance.

Instructions Upon Approval:

Publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance with final action scheduled for February 22, 2011.

5. Proposed ordinance revising certain sections of the City Code providing for clarification and additions to provisions in Chapters 12, 18, 23 and 25, relating to nonoperating motor vehicles, weeds and debris, public nuisances and illegal car sales (Jay Burnham)

Action Requested of Council:

Grant permission to publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance.

Background/Rationale:

On October 5, 2010, after a presentation from Code Compliance regarding recommended amendments to the City Code, the Council authorized staff to proceed with an ordinance that amends certain sections in the City Code. The sections to be amended deal with nonoperating, wrecked or

junked motor vehicles, issues dealing with weed and debris removal, and public nuisances and illegal car sales. This amendment will allow a clearer interpretation of the City Code which will benefit the public and the compliance officers.

Staff Recommendation:

Grant permission to publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance.

Instructions Upon Approval:

Publish Notice of Proposed Ordinance with final action scheduled for February 22, 2011.

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