

Work Session of the City Council, City of Farmington, New Mexico, held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 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	Tommy Roberts
COUNCILORS	Dan Darnell Mary M. Fischer Gayla McCulloch
ABSENT	Jason Sandel, Councilor

Constituting all the members of the Governing Body.

Also present were:

CITY MANAGER	Rob Mayes
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	Bob Campbell
CITY ATTORNEY	Jay B. Burnham
CITY CLERK	Dianne Fuhrman
DEPUTY CITY CLERK	Melody Coyner

PRECINCT NUMBER CHANGES

City Clerk Dianne Fuhrman introduced San Juan County Clerk Debbie Holmes and Deputy County Clerk Tanya Shelby who are present at today's meeting to explain why the precinct numbers for San Juan County ("County") have been changed.

Providing opening remarks, San Juan County Clerk Debbie Holmes stated that for over 20 years there have been gaps in the precinct numbers to provide for growth. Since the anticipated growth did not occur, she explained that the previous county clerk decided to start at the west end of the county and renumber the precincts to close the gaps. She also noted that precinct boundaries were adjusted in areas where the number of voters exceeded 800. She assured the Mayor and Council that voters will be mailed new voter registration cards once the County completes its redistricting process. In addition, she announced that future elections conducted by the County will utilize voter convenience centers which will allow eligible voters the opportunity to vote at any location, regardless of their precinct number.

Responding to Councilor Fischer, Ms. Holmes stated that she will work with Ms. Fuhrman to notify registered voters in Districts 1 and 2 of the precinct number changes and provide them new voter registration cards prior to January, 2012.

Mayor Roberts commended Ms. Holmes for implementing the voting convenience centers, contending that it could result in a larger voter turnout on Election Day.

COLLEGE PARKING ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

City Attorney Jay Burnham reported that San Juan College ("College") officials were successful in promoting a bill which passed and was signed into law during the 2011 Legislative Session authorizing colleges and municipalities to enter into agreements whereby college security personnel could be commissioned for the limited purpose of writing parking citations on a college campus. However, he stated that while negotiating the terms of such an agreement with the College, it was discovered that amendments to the City Code are necessary to accommodate the commissioning of college security personnel to write parking citations on a college campus; to add college security personnel to the list of officials authorized to issue citations; and to make it a violation of City Code to park in violation of duly adopted campus parking regulations. He noted that any costs incurred by the City (e.g.

training and citations) will be reimbursed by the College and that income from citation fees will go to the Municipal Court.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to draft an ordinance that authorizes parking enforcement on the San Juan College campus by security personnel as authorized by the newly enacted state legislation.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

First Transit

Councilor Fischer stated that she and Assistant City Manager Bob Campbell recently met with representatives of First Transit, the City's Red Apple Transit operator, to request that they investigate complaints from bus drivers concerning wage reduction and changes to health insurance coverage and to report their findings to the Council. In addition, she expressed concern that First Transit has reduced the number of Dial-a-Ride buses from four to one affecting bus service to the handicapped. Councilor Darnell echoed her concern. In response, Mr. Campbell stated that he will contact First Transit after today's meeting to find out when to expect the findings of their investigation into bus driver complaints; that First Transit is preparing a proposal to add another Dial-a-Ride bus; and that he will find out why the number of Dial-a-Ride buses was reduced.

San Juan Regional Medical Center

Councilor Fischer expressed concern for the potential impact on private doctors due to San Juan Regional Medical Center ("hospital") hiring doctors to work directly for the hospital and offering employment contracts to doctors from outside the community. Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to ask Rick Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, to address the Council on the vision for the hospital.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Noting that the terms for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Commission members Bob Lehmer, Kerwin Gober and Kirk Shopshire are expiring, Mayor Roberts commended them for their long years of service.

After providing the Council with background, educational and professional information on the following individuals, Mayor Roberts asked the Council's consideration of the appointments of Peter Holzem, Robin Lostak and Kent Mobley (terms to September 2014) to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Commission.

Thereupon, a motion was made by Councilor Darnell, seconded by Councilor McCulloch to confirm the appointments of Peter Holzem, Robin Lostak and Kent Mobley as members of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Commission, as recommended by the Mayor, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

9/11 Memorial Service

Mayor Roberts announced that there will be a memorial service commemorating 9/11 on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Orchard Park. Government Relations Director and Downtown Coordinator Elizabeth Isenberg briefly reviewed the memorial service agenda.

Open Discussion Forum

Mayor Roberts invited the Council, staff and members of the audience to attend the Open Discussion Forum scheduled for tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Councilor Darnell, seconded by Councilor McCulloch to close the meeting to discuss a limited personnel matter (City Clerk annual evaluation). The roll was called with the following result:

Those voting aye: Dan Darnell
Mary M. Fischer
Gayla McCulloch

Those voting nay: None

Those absent: Jason Sandel

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

The Mayor convened the closed meeting at 9:31 a.m. with Councilors Darnell, Fischer and McCulloch 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 Fischer, seconded by Councilor Darnell to open the meeting for further business, and upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting was reconvened by the Mayor at 10:14 a.m. with Councilors Darnell, Fischer and McCulloch being present.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2011.

Dan Darnell, Mayor Pro Tem

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ATTEST:

Dianne Fuhrman, City Clerk