

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Luis Florez	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Nora Sanchez
Manuel Madrid Jr.	Jeff Youtsey
Raul Rodriguez	Kent Bratcher

The following were absent:

None

Also present:

Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk  
John Caraway, City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Raul Rodriguez and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Requests for City Facilities**

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented a request for the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association for a standby ambulance and a waiver of fees for said ambulance for their Youth Rodeo to be held June 9<sup>th</sup> (7pm-11pm), 10<sup>th</sup> (9am-1pm and 7pm-11pm) and 11<sup>th</sup> (9am-1pm) at the Horse Council Arena.

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the request and waiver of fees for a standby ambulance for the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association's Youth Rodeo on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council Bratcher inquired as to whether the secretary for this organization was out of Clovis, NM. City Clerk Hobson responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Burch requested clarification on which entities were typically granted a waiver of fees. He mentioned government entities and schools and inquired about others. City Clerk Hobson responded that anyone with lodger's tax funding provided to them would be eligible. Mayor Burch expressed a desire to ensure that the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association understood that a standby ambulance may be called away at any point during the events.

Councilor Florez requested further clarification on the types of entities typically granted a waiver of fees. City Clerk Hobson explained the origin of waiver of fees for lodgers' tax funded entities and indicated that he would consider creating a policy for this issue.

Councilor Bratcher requested clarification on the dates of the event which Mayor Burch confirmed as June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Upon vote, the motion passed.

## Consent Agenda

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

The consent agenda includes:

### **CONSENT AGENDA May 23, 2017**

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - \*May 9, 2017 – Regular meeting
  - \*May 9, 2017 – Board of Appeals
2. **Consideration of Bids:**
3. **Contracts, Leases and Agreements:**
4. **Appointments:**
5. **Resignations:**
  - A. Accept the resignation of Cecil Kimberlin, Community Service Officer, effective April 24, 2017
  - B. Accept the resignation of Sarah Jones, Teen Services Librarian II, effective May 24, 2017
  - C. Accept the resignation of Joshua Rodriguez, Firefighter, effective May 11, 2017
6. **Dates of Hearing:**
  - A. Permission to set a public hearing for June 13, 2017 for consideration of an ordinance for Case No. 17-03, a request to vacate 40' of the 100' of public Right-of-Way in the 600 Block of West Chisum Avenue. Legal Description- Lots, 2, 4, and 6 of Block 8 and Lots 1, 3, and 5 of Block 9 of Chisum Addition; Lots 2, 4, and 6 of Block 37 of Fairview Addition and Lots 1, 3, and 5 of the Robert Addition Amended. Requestors- Pecos Valley Baptist Assoc., Luis and Aida Flores, Jess and Connie Holmes, Celeste Alaniz, Ell-L1-L3 LLC, Margaret Aguilar and Joe Baca. Right-of-way owner -City of Artesia
  - B. \*Permission to set a public hearing for June 13, 2017 for consideration of an Ordinance Amending 12-2-2 (A) Penalty Assessment Misdemeanors
7. **\*Travel and Training:**
  - A. Fire – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the Command and Control NFA course in Emmitsburg, MD
  - B. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management in Emmitsburg, MD
  - C. Police – Permission for three (3) employees to attend the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) conference in Washington DC
  - D. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Pepperball Instructor training in Artesia, NM
  - E. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the Basic Criminal Investigator class in Artesia, NM
  - F. Fire – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for two (2) employees to attend the BNSF Hazmat training in College Station, TX
  - G. Police – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the SFST Instructor Update training in Roswell, NM

**8. Routine Requests for City Facilities:**

- A. \*D.O.E.S #45 (Elks Lodge) and the Chamber of Commerce – permission to hold their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 7:30 am – 10:30 am (Main Street from Bulldog Bowl to Second Street – side streets closed off 10-15 minutes prior to beginning of parade). Request approval of use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of insurance and NM Department of Transportation approval*
- B. \*Artesia Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Jaycee Park from 8:00 am – 11:30 pm Tuesday, July 4, 2017 for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Fireworks Extravaganza. Request use of city services and road closures as stated on application and waiver of fees. *Contingent upon proof of security*

**9 Budgeted Items:**

- A. \*Approval of Lodger's Tax Request– National Artesia promotional piece (15, 30, and 60 second spot) to be aired on PBS stations around the country for two years (\$37,500)
- B. \*Approval of Artesia Police Department Firearms Accessories Trade-ins

**10. Non-budgeted Items:**

**11. \*Payment of Bills**

**Public Hearings:**

Mayor Phillip Burch declared the meeting open for public hearing for the following:

- A. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 888, a correction to the stated width of Third Street that was vacated, from 40 feet to 50 feet, as shown in the Replat of Original Town of Artesia vacating Third Street from Main Street to Richardson Avenue, and filed in the Eddy County Clerk's Office (Cabinet 5, Slide 552-1)
- B. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 889, a correction to the stated width of Richardson Avenue that was vacated, from 61 feet to 6 feet, as shown in the Replat of Original Town of Artesia vacating Third Street from main Street to Richardson Avenue, and filed in the Eddy County Clerk's Office (Cabinet 5, Slide 552-1)

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented a report on the above-named amendment to Ordinance No. 888. He indicated that there was a typographical error in the packet that the councilors had received but the information presented on their agenda was correct.

There was no public input.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 888, a correction to the stated width of Third Street that was vacated, from 40 feet to 50 feet, as shown in the Replat of Original Town of Artesia vacating Third Street from Main Street to Richardson Avenue, and filed in the Eddy County Clerk's Office (Cabinet 5, Slide 552-1). The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon roll call vote with the following votes recorded;

Aye: Councilors Youtsey, Bratcher, Madrid, Rodriguez, Rogers, Florez, Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem Hill

Nay: None

the motion passed.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1011**

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented a report on the above-named amendment to Ordinance No. 889.

There was no public input.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 889, a correction to the stated width of Richardson Avenue that was vacated, from 61 feet to 6 feet, as shown in the Replat of Original Town of Artesia vacating Third Street from main Street to Richardson Avenue, and filed in the Eddy County Clerk's Office (Cabinet 5, Slide 552-1). The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon roll call vote with the following votes recorded;

Aye: Councilors Rodriguez, Bratcher, Madrid, Youtsey, Rogers, Florez, Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem Hill

Nay: None  
the motion passed.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1012**

#### **Visitors:**

Ms. Rosie Garcia addressed the council on behalf of Miguel Anchondo. Ms. Garcia indicated that Mr. Anchondo had purchased property on Mill Road, Jorgensen subdivision, and that there were some issues with the purchase. Mr. Anchondo is not able to connect to any kind of utility and Ms. Garcia indicated that they had been working with Community Development Director Jim McGuire as well as Planning and Infrastructure, and hopes that a solution can be found.

#### **Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services:**

JJ Griego of Griego Professional Services presented a report of the 2015-2016 Audit for the City of Artesia. Mr. Griego thanked the staff of the City of Artesia for their cooperation with the audit process and indicated that the city had received a positive report with the highest possible opinion of Unmodified. Mr. Griego indicated there would be future report regarding federal spending in reference to the airport improvements during the fiscal year.

Mr. Griego stated that the City had four findings on their report, each of which the staff is currently working to improve or correct.

1. Stale dated checks – Finance Supervisor Summer Valverde is currently working with INCODE to correct this finding.
2. Accounts Receivable issue – Finance Supervisor Valverde and INCODE are also working to correct this finding as well.
3. Expenditure over Budget error from 2014 that is currently in the process of being corrected.
4. Late audit report – Mr. Griego stated that this finding was due to Griego Professional Services filed the Housing Report and did not file the City of Artesias' report and that moving forward, they would be filing electronically to prevent this issue.

Mr. Griego stood for questions.

Councilor Bratcher asked how the late audit report would affect the City. Mr. Griego responded that it would not. He explained that he had sent a letter to the State of NM explaining the reason for the late report. Councilor Bratcher then asked for clarification of the 2014 Expenditure over Budget finding. Mr. Griego explained that the system had given the City a final budget that did not have the correct amounts on it. During the transfer of numbers, the fund in question was excluded in error but has been corrected for the new fiscal year of 2017-2018.

City Clerk Hobson thanked Mr. Griego for coming to the meeting to give his report. Mr. Griego commented that the next years' process should be more streamlined and indicated that the requirements of the State Auditor have changed.

Councilor Rogers moved to accept the report of the 2015-2016 Audit as given. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill.

Human Resources Director Sandra Farley indicated that there were some errors in the report in regards to names and titles.

Upon vote, the motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Budget & Finance**

A.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to move Item #15C

15. C. Discussion and possible action on a 2016-2017 budget adjustment to this point in the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rogers explained that his reasoning for moving Item #15C of the Agenda was because the preliminary budget includes a recommendation from the Budget & Finance returning all city employees not affected by the foundation wage grant to full wages (a return of the 10% pay cut). The Committee also recommended a 2% increase for all city employees (including any affected by the foundation wage grant)

Councilor Rogers moved to approve a reinstatement of the 10% wage cut for all City of Artesia employees not included in the foundation wage grant and a 2% increase for all City of Artesia employees, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Youtsey.

Councilor Rogers inquired as to what would happen to those employees covered by the foundation grant if the grant was to be withdrawn. He asked if they would be covered by this reinstatement. City Clerk Hobson indicated that they would not and the council would have to reinstate their wages at such time as the grant was withdrawn.

Upon vote, the motion passed.

B.

1. Discussion and approval of the 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget

Councilor Rogers summarized the Preliminary Budget and highlighted a few key areas. He pointed out that there were no new approved capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund for the Preliminary Budget. Committed funds were still in the budget but nothing new appears. Councilor Rogers indicated that the City may still be looking at a shortfall of revenue for the year and wanted to make sure the rest of the Council was made aware.

Council Rogers moved to approve the 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget plus the 2% increase for all City of Artesia employees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hill and upon vote the motion passed.

Mayor Burch thanked the Budget & Finance Committee for working diligently for both the employees and the City. Mayor Burch also discussed legislation at the State and County levels that could impact the City in the next fiscal year.

Councilor Rogers clarified that capital outlay requests were not being dismissed entirely. He indicated that they would be considered again at mid-year when the council has had a better chance to see where the City is fiscally headed. Councilor Rogers indicated that the committee would be discussing issues with department heads to help prioritize requests and make better decisions for the City.

### **Personnel**

Human Resources Director Sandra Farley requested that she be allowed to move Item A (Promotions) to after Item D (Openings) of her list.

### **Hiring**

B.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Johnathon Bannister to the position of Equipment Operator II, Streets Department, at a salary of \$2406 per month (CA25), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

Human Resources Director Farley indicated that this salary includes the 10% wage reduction and advised the council that the salary may change if Mr. Bannister begins work after the reinstatement date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to hire Jarrod Davis to the position of Equipment Operator II, Parks Department, at a salary of \$2406 per month (CA25), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

### **Temporary**

C. Councilor Rodriguez moved to hire summer recreation aides for the school programs (from approved list) at \$7.50 per hour – Recreation, \$7.50 per hour – Splash Pad, subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

### **Openings**

D. Human Resources Director Sandi Farley presented all four of the positions to advertise and fill for one motion.

After the list had been read, Councilor Rodriguez moved to advertise and fill the vacant positions of:

- Community Service Officer
- Librarian II – Teen Services
- Firefighter
- Police Sergeant

The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

#### Promotions

A. Councilor Rogers moved, upon recommendation of the Mayor, to promote Kirk Roberts to the position of Police Chief, at a salary of \$7000 per month (CA60), subject to the successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Municipal Court Judge Kaye Kiper administered the Oath of Office. Chief Donald Raley presented and pinned Chief Kirk Roberts' service bars and presented his new badge.

Mayor Burch declared that he and the council was looking forward to working with Chief Roberts as much as they had enjoyed working with Chief Raley and congratulated him on his promotion.

Pastor Sherman Countryman led a prayer for Chief Roberts.

Chief Raley invited council and the public to a reception on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to celebrate the promotion of Chief Roberts.

#### Public Safety

##### Police

1. Discussion of Artesia Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee's request for the City of Artesia to act as their fiscal agent.

Chief Kirk Roberts introduced Corporal Antonio Baca who presented a summary of the Artesia Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee's request. Corporal Baca stated that the overall program was a state funded program that would bring in many prevention and intervention programs for the City's youth. Corporal Baca indicated that he believed the fiscal agent of the program would be entitled to 5% of the funding that the state provides to the programs.

Mayor Burch inquired about how the funding would work. Corporal Baca replied that the funding would depend on the program requests made and granted. Mayor Burch then inquired how this program would differ from other programs already in place. Corporal Baca indicated that this program would work in conjunction with some of the places and programs in place work more effectively.

Councilor Sanchez asked if this would be an ongoing program. Corporal Baca responded that they would like to keep the program going as long as the community was willing to keep it. Councilor Youtsey inquired as to whether this program would work with the court system. Corporal Baca indicated that they are currently in talks with the District Court to figure out how they can help with the program and that there will also be a discussion with the Municipal Court as well.

Councilor Sanchez indicated that there had been previous First Offender and Teen Court programs in place that just disappeared due to lack of funding and inquired as to how this program would be different. Corporal Baca reported that previous programs had been through private funding while the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee is funded through the State of New Mexico.

Councilor Rogers inquired about the process for implementation. Corporal Baca gave a general overview of the what would be required.

Councilor Florez followed up on Councilor Rogers question and requested a detailed matrix of how the program operates. Corporal Baca indicated that because of the variety of programs and individual situations they would need to develop a matrix as they move forward. He also stated that before any paperwork was submitted it would be brought before council for approval.

Chief Kirk Roberts stood for questions.

#### Fire

Chief Kevin Hope stood for questions.

#### **Community Development**

- A. Discussion and potential direction on Miguel Anchondo's petitions to either receive City sewer and water service or vacate the Desert Springs Subdivision and de-annex the property.

Community Development Director Jim McGuire presented two petitions on behalf of Miguel Anchondo and other property owners in the Desert Springs Subdivision. The first petition requests that the city extend sewer and water service to the Desert Springs Subdivision. The second petition requests that should the city elect not to extend sewer and water service to the Desert Springs Subdivision, the city vacate the subdivision and de-annex so that it may revert to Eddy County.

Director McGuire reported that in 2007 Mark Jorgensen approached the City Council requesting that those properties be annexed and that water and sewer be extended. Mr. Jorgensen was advised by the staff of the utilities at the time that they didn't see any technical objection but they would require specific plans before approval could be given. To his knowledge, those plans were never forthcoming.

Director McGuire went over the wording of State Statute §3-7-5 which states:

If the governing body of a municipality desires to annex contiguous territory, the governing body may, by resolution, declare that the benefits of municipal government are or can be made available within a reasonable time to the territory proposed to be annexed and that it desires to annex such territory. A copy of the resolution with a copy of a plat of the territory proposed to be annexed shall be filed with the county clerk.

Director McGuire stated that the City of Artesia annexed this territory by Ordinance (#760) instead of Resolution.

Mayor Burch commented that he believed that when the property was originally annexed it was a single property. Director McGuire confirmed that yes, aside from the intervening piece of property, the owners' piece was not divided out. Mayor Burch indicated that it was subsequent to the annexation that the property was subdivided and questioned whether the original owner(s) petitioned for service before it was sold and what the original council discussed with the original owner(s). Director McGuire indicated he did not have that history.

Director McGuire indicated that this issue was discovered when Mr. Anchondo attempted to have some single wide mobile homes and a septic tank installed on the property. The work was stopped by City of Artesia staff over a year ago because those installations are not allowed in that district. Mr. Anchondo then went to the city to find out what he needed to do in order to get utilities and be able to move onto his property.

Director McGuire went over several options regarding both petitions, noting that there is no procedure that he knows of in State legislature that allows for the de-annexing of Municipal property, and requested discussion of the suggestions from the council.

Mayor Burch inquired about a home that is currently situated on the property and how the owner is receiving utilities. Director McGuire indicated that the owner has a well and likely a septic tank. Mayor Burch inquired as to how that was possible without a permit. Director McGuire responded that it was likely a property that had been there from before the subdivision was done.

Councilor Rodriguez requested clarification on the date of annexation. Director McGuire responded that the annexation had occurred in June 2007. Councilor Rodriguez also requested clarification on when Mr. Anchondo had purchased the property. Director McGuire stated that in October 2007 the subdivision was approved but he was not sure when Mr. Anchondo purchased the property. He stated that the City of Artesia first talked to Mr. Anchondo in 2016. Director McGuire also indicated that one of the original owners, Leticia Jorgensen, still owns two lots on the property.

Councilor Rodriguez requested clarification on the timeline and asked if the Jorgensen's were the subdividers before they sold the property to Mr. Anchondo. Director McGuire stated that he was not sure on whether the entire subdivision was sold or whether individual lots were sold. Councilor Rodriguez then inquired as to the city's responsibilities when property is annexed. Director McGuire indicated that his interpretation of state statute would indicate that the city should provide benefits from the city including services that they would provide other areas.

Councilor Rodriguez and Mayor Burch inquired about what information the Jorgensen's had divulged to Mr. Anchondo at the time of sale. Director McGuire indicated that he had no knowledge of the conversations held between the owners. Councilor Rodriguez inquired as to

whether or not it would be a civil matter if Mr. Anchondo felt the sale had been misrepresented. Director McGuire stated that that decision would be made by Mr. Anchondo.

City Attorney John Caraway reviewed State statute §3-7-5 again and stated that he did not believe the city was responsible for providing services because of the specific wording of the statute. He noted that the statute uses the permissive word "may" as opposed to the mandatory word "shall". He also stated that the City of Artesia had never passed a Resolution regarding a policy on providing service to the annexed property.

Attorney Caraway reviewed State Statute §3-7-2 which states:

A municipal utility or a utility under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico public utility commission and having a franchise from the municipality may extend service to territory annexed by the municipality. If the territory annexed to the municipality is being served by a utility under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico public utility commission and the municipality is being served by another utility under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico public utility commission, the New Mexico public utility commission shall determine which utility under its jurisdiction shall serve the territory annexed to the municipality. The municipality shall grant a franchise to the utility that is to serve the territory annexed to provide utility service in the territory annexed upon such terms as are fair, just and equitable to all parties concerned.

He indicated that the above statute also uses the permissive "may" wording. Attorney Caraway requested clarification on whether the intervening property was where the city utilities end and the subdivision begins. Director McGuire went over the property lines and the few areas where city utilities could be laid.

Attorney Caraway indicated that Mr. Anchando has the right to re-plat his land so that the plots would be large enough for state approval. Director McGuire indicated that not all of the property owners would be able to do that.

Councilor Rogers inquired, assuming a re-plat was done, who would be obligated to build the streets for the subdivision. Director McGuire indicated that a building permit would not be issued without having access to the property and a way for emergency vehicles to get in and out of the subdivision. Public Works Director Byron Landfair stated that another issue would be the development. Each property owner would need to build the improvements needed for access and proper water flow for fire hydrants.

Councilor Rogers inquired as to what mechanisms are or need to be in place to prevent this issue from occurring again. Director McGuire indicated that subdivision regulations have been amended to include the division of responsibilities and other updated issues.

Councilor Florez discussed the original annexation approval and indicated that the issue requires more research.

Director McGuire indicated that he would discuss options, costs, and awareness with Mr. Anchando and report back to the council after further research.

There was some discussion on de-annexation of property in the state of New Mexico and Mayor Burch directed staff to research the subject further.

### **Infrastructure Department**

Public Works Director Byron Landfair gave progress reports on the ongoing City projects and stood for questions.

### **City Attorney**

City Attorney Caraway stood for questions.

### **City Clerk**

#### A. Approval of a Resolution Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve a Resolution Supporting a Public Private Economic Development MainStreet Project. The motion was seconded by Councilor Florez.

Councilor Rogers requested clarification on which sections of the roads MainStreet was responsible for. Elizabeth Jackson, Director of MainStreet, indicated that they are responsible for the area from Richie to Hermosa. Areas outside of those boundaries are the responsibility of the State of New Mexico Highway Division.

Upon vote, the motion passed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1635**

#### B. Approval of Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NM MainStreet Program in the Economic Development Department – the City of Artesia and Artesia MainStreet, Inc.

Councilor Bratcher moved to approve a Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NM MainStreet Program in the Economic Development Department – the City of Artesia and Artesia MainStreet, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson stood for questions.

### **Mayor**

Councilor Rogers moved, in accordance with the State of New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1-H(8), the Council and Mayor go into executive session regarding the Purchase or Sale of Real Property. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon roll call vote, with the following votes recorded;

Aye: Councilors Rogers, Madrid, Rodriguez, Youtsey, Florez, Sanchez, Bratcher, Mayor Pro Tem Hill

Nay: None

the motion passed.

Council recessed to executive session at 7:43pm.  
Council reconvened at 8:13pm.

Councilor Rodriguez moved that the only matters discussed in executive session pertained to the Purchase or Sale of Real Property and no action was taken. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and upon vote, the motion passed.

**New or other business from Councilors**

Councilor Rodriguez congratulated the graduating class of 2017.

Councilor Rogers expressed his pleasure that the best candidates for Chief of Police were internal and expressed gratitude at the predecessors of both Police & Fire Chiefs. He congratulated Chief Hope and Chief Roberts on their recent appointments.

Councilor Sanchez also welcomed both new Chiefs.

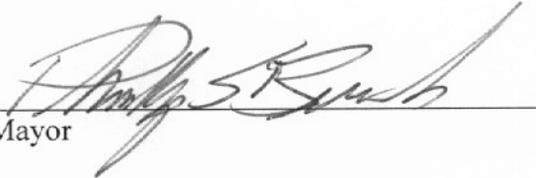
Councilor Youtsey congratulated the graduating class of 2017.

Councilor Florez congratulated Chief Roberts and expressed gratitude for the service of Chief Raley.

Councilor Bratcher stated that he was looking forward to working with Chief Roberts and expressed gratitude for the service of Chief Raley.

Mayor Burch expressed gratitude for the transition help Chief Raley will be providing for Chief Roberts and expressed gratitude to both Chiefs as well as expressed his pleasure regarding working with, and congratulations to, Chief Roberts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk