

County of Los Alamos

Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

Rick Reiss, Council Chair; Susan O'Leary, Vice Chair; James T. Chrobocinski, Steven Girrens, Kristin Henderson, David Izraelevitz and Pete Sheehey, Councilors

Tuesday, August 9, 2016	6:00 PM	Council Chambers-1000 Central Avenue
		TELEVISED

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Chair Rick Reiss, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Councilor Henderson participated, via telephone.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present: 7 - Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Sheehey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Sutton, 2654 Walnut St, spoke about the new trailer law and proposed a change that could be beneficial to citizens.

Ms. Deborah Robinson, 2246 34th Street, spoke about legal issues she is involved in.

Ms. Julie Habiger, LAC Public Information Officer, provided an update on the Los Alamos Bond Projects 2017 initiative and invited citizens to attend upcoming public meetings.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Girrens, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Sheehey

4. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 16-13. A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from Accounts receivable List of Los Alamos County - Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Bob Westervelt, Deputy Utilities Manager-Finance/Admin, spoke.

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Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor O'Leary, that Council approve Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 16-13; A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from Accounts Receivable List of Los Alamos County for Fiscal Year 2011.

The motion passed with the following vote:

- Yes: 7 Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Sheehey
- B. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 16-14, An Election Resolution Setting Forth One Question To Be Submitted At The November 8, 2016 General Election To The Voters Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos, Which Question Would Consolidate All Remaining Powers And Duties Of The Sheriff To The Police Department And Would Abolish The Office Of The Sheriff As An Elective Office.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke. Ms. Katie Thwaits, Acting County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Leary, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 16-14, English and Spanish, An Election Resolution Setting Forth One Question To Be Submitted At The November 8, 2016 General Election To The Voters Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos, Which Question Would Consolidate All Remaining Powers And Duties Of The Sheriff To The Police Department And Would Abolish The Office Of The Sheriff As An Elective Office.

The motion passed with the following vote:

- Yes: 5 Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, and Councilor Izraelevitz
 - No: 2 Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Sheehey

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Appointments

None.

B. Board, Commission and Committee Liaison Reports

Councilor Girrens Reported: The Library board is working on a five year plan and board recruitments. He also recognized the success of the Movement in Music program held over summer.

C. County Manager's Report

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, reported: The Annual Fair and Rodeo is this weekend and the County Council will have a booth set up at Ashley Pond on Saturday, following the parade.

D. Council Chair Report

Chairman Reiss Reported: He will be attending the upcoming New Mexico Municipal League and encouraged other Councilors to attend. County Attorney interviews were being scheduled, noting additional details would be sent via email.

E. General Council Business

None.

F. Approval of Councilor Expenses

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Chrobocinski, to approve travel expenses for Councilor Reiss to attend the Municipal League Conference in Hobbs, NM in August.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Sheehey

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Chrobocinski, to approve travel expenses for Councilor Sheehey to attend the Solar Storage Conference in Albuquerque, NM in August.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Reiss, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Sheehey

G. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

None.

6. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Izraelevitz thanked Councilor Sheehey for attending the Solar Energy Conference, and its possible incorporation in Los Alamos. He also thanked Councilor Reiss for representing Los Alamos at the New Mexico Municipal League conference, as he is unable to attend.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Rick Reiss, Council Chair

Attest:

Sharon Stover, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria L. Martinez, Deputy Clerk