

Minutes

County Council – Work Session

*Sara Scott, Council Chair; Randall Ryti, Council Vice-Chair;
David Izraelevitz, Antonio Maggiore, Katrina Martin, James Robinson,
and Pete Sheehey, Councilors*

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

6:00 PM

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1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Sara Scott, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

**Present: 7 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Maggiore,
Councilor Martin, Councilor Robinson, and Councilor Sheehey**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

Councilor Scott made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting due to COVID-19.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Chandler, no address provided, spoke regarding the Item 5.A.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that the agenda be approved, as presented.

The motion passed with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Maggiore,
Councilor Martin, Councilor Robinson, and Councilor Sheehey**

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dekker, Perich, Sabatini Presentation on the Downtown Master Plans and Development Code Update

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Paul Andrus, Community Development Director, spoke.
Mr. Will Gleason, AICP, LEED AP, Principal-In-Charge, spoke.
Ms. Katrina Arndt, AICP, Project Manager, spoke.
Ms. Jessica Lawlis, Technical Standards/Zoning, spoke.
Mr. Dale Dekker, AIA, AICP, Lead Designer, spoke.
Mr. Dan Guimond, Market & Real Estate Analyst, spoke.

No action taken.

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 8:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

6. BUSINESS

A. Action to Suspend Council Rules for Work Session

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council suspend their procedural rules for this work session, July 7, 2020, so that formal action may be taken.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Martin, Councilor Robinson, and Councilor Sheehey

B. Consider Petition Regarding the Use/Distribution of Plastic Bags, Plastic Straws, and Styrofoam Containers

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.
Councilor Sheehey spoke.
Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council acknowledge the petition, and thank the committee for their petition and take no further action.

A SUBSTITUTE motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, that Council thank the petitioners, particularly the high school Eco Club, for bringing our attention to this issue. The Council, through our FY2021 budget process has taken the following actions: 1) The Environmental Sustainability Board, with help from County staff, is expanding their public education campaign on recycling and minimizing food waste and unnecessary use of plastic bags, containers, and straws. This will include engaging with local retailers and restaurants to help them minimize waste of food and plastic materials. 2) The County approved funding for washable utensils and trays for use at Los Alamos Public Schools. 3) The County approved funding for a feasibility study of food composting that includes evaluating available technologies, costs and benefits. The County is also offering education and equipment to the public for backyard composting. In addition, it is proposed that Council approves the attached Proclamation (Attachment B).

The SUBSTITUTE motion failed for the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore to call the question.

The motion failed for the lack of a second.

A SECOND SUBSTITUTE motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council thank the petitioners, particularly the high school Eco Club, for bringing our attention to this issue. The Council, through our FY2021 budget process has taken the following actions: 1) The Environmental Sustainability Board, with help from County staff, is expanding their public education campaign on recycling and minimizing food waste and unnecessary use of plastic bags, containers, and straws. This will include engaging with local retailers and restaurants to help them minimize waste of food and plastic materials. 2) The County approved funding for washable utensils and trays for use at Los Alamos Public Schools. 3) The County approved funding for a feasibility study of food composting that includes evaluating available technologies, costs and benefits. The County is also offering education and equipment to the public for backyard composting.

A procedural motion to consider the SECOND SUBSTITUTE motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Martin, Councilor Robinson, and Councilor Sheehey

No: 2 - Councilor Maggiore and Councilor Izraelevitz

The SECOND SUBSTITUTE motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Martin, Councilor Robinson, and Councilor Sheehey

No: 1 - Councilor Maggiore

Public Comment:

Public comment was emailed to the County and read into the record by Ms. Linda Matteson, Acting Community Services Director / Assistant to County Manager.

Ms. Jody Benson, 3547 Pueblo Drive, spoke.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Walker, 413 Pruitt Avenue, spoke regarding the Master Plan.

Councilor Scott reported there have been new COVID cases and spoke regarding mass gatherings; staying indoors; wearing masks; and social distancing.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Sara C. Scott, Council Chair

Attest:

Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Francella M. Montoya, Senior Deputy Clerk