



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

County Council - Regular Session

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central
Avenue
TELEVISED

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Sara C. Scott, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present 6 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Sheehey,
Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti and Councilor Scott

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

March 5, 2019 Closed Session Motion

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council approve the following statement for inclusion in the minutes: "The matters discussed in the closed session held on January 22, 2019 that began at 5:00 p.m. were limited only to those topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter in that closed session."

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gregory White, 600 San Ildefonso, spoke regarding uniformity with requests for proposals (RFP) and discrepancies with Los Alamos County employee salaries.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. [11609-19](#) Recognition of Los Alamos County Police Officer's Heroic Actions
Chief Sgambellone recognized Sergeant Chris Ross.
Sergeant Ross spoke.
- B. [11610-19](#) Recognition of Marvin Mueller's Donation and Scholarship
Chief Sgambellone recognized the family of Marvin Mueller.
- C. [11620-19](#) Recognition of the New Mexico Counties Audit & Accountability Awards for Los Alamos County for Continued Audit Excellence
Mr. Harry Burgess recognized the Los Alamos County Finance Department.
Ms. Karen Kendall, Budget and Performance Manager, spoke.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion -

Councilor Ryti announced he would be recusing himself from the vote on the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented, and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.

- A. [11626-19](#) Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-02: A resolution authorizing the County to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, to participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program.
- I move that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-02, a resolution authorizing the County to submit an application to the Department of Finance Administration, Local Government Division, to participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program.
- B. [11520-19](#) Approval of the North Central Regional Transit District Intergovernmental Contract.
- I move that Council approve the North Central Regional Transit District Intergovernmental Contract Agreement, that is an update with the addition of the Village of Taos Ski Valley to this contract thereby confirming and awarding the membership and voting rights of all the members listed in this agreement.
- C. [11574-19](#) Consideration of Mid Year Budget Revisions - Snow Removal & Grants
- I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2019-29 as summarized on attachment A and that the attachment be made a part of the minutes of this meeting. I further move that Council approve Budget Revision 2019-30 as summarized on attachment A and that the attachment be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.
- D. [11575-19](#) Approval to Submit a Revised E911 Grant Application to the New Mexico Department of Information Technology to Upgrade the 911 System Equipment in an Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000
- I move that Council approve the request to submit a revised grant application to the New Mexico Department of Information Technology in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. I further move that Council direct the County Manager to execute the grant agreement upon award by New Mexico Department of Information Technology.
- E. [11576-19](#) Approval of Authorized Signers for County Bank and Investment Accounts
- I move that Council approve the individuals authorized to sign on all County of Los Alamos bank and investment accounts as presented in the attachment, to be effective on January 30, 2019.
- F. [11585-19](#) Amendment to the FY2019 Compensation and Classification Plan including reactivating the Electrical Engineering Manager job description in the Utilities Department.
- I move that Council approve the Electrical Engineering Manager job description and the Amended FY2019 Compensation and Classification Plan reflecting the title, salary grade, and FLSA designation for this position.

- G. [11587-19](#) Consideration of Postponement of Recommendations from Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

I move to postpone the deadline for Animal Shelter Advisory Committee recommendations to Council for three months, making the recommendations due by May 6, 2019.

- H. [11591-19](#) Appointment of Felicia L. Orth, as the Alternate Judge for Los Alamos Municipal Court.

I move that the Council accept Felicia L. Orth, submitted by the Municipal Judge, to serve as a temporary judge during temporary incapacity or absence of the duly elected judge.

- I. [11622-19](#) County Council Minutes for January 8, 2019 and January 22, 2019

I move that Council approve the minutes for January 8, 2019 and January 22, 2019.

March 5, 2019 Consent Motion:

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson and Councilor Scott

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Ryti

9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- A. [OR0846-19](#) Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 689, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 687 Which Authorized the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to Enter Into a Loan Agreement and Promissory Note with the New Mexico Environment Department for the Purpose of Obtaining Loan Funds for the construction of a New Wastewater Treatment Facility, Declaring the Necessity for the Loan, Restricting the Use of the Loan Funds Solely for the Project, and Pledging Loan Will Be Payable from the Revenues of the Wastewater System

Councilor Robinson, introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 689, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 687 Which Authorizes the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to Enter Into a Loan Agreement and Promissory Note with the New Mexico Environment Department for the Purpose of Obtaining Loan Funds for the construction of a New Wastewater Treatment Facility, Declaring the Necessity for the Loan, Restricting the Use of the Loan Funds Solely for the Project, and Pledging Loan Will Be Payable from the Revenues of the Wastewater System and ask staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

10. BUSINESS

- A. [11505-19](#) FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with Auditor's Opinions.

Ms. Karen Kendall, Budget and Performance Manager, spoke.

Ms. Janet Pacheco Morton, Morton Accounting Services, spoke.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jose Carreno, no address given, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Rytty and Councilor Scott

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS**A. Appointments**

- 1) [11521-19](#) Board/Commission Appointment - Environmental Sustainability Board

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Robinson to nominate Amanda Macdonald, Megan Green, Ashley Reader, and Harbhajan Khalsa to fill one current vacancy on the Environmental Sustainability Board as follows:

By roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee and the nominee with the highest vote total of four or more be appointed to fill a partial ESB term that began on August 1, 2017 and will end on July 31, 2019. This nominee will also be appointed to a full term beginning on August 1, 2019 and ending on July 31, 2021.

Councilor Scott called for a roll call vote to appoint a member to the Environmental Sustainability Board:

Councilor's Sheehey, Maggiore, Izraelevitz, Scott, Robinson, and Rytty voted for: Amanda Macdonald

After a roll call vote Ms. Amanda Macdonald was appointed to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

B. Board, Commission and Committee Liaison Reports

Councilor Ryti reported on the Parks and Recreation Board and the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC).

Councilor Sheehey reported on the Board of Public Utilities and on legislative bills regarding Los Alamos.

Councilor Maggiore reported on the North Central Regional Transit Department Board and the Community Development Advisory Board.

Councilor Robinson reported on the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.

C. County Manager's Report**1) [11596-19](#) County Manager's Report for January 2019**

County Manager Harry Burgess reported on the newly installed columbarium, the emergency disaster declaration, the Annual Report, the Cross Country track at the Golf Course, and the Love Los Alamos Campaign.

D. Council Chair Report

Councilor Scott reported on the New Mexico Legislative Conference, Senate Bill 11, the rollup regarding Council Priorities, and advised of her post meeting interview on KRSN.

E. General Council Business**1) [11463-19](#) Assignment of Councilors as Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions and on Various Council Committees.**

Councilor Scott spoke.

No action taken.

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 7:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

- 2) [11560-19](#) Discussion and Possible Action on the Filling of Councilor Vacancy.

Councilor Scott outlined the procedure to fill the Council vacancy.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, to adopt the three questions each applicant will have a two minute time limit to answer such questions, the questions are as described by Councilor Izraelevitz with number two, and three combined into a single question.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Each applicant made an opening statement then was asked three questions by Council.

Public Comment:

None.

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Councilor Scott called for a recess at 8:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz to nominate Aaron Walker, Eric Stromberg, John Bliss, Gary Stradling, Brad Nyenhuis, Jose Carreno, Amanda Robertson, Katrina Schmidt, Greg White, and Brady Burke to fill one vacancy on the County Council and move that Council appoint one nominee to the vacant position as follows:

By roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee and the nominee with the highest vote total of four or more be appointed to fill the remainder of the term beginning on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Councilor Scott called for a roll call vote to appoint a member to the County Council:

Councilor Maggiore voted for:
Eric Stromberg

Councilor's Sheehey and Robinson voted for:
John Bliss

Councilor Izraelevitz voted for:
Brad Nyenhuis

Councilor's Scott and Rytty voted for:
Katrina Schmidt

Councilor Scott called for a SECOND roll call vote to appoint a member to the County Council:

Councilor Maggiore voted for:
Eric Stromberg

Councilor's Sheehey and Robinson voted for:
John Bliss

Councilor Izraelevitz voted for:
Brad Nyenhuis

Councilor's Scott and Rytty voted for:
Katrina Schmidt

Councilor Scott called for a THIRD roll call vote to appoint a member to the County Council:

Councilor's Izraelevitz, Sheehey, and Robinson voted for:
John Bliss

Councilor's Maggiore, Scott, and Rytty voted for:
Katrina Schmidt

Councilor Scott called for a FOURTH roll call vote to appoint a member to the County Council:

Councilor's Sheehey and Robinson voted for:
John Bliss

Councilor's Maggiore, Izraelevitz, Scott, and Ryti voted for:
Katrina Schmidt

After a roll call vote Ms. Katrina Schmidt was appointed to the County Council.

Ms. Schmidt was sworn in by Judge Elizabeth Allen.

F. Approval of Councilor Expenses

None.

G. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Scott advised that the following items will be on upcoming agendas:
the RDX issue and the status of the Public Health office contract and start up.

Councilor Ryti requested an item relating to the Joint Powers Agreement for the
RCLC be place on an upcoming agenda.

Councilor Maggiore requested an item relating to possible Community Services
budget requests be placed on an upcoming agenda.

12. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Ryti commented on the snow removal process.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Stromberg, 54 Taos, thanked Council for their consideration of his
application to fulfill the Councilor vacancy.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Sara C. Scott, Council Chair

Attest:

Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria L. Martinez, Deputy Clerk