



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

County Council - Special Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544
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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central
Avenue
TELEvised

Budget Hearings - Continued

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 Maggiore, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson,
Councilor Ryt, Councilor Scott, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor
Schmidt

Councilor Maggiore arrived at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Morrie Pongratz, 900 Circle Drive, spoke on reducing the property tax
revenues.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson,
Councilor Ryt, Councilor Scott, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor
Schmidt

5. BUSINESS

A. County Council Minutes for April 2, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council approve the County Council Minutes for April 2, 2019.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**A. Introduction, Overview, Budget Summary and Long Term Financial Projection****1) [11745-19](#) FY2020 Budget Hearings**

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

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

B. Budget Presentations and Budget Options**1. County Assessor**

FY2020 Budget Option #15 \$57,669

County Assessor Kenneth Milder spoke.

Mr. Joaquin Valdez, Chief Deputy Assessor, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the budget for the County Assessor as presented except with the following change: Budget Option #15.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

2. County Clerk

County Clerk Naomi D. Maestas spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively accept the budget for the County Clerk as presented and include \$10,000 for filing cabinets.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Scott and Councilor Schmidt

No: 2 - Councilor Sheehey and Councilor Izraelevitz

3. Probate Court

Ms. Adrianna Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council tentatively approve the Probate Court budget as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

4. Municipal Court

Municipal Judge Elizabeth Allen spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council tentatively approve the Municipal Court budget for FY2020.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

5. County Sheriff

County Sheriff Joseph Granville spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the Sheriff's budget as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

6. County Council

FY2020 Budget Option #44 Rank D, \$25,000

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the County Council budget as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 7:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

7. Fire Department

FY2020 Budget Option #6, Rank A, \$1,400,000

Fire Chief Troy Hughes spoke.

Mr. Xavier Anderson, Management Analyst, spoke.

Ms. Norma Jean Valdez, Senior Management Analyst, spoke.

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council tentatively approve the Fire Department budget with the addition of Option #6.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

8. County Attorney

Ms. Katie Thwaites, Assistant County Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the County Attorney budget.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

9. County Manager

FY2020 Budget Option #1 Rank A, \$744,777 / \$423,710
FY2020 Budget Option #5 Rank A, \$542,000
FY2020 Budget Option #7 Rank A, \$190,400
FY2020 Budget Option #8 Rank A, \$8,147
FY2020 Budget Option #18 Rank B, \$615,000
FY2020 Budget Option #21 Rank B, \$10,500
FY2020 Budget Option #22 Rank B, \$225,800
FY2020 Budget Option #23 Rank B, \$15,000
FY2020 Budget Option #34 Rank C, \$500,000
FY2020 Budget Option #37 Rank C, \$10,500
FY2020 Budget Option #42 Rank C, \$8,000
FY2020 Budget Option #43 Rank C, \$15,000

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.
Ms. Denise Cassel, Human Resources Manager, spoke.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of Budget Options Rank A.
There were no objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of Budget Options Rank B as written with the \$300,000 additional Progress through Partnering showing up in the parking lot, providing \$25,000 for the water fund and the \$25,000 census are included within the \$615,000. There were objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of Progress through Partnering at \$1.2 million with a potential \$300,000 parking lot including an integrated return on investment. There were no objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of Public Relations Item. There were no objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of the Wayfinding Signage Item. There were objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of the Community Perception Survey. There were objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of the Land Purchase/Housing Funds, \$500,000. There were no objections.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor of the Employee Survey. There were none in favor.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor the Economic Fiscal Impact analysis of Science Fest. There were none in favor.

Councilor Scott asked if Councilors were in favor an Economic Development Study. There were none in favor.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the County Manager budget as presented with additional items 1, 5, 7, 8, 18, 21, 22, and Item 34 to also include housing.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

7. RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 10:02 p.m., to be reconvened at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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 Maggiore, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Scott, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Schmidt

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Jolly, 115 Azure Drive, Tourism Implementation Task Force, spoke on priorities to implementing the strategic plan.

Ms. Katie Bruell, 3550 Ridgeway Drive, member of the Tourism Strategic Plan Workgroup and the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board, spoke of the importance of a Tourism Manager.

Ms. Leslie Linke, 35 San Juan, Chair of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, spoke of the importance of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board priorities, including an establishment of a Fuller Lodge Building Steward.

Mr. Mark Rayburn, 2048 46th Street, former Chair of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, spoke in support of tourism and the protection of Fuller Lodge.

Ms. Kathy Taylor, 557 Todd Loop, spoke in support of changes to the building code to make our buildings more sustainable and requested funding for that effort.

Mr. Dave Fox, 238 Rio Bravo, CB Fox, spoke on the importance of tourism.

Ms. Micheline Devaurs, 2067 47th Street, Member of Tourism Implementation Task Force, concurred on the need of a point person.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**A. Introduction, Overview, Budget Summary and Long Term Financial Projection****1) [11745-19](#) FY2020 Budget Hearings**

Parking lot items reviewed no action taken.

B. Budget Presentations and Budget Options

10. Police Department

FY2020 Budget Option #12 Rank A, \$35,224
FY2020 Budget Option #30 Rank B, \$33,000
FY2020 Budget Option #38 Rank C, \$231,300

Deputy Police Chief Jason Wardlow Herrera spoke.
Commander Oliver Morris, Operation Manager, spoke.
Ms. Katie Thwaits, Assistant County Attorney, spoke.
Ms. Kate Stoddard, Consolidated Dispatch Center Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Ryti, that Council tentatively approve the Police Department budget with the addition of FY2020 Budget Options 12, 30, and 38.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

11. Community Development Department

FY2020 Budget Option #2 Rank A, \$7,300
FY2020 Budget Option #3 Rank A, \$6,160
FY2020 Budget Option #4 Rank A, \$10,000
FY2020 Budget Option #16 Rank B, \$250,000
FY2020 Budget Option #17 Rank B, \$150,000
FY2020 Budget Option #20 Rank B, \$6,000
FY2020 Budget Option #24 Rank B, \$6,000
FY2020 Budget Option #25 Rank B, \$18,000
FY2020 Budget Option #31 Rank B, \$10,000
FY2020 Budget Option #45 Rank D, \$450,000

Mr. Paul Andrus, Community Development Department Director, spoke.
Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.
Ms. Katie Thwaits, Assistant County Attorney, spoke.
Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Parking Lot Item:
Additional Funds for Land, Housing, Economic Development, with a \$1.5 million placeholder.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the County Attorney budget.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 7:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

12. Public Works Department

FY2020 Budget Option #13 Rank A, \$365,655
FY2020 Budget Option #14 Rank A, \$680,000 / \$320,000
FY2020 Budget Option #32 Rank C, \$16,000
FY2020 Budget Option #33 Rank C, \$250,000
FY2020 Budget Option #39 Rank C, \$105,000
FY2020 Budget Option #40 Rank C, \$156,000
FY2020 Budget Option #41 Rank C, \$85,000
FY2020 Budget Option #47 Rank D, \$1,000,000
FY2020 Budget Option #48 Rank D, \$70,000
FY2020 Budget Option #49 Rank D, \$35,000

Mr. Philo Shelton, Public Works Director, spoke.

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

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Ms. Linda Matteson, Assistant to the County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the Public Works Department budget as amended, to include the addition of FY2020 Budget Options 13, 14, 32, 33 as amended, 39, 40, 41, 47, 48, and 49.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

13. Community Services Department

FY2020 Budget Option #19 Rank B, \$20,000
FY2020 Budget Option #26 Rank B, \$80,000
FY2020 Budget Option #27 Rank B, \$35,000
FY2020 Budget Option #28 Rank B, \$79,802
FY2020 Budget Option #29 Rank B, \$15,000
FY2020 Budget Option #35 Rank C, \$72,950
FY2020 Budget Option #36 Rank C, \$64,000
FY2020 Budget Option #46 Rank D, \$400,000
FY2020 Budget Option \$55,000 (Teen Center)

Mr. Brian Brogan, Community Services Director, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that Council tentatively approve the Community Services Department budget with the addition of FY2020 Budget Options 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36, 46, and unnumbered option for the Teen Center Operating Expenses.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

5. RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 10:02 p.m. to be reconvened at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2019.

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Sara Scott, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present 7 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Sheehey, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Scott, Councilor Izraelevitz and Councilor Schmidt

Councilor Maggiore arrived at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**A. Introduction, Overview, Budget Summary and Long Term Financial Projection****1) [11745-19](#) FY2020 Budget Hearings**

No action taken.

B. Continuation of Budget Presentations**14. Department of Public Utilities**

Mr. Tim Glasco, Utilities Manager, spoke.

Mr. Bob Westervelt, Deputy Utility Manager-Finance and Administration, spoke.

Mr. Steve Cummings, Deputy Utility Manager-Power Production, spoke.

Mr. Jack Richardson, Deputy Utility Manager-Gas, Water and Sewer Services, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council tentatively approve the budget for the Department of Public Utilities as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 7:48 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

15. Administrative Services

FY2020 Budget Option #9 Rank A, \$40,926
FY2020 Budget Option #10 Rank A, \$66,240
FY2020 Budget Option #11 Rank A, \$41,858

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.
Mr. John Roig, Chief Information Officer, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council tentatively approve the budget for the Administrative Services Department as presented with the addition of FY2020 Budget Options 9, 10 and 11.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

16. CIP & Non-Departmental

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Philo Shelton, Public Works Director, spoke.
Mr. Brian Brogan, Community Services Director, spoke.
Mr. Jack Richardson, Deputy Utility Manager-Gas, Water and Sewer Services, spoke.
Ms. Karen Kendall, Budget and Performance Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that Council tentatively approve the budget for the Capital Improvement Projects and Non Departmental as presented with the addition of one million dollars for the schools.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

17. Parking Lot & Consideration of Budget Options

Mr. Steven Lynne, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council adopt the FY2020 budget in the amount of \$199,328,646 as described in Attachment B, Summary of Changes from Proposed to Adopted Budget; further moved that Council approve the following items related to the adoption of the FY2020 budget:

1. FY2020 Long Range Financial Projection as amended during budget hearing in Attachment C;
2. FY2020 Equipment Replacement List in Attachment F;
3. FY2020 Recurring Grants in Attachment H;
4. Summary of Pension Fund Administrative Costs in Attachment G; and
5. FY2020 Schedule of Appropriations for Salary Adjustments as amended during budget hearing in Attachment I; and further moved that Council approve continuing appropriations in the FY2020 budget for the following items from the FY2019 budget:

- a) all valid encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2019;
- b) all unexpended and unencumbered previously approved project budgets at June 30, 2019;
- c) all unexpended and unencumbered previously approved Major Facilities Maintenance budget at June 30, 2019;
- d) all unexpended and unencumbered previously approved Traffic & Streets Pavement Preservation budget at June 30, 2019;
- e) the unexpended and unencumbered previously approved budget for Fire Mitigation; and
- f) all unexpended and unencumbered grant budgets at June 30, 2019 that are permitted to be carried forward by their governing grant agreements.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Sara C. Scott, Council Chair

Attest:

Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Gloria A. Maestas, Elections Manager and Victoria L. Martinez, Deputy Clerk