

Minutes

County Council – Special Session

Randall Ryti, Council Chair, Denise Derkacs, Council Vice-Chair,
Melanee Hand, David Izraelevitz, David Reagor, Sara Scott,
and Sean Williams, Councilors

Monday, February 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 concerns, meeting will be
conducted remotely.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86183787758>

Joint Session - Los Alamos County Council and the Los Alamos Public Schools

1. COUNCIL OPENING/ROLL CALL

Council Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting due to COVID-19 and apologized to Councilor Izraelevitz for the decorum of the Council meeting held on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, listed the County employees in attendance.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Izraelevitz,
Councilor Reagor, Councilor Scott, and Councilor Williams

2. LAPS BOARD OPENING/ROLL CALL

Ms. Debra Bell, Los Alamos Public Schools Accounting Technician, called roll for the Los Alamos Public Schools Board Members.

Ms. Jennifer Guy, Interim Los Alamos Public Schools Superintendent, listed the Los Alamos Public School employees in attendance.

The following Los Alamos Public Schools Board Members were in attendance:

Present: 5 – Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue,
Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilor Ryti requested Item 9 and Item 10 be switched.

A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Derkacs, that the agenda be approved as revised.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, Councilor Scott, and Councilor Williams

6. APPROVAL OF LAPS BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Specter that the agenda be approved as amended.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue, Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

7. BUSINESS

- A.** Consideration and Possible Approval of Task Order 9 under Services Agreement No. AGR 17-15b with FBT Architects in an amount not to exceed \$323,846 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Planning, Design and Evaluation of Sites for a Shared Use Gymnasium at the North Mesa Middle School Campus in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools

Mr. Juan Rael, Public Works Department Director, spoke.

Mr. Eric Martinez, County Engineer, presented.

Ms. Suzanne Lynne, Los Alamos Middle Schools Principal, spoke.

Ms. Jennifer Guy, Los Alamos Public Schools Interim Superintendent, spoke.

Mr. Bob Hollman, Los Alamos Public Schools Bond & Construction Project Manager, spoke.

Public comment:

Mr. Tommy Castillo spoke.

A motion was made by School Board Member Specter that the School Board support evaluation of sites 2 and the northeast corner which was called site 5 for Shared Use Gymnasium at the North Mesa Middle School Campus.

After further discussion Board Member Specter withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by School Board Member Specter, seconded by School Board Member Jaurigue, that the School Board support preliminary evaluation of sites 5 or 6 with County and LAPS staff working on the analysis together and support formal evaluation of site 2 at a later time.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue, Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council approve Task Order 9 under Services Agreement No. AGR 17-15b with FBT Architects in an amount not to exceed \$323,846 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for initial Planning and Evaluation for Sites 2, 5, and 6 for a Shared Use Gymnasium at the North Mesa Middle School Campus in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, Councilor Scott, and Councilor Williams

RECESS

Chair Ryti called for a recess at 7:59 p.m. the meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Site Selection for a Shared Use Gymnasium in White Rock in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools

Mr. Juan Rael, Public Works Department Director, spoke.
Ms. Sara Rhoton, Project Manager, presented.
Mr. Eric Martinez, County Engineer, presented.
Ms. Jennifer Guy, Los Alamos Public Schools Interim Superintendent, spoke.
Mr. Sanjay Kadu, D/P/S Architect, spoke.
Mr. Juan Dorado, D/P/S Architect, spoke.
Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Department Director, spoke.
Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

Public comment:
None.

A motion was made by School Board Member Jaurigue that the School Board support the County's securing professional services for planning and design of a Shared Use Gymnasium in White Rock to include evaluation of sites located at Chamisa and Pinon Elementary.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue, Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

A motion was made by Councilor Derkacs, seconded by Councilor Scott, that Council support securing professional services for planning and design of a Shared Use Gymnasium in White Rock to include evaluation of sites located at Pinon and Chamisa Elementary schools in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, Councilor Scott, and Councilor Williams

C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Site Selection for Additional Tennis Courts in Coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools

Ms. Sara Rhoton, Project Manager, presented.

Ms. Ann Stewart, Los Alamos Public Schools Athletic Director, spoke.

Mr. Eric Martinez, County Engineer, presented.

Ms. Jennifer Guy, Los Alamos Public Schools Interim Superintendent, spoke.

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public comment:

Ms. Andrea Cunningham spoke.

Mr. Robert Nolan spoke.

A motion was made by School Board Member Jaurigue that the School Board support the County's securing professional services for planning and design of additional Tennis Courts to include evaluation of sites located at Overlook, North Mesa, Mesa Meadows and Urban Park.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue, Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Derkacs, that Council support securing professional services for planning and design of additional Tennis Courts to include evaluation of sites located at Overlook, North Mesa, Mesa Meadows, and Urban Park in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools.

A SECOND motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Williams, that Council table this motion for 90 days.

The SECOND motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Williams

No: 3 - Councilor Scott, Councilor Derkacs, and Councilor Hand

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council reconsider the motion to table.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Williams, Councilor Scott, Councilor Derkacs, and Councilor Hand

No: 1 - Councilor Reagor

A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that Council support securing professional services for planning and design of additional Tennis Courts to include evaluation of sites located at Overlook, North Mesa, Urban Park in coordination with the Los Alamos Public Schools and at Mesa Meadows pending additional discussion and coordination among Council to happen April 5, 2022.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Scott

No: 1 - Councilor Williams

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sean Williams commented on the importance of freedom of speech under the US constitution and asked Council to reconsider their view on policing public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT – SCHOOL BOARD

A motion was made by School Board Member Jaurigue that the School Board adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Colgan, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Jaurigue, Board Member Specter, and Board Member Green

10. ADJOURNMENT – COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Randall T. Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria N. Montoya, Senior Deputy Clerk