



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

Randall Ryti, Council Chair, Denise Derkacs, Council Vice-Chair,
Theresa Cull, Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Keith Lepsch, and David Reagor,
Councilors

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers – 1000 Central Avenue
TELEVISED

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

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

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present: 6 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,
Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Lepsch

Remote: 1 - Councilor Reagor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

Council Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting.

Ms. Anne Laurent, Deputy County Manager, listed the county employees in attendance via zoom.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Ryti requested that Item 8.A be moved to Item 10.G.

A motion was made by Councilor Derkacs, seconded by Councilor Lepsch, that Council approve the agenda as amended.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Ryti, Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,
Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, and Councilor Reagor

5. COUNCILOR CHAIR COMMENTS

A. State of the County Presentation

Council Chair Ryti reported on the Cerro Pelado Fire, employee recruitment and retention, communications and potential County Council office hours, housing within the county, environment, open space, recreation, cultural impacts, county projects, Small Business Recovery Assistance Program (ARPA), social services, infrastructure needs, and utility needs.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A. Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2023

Councilor Ryti nominated Councilor Derkacs for Chair.

**Councilors Ryti, Derkacs, Cull, Hand, Havemann, Lepsch, and Reagor voted for:
Councilor Derkacs**

After a roll call vote, Councilor Derkacs was appointed as Chair.

Councilor Derkacs nominated Councilor Cull for Vice-Chair.

**Councilors Ryti, Derkacs, Cull, Hand, Havemann, Lepsch, and Reagor voted for:
Councilor Cull**

After a roll call vote, Councilor Cull was appointed as Vice-Chair.

RECESS

Councilor Ryti called for a recess at 6:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended and that the motions in the staff report be included for the record.

A. Approval of County Council Minutes for the December 6, 2022 Regular Session and the December 13, 2022 Regular Session

Item pulled for further discussion under Council Business.

B. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement No. AGR 17-03 with New Mexico Fire Protection, LLC for a Revised Total Agreement Amount of \$275,000.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Fire Alarm System Services

I move that Council approve Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement No. AGR 17-03 with New Mexico Fire Protection, LLC for a Revised Total Agreement Amount of \$275,000.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Fire Alarm System Services.

- C. Ratification of Council Chair and Vice Chair as Chair and Vice Chair, Respectively, of the County Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board

I move that County Council ratify the newly elected Council Chair, and Vice Chair as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the County Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board.

- D. Approval of Acquisition of a Custom Fiber Art Piece by Lindsay Brenner, for the Los Alamos County Airport

I move that Council approve the acquisition of the custom piece of fiber art, by Lindsay Brenner, to be included in the Los Alamos County art collection and an expenditure of Art in Public Places funds in an amount to not exceed \$ 2,300 for purchase and installation of that art in the Los Alamos County Airport.

- E. Approval of Acquisition of Art "Moonrise Shiprock", by Patricia Gould, for Los Alamos County Airport

I move that the Los Alamos County Council approve the acquisition of "Moonrise Shiprock", by Patricia Gould, to be included in the Los Alamos County art collection and an expenditure of Art in Public Places funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,400 for purchase and installation of that art in the lobby of the Los Alamos County Airport.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Incorporated County Of Los Alamos Resolution No. 23-01; A Resolution Establishing Minimum Standards Of Reasonable Notice To The Public For All Meetings Of The Council, The County Indigent Hospital And County Health Care Board And to the Meetings of County Boards, Commissions And Other Public Bodies Created by the State and Those Appointed by the Council ("Appointed County Committees")

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council adopt Incorporated County Of Los Alamos Resolution No. 23-01; Amending the date on page 1 to 2023. A Resolution Establishing Minimum Standards Of Reasonable Notice To The Public For All Meetings Of The Council, The County Indigent Hospital And County Health Care Board And to the Meetings of County Boards, Commissions And Other Public Bodies Created by the State and Those Appointed by the Council ("Appointed County Committees").

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

10. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Appointments

None.

B. Board, Commission and Committee Vacancy Report

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

Councilor Ryti highlighted vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilor Hand and Councilor Lepsch highlighted vacancies on the County Health Council.

Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

C. Board, Commission, and Committee Liaison Reports

Councilor Hand reported on the North Central Regional Transportation District Board Meeting, North Central Regional Transportation District Finance Subcommittee, the Los Alamos County Financial Audit, candidate interviews for the Art in Public Places Board vacancies, the orientation for newly elected county councilors, the Better-Informed Public Officials (BIPO) conference and the New Mexico Edge County College, and the upcoming Tourism Implementation Task Force Meeting.

Councilor Ryti reported on the Energy Communities Alliance.

D. County Manager's Report

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, wished everyone a happy new year, welcomed the new councilors, and reported on the two new agenda items, the upcoming strategic planning meeting, the legislative dinner, the Leisure Lagoon, the Social Services Manager recruitment, the passing away of Homer the goose, the Los Alamos County Stables, and the Small Business Recovery Assistance Program (ARPA).

E. COVID-19 Situational Report

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, provided an update.

F. Council Chair Report

None.

G. General Council Business

Consent Item 8.A.

Approval of County Council Minutes for the December 6, 2022 Regular Session and the December 13, 2022 Regular Session

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council approve the County Council Minutes for the December 6, 2022 Regular Session and the December 13, 2022 Regular Session as amended.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

Abstain: 2 - Councilor Cull and Councilor Havemann

H. Approval of Councilor Expenses

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council approve councilor expenses associated with attending the Waste Management Conference in Phoenix and for the Federal Legislative Committee to attend meetings in Washington D.C.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti

I. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Derkacs highlighted upcoming items.

Councilor Ryti highlighted upcoming items.

11. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Ryti congratulated the new council leadership.

Councilor Derkacs thanked Councilor Ryti for his work as Chair.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Denise Derkacs, Council Chair

Attest:

Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Ubaldo Barela, Deputy Clerk