

Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

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

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central Avenue

TELEVISED

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1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Sara Scott, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

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

Remote: 1 - Councilor Martin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by all.

3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Sheehey, that Council approve the following statement for inclusion in the minutes: "The matters discussed in the closed sessions held on September 23, 2019 that began at 12:00 p.m. and on September 24, 2019 that began at 5:00 p.m. were limited only to the topics specified in the notice of the closed sessions, and no action was taken on any matter in the closed sessions."

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Government Finance Officers Association Award for FY2019 Budget

Ms. Helen Perraglio, Chief Financial Officer, spoke.

Councilor Izraelevitz presented the award.

B. Proclamation declaring the Month of October as "The People's Eco Challenge Month" in Los Alamos County

Councilor Robinson read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joshua Levings, Senior Office Specialist.

C. Proclamation declaring the Week of October 6-12, 2019 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Los Alamos County

Councilor Maggiore read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joseph Baca, LAFD Safety Division Chief.

Mr. Baca spoke.

D. Proclamation declaring the Month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Los Alamos County

Councilor Ryti read and presented the proclamation to Police Chief Dino Sgambellone.

Chief Sgambellone spoke.

E. Proclamation declaring the Month of October "Drug Free Month" in Los Alamos County

Councilor Sheehey read and presented the proclamation to Police Chief Dino Sgambellone.

Chief Sgambellone spoke.

F. Briefing to Council by Aaron Walker, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board

Mr. Walker, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board, spoke.

No action taken.

RECESS

Councilor Scott called for a recess at 7:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 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 Izraelevitz, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented and that the motions contained in the staff reports be included for the record.

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-24: A Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2020 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Non-Potable Water System Projects

I move that Council adopt Resolution 19-24; A Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2020 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Non-Potable Water System Projects.

- B. State Approval of County Budget

Local budgets approved by the Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) are required by State Statute to be made a part of the minutes of that local body. Therefore, the letter with the approved budget from DFA is being provided here so that it may be incorporated into the minutes. No further Council action is required.

- C. Consideration of Budget Revision 2020-12 and 2020-08 (Budget Carryovers)

I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2020-12 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 2020-08 as summarized on attachment.

- D. County Council Minutes for September 10, 2019

I move that Council approve the County Council Minutes for September 10, 2019.

- E. Approval to Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Labor Management Relations Board

I move that Council approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Labor Management Relations Board with terms ending August 31, 2020; Nathan "Trey" Frazier as the Labor Representative, Felicia Orth as the Management Representative, and Epifano "Eppie" Trujillo as the representative jointly selected by the Management and Labor nominees.

F. Approval of Revisions to Personnel Rules and Regulations 309, 602, 712, 720, 720.1, and 722.3

I move that Council approve the revisions to Personnel Rules and Regulations 309, 602, 712, 720, 720.1, and 722.3 as set out herein.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

9. BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Property Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2019 as Certified by the State Department of Finance and Administration

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

A motion was made by Councilor Maggiore, seconded by Councilor Robinson, that Council adopt the official 2019 Certificate of Property Tax Rates prepared by the State Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division shown in Attachment A and forward notification of this adoption to the County Assessor.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

B. Approval of AGR20-917 Water Sales Agreement for Water Services to Los Alamos National Laboratory - 89233119CNA000103

Mr. Philo Shelton, Utilities Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council approve AGR20-917 Water Sales Agreement for Water Services to Los Alamos National Laboratory - 89233119CNA000103 and authorize the Utilities Manager to execute all documents necessary to finalize the agreement.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

10. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Appointments

None.

## B. Board, Commission and Committee Liaison Reports

Councilor Sheehey reported on the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD).

Councilor Ryti reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.  
(Handout provided for the record)

Councilor Izraelevitz reported on the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC).

## C. County Manager's Report

### 1) County Manager's Report for September 2019

County Manager Harry Burgess reported on the annual maintenance activities at the Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center and at Ashley Pond; reuse of materials from the Diamond Drive Construction Project; the Health Commons opening; upcoming review of Recreation Projects; activities of the Zero Waste Team; activities of current fire cadet recruitment class; the NM Department of Transportation Trinity Drive Project; the process to fill the recently vacated New Mexico Senate District 6 seat; and the recruitment efforts for the Census Count Committee.

## D. Council Chair Report

Chair Scott reported on the recent ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Health Commons and Rigoberto's in White Rock; on a focus group discussion regarding early childhood issues in Los Alamos; her attendance at the recent North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) Board meeting; and on a meeting with Los Alamos Medical Center leadership regarding egress, traffic and safety issues, and overall support from the County; and her upcoming tour of the El Vado Hydroelectric Facility.

## E. General Council Business

None.

## F. Approval of Councilor Expenses

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Sheehey, to approve travel expenses for Councilor Ryti to attend the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, November 19-21, 2019.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

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

## G. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Ryti requested an item related to the sustainability of trees in the community be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Councilor Maggiore requested an item related to the health of trees in the county and possible tree replacement plan be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Councilor Robinson requested an item related to fruit trees and their attractiveness to wildlife animals, such as bears, and possible consideration of a tree master plan be placed on an upcoming agenda.

11. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Sara C. Scott, Council Chair

Attest:

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Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Adrianna Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk

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August 26, 2019

The Honorable Sara Scott  
Los Alamos County  
1000 Central Ave. Suite 300  
Los Alamos, NM, 87544

Dear Commissioner Scott:

The final budget for your local government entity for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, as approved by your governing body, has been examined and reviewed. The Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division (LGD) finds it has been developed in accordance with applicable statutes and budgeting guidelines, and sufficient resources appear to be available to cover budgeted expenditures. In addition, the *Budget Certification of Local Public Bodies* rule, 2.2.3 NMAC, requires that your entity's audit or "Agreed Upon Procedures" (per the *Tier System Reporting* rule, 2.2.2.16 NMAC) for Fiscal Year 2018 should have been submitted to the Office of the State Auditor as of this time. The LGD's information indicates that you are in compliance with this requirement. Therefore, in accordance with Section 6-6-2E NMSA 1978, the LGD certifies your entity's final Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

Please take note that state statute requires all revenue sources be expended only for public purposes, and if applicable, in accordance with the Procurement Code, Chapter 13, Article 1, NMSA 1978. Use of public revenue is governed by Article 9, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, commonly referred to as the anti-donation clause.

Budgets approved by the LGD are required to be made a part of the minutes of your governing body according to Section 6-6-5 NMSA 1978. In addition, Section 6-6-6 NMSA 1978 provides that the approved budget is binding on local officials and governing authorities; and any official or governing authority approving claims or paying warrants in excess of the approved budget or available funds will be liable for the excess amounts.

Finally, as required by Section 6-6-2H NMSA 1978, LGD is required to approve all budget increases and transfers between funds not included in the final approved budget via submission on the Local Government Budget Management System (LGBMS).

If you have questions regarding this matter, please call Erica Cummings of my staff at 505-827-4127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnie J. Quintana".

Donnie J. Quintana, Director  
Local Government Division

xc: file

Los Alamos County Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 24, 2019  
Item 8.B.

**State of New Mexico  
 Local Government Budget Management System (LGBMS)**

**Budget Recap - Fiscal Year 2019-2020  
 Los Alamos County (Incorporated) - Final - Approved**

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Fund	Cash	Investments	Revenues	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance	Reserves	Adjusted Balance
11000 General Operating Fund	21,033,155.00	973,975.00	71,646,216.00	-8,446,702.00	61,128,361.00	24,078,283.00	5,094,030.08	18,984,252.92
20300 County Property Valuation	640,302.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	235,860.00	579,442.00	0.00	579,442.00
20400 County Road	70,361.00	0.00	580,000.00	0.00	580,000.00	70,361.00	0.00	70,361.00
20600 Emergency Medical Services	795.00	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	10,500.00	795.00	0.00	795.00
20900 Fire Protection	110,445.00	0.00	480,000.00	0.00	480,000.00	110,445.00	0.00	110,445.00
21100 Law Enforcement Protection	11,799.00	0.00	40,400.00	0.00	52,199.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21400 Lodgers' Tax	547,028.00	0.00	354,500.00	0.00	372,031.00	529,497.00	0.00	529,497.00
22000 Indigent Fund	363,642.00	0.00	2,156,000.00	317,000.00	2,703,334.00	133,308.00	0.00	133,308.00
22300 DWI Fund	49,928.00	0.00	99,500.00	9,950.00	111,259.00	48,119.00	0.00	48,119.00
22500 Clerks Recording & Filing Fund	95,013.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.00	26,700.00	100,313.00	0.00	100,313.00
29900 Other Special Revenue	8,532,699.00	12,300.00	112,300.00	-161,500.00	2,832,061.00	5,663,738.00	0.00	5,663,738.00
39900 Other Capital Projects	25,231,208.00	27,000,999.00	5,597,000.00	5,302,000.00	9,312,000.00	53,819,207.00	0.00	53,819,207.00
40200 GRT Revenue Bond Debt Service	276,820.00	34,949.00	11,000.00	4,550,759.00	4,550,759.00	322,769.00	0.00	322,769.00
50200 Solid Waste Enterprise	1,135,040.00	726,940.00	4,552,502.00	0.00	4,495,493.00	1,918,989.00	0.00	1,918,989.00
50400 Airport Enterprise	629,065.00	0.00	1,230,750.00	412,861.00	1,606,196.00	666,480.00	0.00	666,480.00
51600 Fire Enterprise	3,910,274.00	0.00	28,505,766.00	-2,082,000.00	27,167,663.00	3,166,377.00	0.00	3,166,377.00
52100 Joint Utility	11,910,232.00	20,083,848.00	67,152,339.00	-702,368.00	63,535,904.00	34,908,147.00	0.00	34,908,147.00
53200 Transit Enterprise	1,725,889.00	0.00	3,755,265.00	800,000.00	5,073,561.00	1,207,593.00	0.00	1,207,593.00

<b>69900 Other Internal Service</b>	16,264,610.00	8,784.00	16,486,599.00	0.00	15,324,564.00	17,435,429.00	0.00	17,435,429.00
<b>79900 Other Trust &amp; Agency</b>	650,572.00	16,714.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667,286.00	0.00	667,286.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93,188,877.00</b>	<b>48,858,509.00</b>	<b>202,977,637.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>199,598,445.00</b>	<b>145,426,578.00</b>	<b>5,094,030.08</b>	<b>140,332,547.92</b>

## Budget Revision 2020-12

Council Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2019

	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Org Object</b>	<b>Revenue (decrease)</b>	<b>Expenditures (decrease)</b>	<b>Transfers In(Out)</b>	<b>Fund Balance (decrease)</b>
1	General Fund - PW Engineering & Proj Mgmt ArcGIS Pro Training	01170210 83xx	\$ -	\$ 10,160	\$ -	\$ (10,160)
2	General Fund - PW Custodial Replace/Repair Floor Coverings at Mesa Library	01172210 8359	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ (45,000)
3	General Fund - CDD Housing Study	01145050 83xx	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ (100,000)
4	General Fund - Library GO Bonds	01151520 8519	\$ -	\$ 13,472	\$ -	\$ (13,472)
5	General Fund - Library Collections Carryover	01151030 8519	\$ -	\$ 12,195	\$ -	\$ (12,195)
6	General Fund - Library Friends of the Library from FY19 donations	01151510 8519	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ (50,000)
7	Property Tax Valuation Fund Eagleweb Software	18212220 8369	\$ -	\$ 16,460	\$ -	\$ (16,460)
8	Fleet Fund - Vehicles planned but not purchased in FY2019 for Environmental Services	72374200 8839	\$ -	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ (340,000)
9	Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site Improvements	61173010 8359	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ (30,000)
10	Environmental Services Ventilation System	61173010 8333	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ (80,000)
11	Environmental Services Equipment for Roll-off Truck to service compactor	61173010 8359	\$ -	\$ 6,200	\$ -	\$ (6,200)
12	Environmental Services Mixed Recycling Services (contract approved by Council on 9/10/19)	61173010 8369	\$ -	\$ 34,090	\$ -	\$ (34,090)
13	Economic Development Fund Ski Hill Water Project	17130690 9631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
14	Water Production Fund Ski Hill Water Project	54285699 7617	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
15	General Fund - ASD & HR Labor for Limited Term, Temp and Overtime for ERP Upgrade	011xxxxx 8142 8219	\$ -	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ (105,000)

## Budget Revision 2020-12

Council Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2019

**Description:** The purpose of this budget revision is to carryover budgeted amounts from FY2019 that were not encumbered or spent as of June 30, 2019, but will be spent during FY2020.

**Fiscal Impact:** The impact on the General Fund is to increase expenditures and decrease fund balance by \$335,827. The impact on the Fleet Fund is to increase expenditures and decrease fund balance by \$340,000. The impact on the Property Tax Valuation Fund is to increase expenditures and decrease fund balance by \$16,460. The impact on the Environmental is to increase expenditures and decrease fund balance by \$150,290. The impact on the Economic Development Fund is to increase transfers out and decrease fund balance by \$2 million. The impact on the Water Production Fund is to increase both transfers in and expenditures by \$2 million.

### Budget Revision 2020-08

BPU Meeting Date: Aug 21, 2019

Council Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2019

	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Org</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Expenditures (decrease)</b>	<b>Fund Balance (decrease)</b>
1	Utilities - Water Distribution	New valve installs at DOE Contract Delivery locations	54185420	8369	\$ 25,000	\$ (25,000)
2	Utilities - Water Production	Storage Tank Tools, Supplies and Equipment for Upgrades	54285610	8579	\$ 20,000	\$ (20,000)
3	Utilities - Water Production	Storage tank regulatory compliance upgrades	54285635	8839	\$ 7,000	\$ (7,000)
4	Utilities - Water Production	HSQ Programing of Otowi and Guaje Sub-Systems	54285640	8559	\$ 90,930	\$ (90,930)
5	Utilities - Water Production	NP Meter Upgrades, programing, and reporting	54285645	8369	\$ 75,000	\$ (75,000)
6	Utilities - Water Production	Storage tank equipment upgrades	54285645	8369	\$ 40,000	\$ (40,000)
7	Utilities - Water Production	HSQ Programing of Otowi and Guaje Sub-Systems	54285645	8369	\$ 16,921	\$ (16,921)
8	Utilities - Wastewater	GIS Upgrades	55185510	8369	\$ 27,330	\$ (27,330)
9	Utilities - Wastewater	Computer System upgrades, Blower Install, Compost Pad expansion, Dechlor Upgrades	55185525	8369	\$ 320,000	\$ (320,000)
10	Utilities - Electric Distribution	AMI (AGR19-912) and Contingency, Tax, and Remaining Contact AMT	51285299	8839	\$ 409,816	\$ (409,816)
11	Utilities - Gas	AMI (AGR19-912) and Contingency, Tax, and Remaining Contact AMT	53185399	8839	\$ 350,679	\$ (350,679)
12	Utilities - Water Distribution	AMI (AGR19-912) and Contingency, Tax, and Remaining Contact AMT	54185499	8839	\$ 282,553	\$ (282,553)
13	Utilities - Water Production	Otowi Well #2 - Well House and Equipment Design and Construction	54285699	8369	\$ 1,680,561	\$ (1,680,561)
14	Utilities - Water Production	LA Reservoir Road Stabilization Project	54285699	8369	\$ 1,630,000	\$ (1,630,000)
15	Utilities - Water Production	Pajarito Well #5 MCC Replacement (AGR19-12) and Contingency	54285699	8369	\$ 53,657	\$ (53,657)
16	Utilities - Water Production	Pajarito Well #4 Motor Replacement (AGR19-39 Wagner) and Contingency	54285699	8369	\$ 53,657	\$ (53,657)
17	Utilities - Electric Distribution	Crown and LASS SUBSTATION delayed due to LANL	51285299	8369	\$ 178,641	\$ (178,641)

## Budget Revision 2020-08

**BPU Meeting Date: Aug 21, 2019**

**Council Meeting Date: Sep 24, 2019**

18	Utilities - Electric Distribution	Unspent URD captial project funds carryover request for NM 502 Project	51285299	8369	\$ 500,000	\$ (500,000)
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**Description:** The purpose of this budget revision is to carryover budget authority to FY2020 for various Utilities projects and for operational expenditures. These projects were not completed in FY2019 and are planned for FY2020. There isn't a valid encumbrance at June 30, 2019 and the projects were not rebudgeted in FY2020. A brief descriptions for each carryover request is shown above in the third column. For the AMI Project, Council approved a total project of \$6,531,430 which included contingency but excluded GRT. However, the budget revision approved at the same meeting did not include either the contingency or GRT which is included in this request.

**Fiscal Impact:** The impact on the Joint Utilities Fund is to increase expenditures and decrease fund balance by \$5,761,745.

## **Golfers Concerns Regarding Maintenance at the Golf Course**

### **Purpose:**

We would like to bring to your attention the deteriorating conditions at the Los Alamos Golf Course. This is in response to the, "GOLFER'S QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING NEW ROUGH CUT LINES" that was handed out to golfers on the weekend of August 10. We would like to ensure that the Parks and Recreation department and county counsel understand the severity of the maintenance problem at the golf course. Many of us have been playing at this course for over 20 years, some over 30 years, and have never seen this level of poor conditions. Golf course staff have informed us that they have made repeated requests for staffing augmentation to help address the issues with no response.

Below are specific details as well as observations and recommendations for your consideration in resolving this issue.

### **Course Conditions**

#### Grass

The grass throughout the golf course is too long and in many instances not being mowed at all. This results in a shaggy overgrown course that does not lend itself to golf play. The fairway, rough and greens are not mowed low enough or frequently enough to make play enjoyable or provide even a second-class experience. It is especially annoying since this is the first year in a long time that we enjoyed a wet winter and fairly good precipitation as well a new water supply system (the storage tank and delivery system for the affluent water).

#### Roughs

Many locations on the golf course are no longer mowed or mowed so infrequently they are 6 to 10 inches high in the grass rough and up to 2 feet high in the natural areas. These areas include what used to be considered natural rough areas and first cut rough which is grass that is usually kept at 2.5 times the height of the fairway. These overgrown conditions result in an above average golfer (0 -5 handicap) losing 1 or more balls on average per round and an average golfer (5-15 handicap) losing 2 or more balls per round. The loss of a ball typically raises the golfer's score by 2 strokes, reducing the enjoyment and interest of the golfer. It also increases the time it takes to play a round and reduces the enjoyment of the experience.

The grass and weeds in the natural areas is so long (12 to 24 inches high) and thick that it is essentially impossible to find the ball once it enters these areas. This is too big of a penalty for a shot that may only miss the fairway by 10 yards. In the previous 20 to 30 years these areas have been maintained at a height that punishes the offline shot by providing a poor lie but not a lost ball. These overgrown areas can be found within 10 yards of the fairway on holes 3, 4, 5, 11,12,13,15,16, and 18.

Grass found in the grass rough, next to the fairway is kept well above 6 inches (much longer than the USGA recommended 1.5 to 2 inches). Many locations of the grass

rough have not been mowed for weeks and are so long that balls are often lost in them because it takes too long to locate them and play is held up on the course.

Recently a survey was provided, "GOLFER'S QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING NEW ROUGH CUT LINES" (referenced in the purpose statement above) to get golfers input if it is worth mowing many of these areas that are so long. Again these areas look bad, cause play to be slowed down, often result in a lost ball and reduce the enjoyment of the experience. The golf course has a long established course maintenance document that is not being followed. This document establishes the height of the greens, fairways and roughs.

### Fairways

Grass in the fairways are currently and have been throughout the summer at 1 to 1.5 inches long and well above the USGA recommended 0.35 – 0.5 inches. The goal should be to provide golfers with a clean lie in the fairway so the ball sits up with little grass between the ball and the club at impact allowing the club to impact the ball before the turf and allowing the golfer to impart more spin and control. However the grass in the fairways is so long it sits down in the grass almost like being on the rough resulting in poor shots and diminishing the enjoyment of the game. Also noticeable when walking the fairways is how uneven the cut is and areas where it appears the mower is not cutting. The grass is cut so infrequently that it is not possible to make clean cut in one pass. <https://www.usga.org/course-care/forethegolfer/2019/finding-the-right-fairway-height.html>

### Putting Greens

Grass on the greens is so long that some players have seen the line of the putt after the ball is rolled which results from the ball making a rut in the grass as it proceeds to the hole. Golfers throughout the round are in disbelief at how slow the greens are and how hard one has to hit the putt. Golfers visiting from out of town have never encountered such slow greens. The USGA recommends keeping the greens at a speed of 8ft to 10ft on the Stimpmeter. It is unlikely our greens are above 5 ft. Some days the greens speed is faster but golfers should expect consistency in the speed of the greens. This more than anything makes the round painfully discouraging because the resulting number of extra strokes is disheartening.

### Tee Boxes

Grass on the tee boxes is for the most part acceptable, too long but livable, since one can tee the ball up. Par three tee boxes can be a problem since the ball is kept low and can be impacted by the long grass. Recently damage from Ravens has caused serious damage to many of the tee boxes and fairways and there does not appear to be any action to mitigate this problem like controlling the grubs or borers the Ravens are after.

### Pin Locations

The location of the pin on the greens is not moved for periods of a week or more. Typically this is done daily or every other day for purposes of making the course more interesting for regular players and to reduce the wear on the green in and around the hole.

### Sand Traps

Sand traps are periodically groomed although the frequency should be daily. The quality of the greens in general are very poor and the county should consider how to improve the sand traps for the long term.

### General Condition of Facilities

The areas around the putting green, cart storage, first tee box are suffering from inattention. Flowers are not maintained, weeds are prevalent and if not for the wet summer weather the grass would be brown and dry. This gives the initial impression that there is no care given to maintenance of the facility in general.

### **Observations**

#### 1. Resources

Recently it was communicated in the, "GOLFER'S QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING NEW ROUGH CUT LINES" that the golf course does not have the resources to mow the golf course properly. Further it was suggested that more people are needed to mow the grass and take care of the course properly and it will take too long to get such resources - so get use to the poor conditions.

SUGGESTION: Since the Golf Course is under the Parks and Recreation Director, can labor resources from the parks maintenance be utilized as necessary to support the needs of the golf course to get conditions under control and help with mowing requirements as needed through out the year. This way a base labor force can be in place at the course and as conditions change requiring additional resources they can be augmented by Parks laborers.

SUGGESTION: The County has equipment that is used to mow the areas along major roads such as San Ildefonso to cut down weeds and growth that get very thick and high. This equipment would seem to be perfect for cutting the overgrown weed areas that are near the fairways. It would probably take one or two days to cut these areas with those machines and would not need cutting again for more than a month - if that. This is a county resource that could be made available for the golf course to periodically cut these areas. This seems to be a way to most efficiently use equipment and labor to meet the needs of the County. The county also has staff that cut the ball fields, parks and other open spaces around the county. This staff should be available to the golf course in times of need.

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SUGGESTION: Identify a path which will allow for volunteer help. Many of us would gladly volunteer to help out at the course with improvement projects or to help mow. This is a pretty large resource.

Conclusion:

We would like to see the County and Parks and Recreation Department put a plan in place that would provide the necessary labor and equipment in maintaining the course.

We the undersigned agree and support the comments, observations and suggestions provided above:

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