



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### County Council - Regular Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544  
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*Randall Ryti, Council Chair; James Robinson, Vice-Chair; Denise Derkacs; David Izraelevitz;  
David Reagor; Sara Scott, and Sean Williams, Councilors*

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 concerns, meeting will  
be conducted remotely.  
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#### 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 7 - Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti, Councilor Scott, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Reagor, Councilor Derkacs and Councilor Williams**

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting due to COVID-19.

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, listed the County employees in attendance.  
Ms. Danielle Duran, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, spoke.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Jones, no address given, commented on parking at the Los Alamos Reservoir.

Mr. Marcel Remeillieux, 143 Camino Medio, commented on landlords maintaining their property to code.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Ryti requested item 7.C be removed from the Consent Agenda and added under Business. There were no objections.

**A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Scott, that the agenda be approved as amended.**

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

**5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [15069-21](#) Proclamation declaring Saturday, Nov. 27 as "Small Business Saturday" in Los Alamos (accepted by Ryn Herrmann, Executive Director, Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce)

Councilor Derkacs read and presented the proclamation to Ms. Ryn Herrmann, Executive Director, Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Herrmann spoke.

- B. [15070-21](#) Proclamation declaring Tuesday, November 30, 2021 as "Giving Tuesday" in Los Alamos County accepted by United Way of Northern New Mexico (Monica Griego, Executive Director) and Los Alamos Community Foundation

Councilor Izraelevitz read and presented the proclamation to Ms. Monica Griego, Executive Director, United Way and Ms. Rachel Kizielewicz, Los Alamos Community Foundation.

Ms. Griego spoke.

Ms. Kizielewicz spoke.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consent Motion -**

**A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Derkacs, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.**

- A. [15126-21](#) Board/Commission Appointment - Environmental Sustainability Board

**I nominate Jessie Emerson to fill one partial term vacancy, on the Environmental Sustainability Board the term began on August 1, 2020 and will end July 31, 2022.**

- B. [15127-21](#) Board/Commission Appointments - Community Development Advisory Board

**I nominate David Hanson and Anna Solomon to fill two vacant positions on the Community Development Advisory Board and move that Council appoint Mr. Hanson and Ms. Solomon to the Community Development Advisory Board for terms that begin August 15, 2019, and end on August 14, 2023.**

- C. [15145-21](#) Consideration of Revisions to the Council Procedural Rules

*Item pulled for further discussion under Business.*

Approval of Consent Agenda

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

## 8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- A. [CO0620-21](#) Incorporated County Of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-321, An Ordinance Amending the text of Chapter 16, Article I Section 9, and Article VII Section 288 and adding a new Section 289, to adopt local regulations for cannabis retail sales and amending the text of Article VII Section 277 regarding home occupations.

Councilor Williams introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-321 and asked the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter and further moved that the public Hearing for this Ordinance be set for December 7, 2021.

- B. [OR0930-21](#) Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-323, An Ordinance Providing for the Registration of Vacant Commercial Buildings within the County of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Establishing Registration Requirements and Fees and Providing the Collection Thereof; Fixing Penalties for the Violation Thereof and Providing for the Enforcement Thereof

Councilor Derkacs introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-323, An Ordinance Providing for the Registration of Vacant Commercial Buildings within the County of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Establishing Registration Requirements and Fees and Providing the Collection Thereof; Fixing Penalties for the Violation Thereof and Providing for the Enforcement Thereof, and asked staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter and further moved that the public Hearing for this Ordinance be set for January 25, 2022 and that there be held at least one town hall meeting to gather additional public input prior to that date.

## 9. BUSINESS

A. [15115-21](#) Approval of Art in Public Places Board Recommendation for Proposal for Art at the Walkup Aquatic Center Leisure Lagoon

Ms. Katherine Hudspeth, Senior Management Analyst, presented.  
Father Theophan, Art in Public Places Board, spoke.  
Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.  
Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:  
None.

**A motion was made by Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Reagor, that Council postpone recommending this proposed art for the Leisure Lagoon, pending further discussion with staff and the Art in Public Places Board about process and come back to Council with a summary of that process for the proposed art for the Leisure Lagoon.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

B. [15065-21](#) Discussion on Potential Uses of the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) Settlement Funds

Mr. Steven Lynne, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:  
Mr. Aaron Walker, White Rock, spoke.

**No action taken.**

## **RECESS**

**Councilor Ryti called for recess at 7:51 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.**

## **Consent Item 7.C**

Consideration of Revisions to the Council Procedural Rules

Councilor Izraelevitz presented.

Public Comment:  
Mr. Antonio Maggiore, no address given, spoke.  
Mr. Aaron Walker, White Rock, spoke.  
Mr. Jason Gochanour, no address given, spoke.  
Ms. Brandi Engeman, 355 Kayenta, spoke.

**A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Derkacs, that Council revise the Council Procedural Rules as indicated in Attachment A.**

After further discussion Councilor Izraelevitz withdrew his motion.

**10. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Appointments**

None.

**B. Board, Commission and Committee Liaison Reports**

Councilor Scott reported on the Racial Inclusivity Task Force and the Community Development Advisory Board.  
Councilor Reagor reported on the North Mesa Housing Committee and the Lodgers Tax Advisory Committee.  
Councilor Robinson reported on the BPU and the DPU Policy Committee.  
Councilor Derkacs reported on North Mesa Housing Committee.

**C. County Manager's Report**

1) [14421-21](#) County Manager's Report for November 2021

County Manager Steven Lynne reported on the monthly and quarterly update, the NM County Manager's Affiliate Meeting, the community vaccine clinic for kids, and the broadband manager search.

**D. Council Chair Report**

Chair Ryti reported on a meeting with the Los Alamos Medical Center, a meeting with constituents regarding operational issues, the Hills Apartments groundbreaking, a technical workgroup meeting, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities quarterly meeting, the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) recap and a Challenge Tomorrow event.

**E. General Council Business**

None.

**F. Approval of Councilor Expenses**

**A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Derkacs, to approve travel expenses for the National Clean-up Workshop and the ECA (Energy Communities Alliance) meeting.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

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

**G. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items**

Councilor Ryti asked for an update on the State Legislative Committee recommendations.

**11. COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Izraelevitz commented on the role of a Council Liaison.

Councilor Reagor commented on in person meetings rather than zoom meetings.

Councilor Robinson commented on the discussions held earlier on the Art in Public Places Board.

Councilor Williams commented on the motion passed earlier regarding the Art in Public Places Board.

Councilor Ryti commented on the Art in Public Places Board, enriching public spaces, and working for the people.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Aaron Walker, White Rock, commented on the dealings within the various Boards and Commissions that report to the County Council.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Randall T. Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

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Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed By: Victoria L. Martinez, Senior Deputy Clerk