



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### County Council - Regular Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544  
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Tuesday, November 17, 2020

6:00 PM

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#### 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 6 - Councilor Maggiore, Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Sheehey,  
Councilor Robinson, Councilor Ryti and Councilor Scott**

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

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

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, listed the County employees in attendance.

#### 3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

November 17, 2020 Closed Session Motion

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Izraelevitz, that  
Council approve the following statement for inclusion in the minutes: "The  
matters discussed in the closed session held on November 17, 2020 that began at  
4:30 p.m. were limited only to those topics specified in the notice of the closed  
session, and no action was taken on any matter in that closed session."

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Lydia Clark, Santa Fe resident, spoke regarding plutonium pit production.  
Mr. Benji Bonnet, Santa Fe resident, spoke regarding the recruitment of youth to the plutonium pit production.  
Ms. Katherine Shera, Santa Fe resident, spoke regarding the recruitment of youth to the plutonium pit production.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

**6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. [13531-20](#) Proclamation declaring Saturday, Nov. 28 as "Small Business Saturday" in Los Alamos (accepted by Ryn Herrmann, Exec. Dir. Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce)

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

Ms. Herrmann spoke.

- B. [13480-20](#) Presentation by NNSA and EM representatives regarding Middle DP Road and discussion of other topics of interest.

Mr. Kirk Lachman, Department of Energy (DOE), Manager of the Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA), spoke.

Mr. Mike Weiss, Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) Field Office Manager, spoke.

Mr. Brian Harcek, DOE Senior Health Physicist, spoke.

Mr. Pete Maggiore, DOE/NNSA, spoke.

No action taken.

- C. [13479-20](#) Presentation by Kelly Beierschmitt, Deputy Director, Operations, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Mr. Kelly Beierschmitt, Deputy Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), spoke.

Mr. Mike Weiss, DOE/NNSA Field Office Manager, spoke.

No action taken.

## RECESS

Councilor Scott called a recess at 8:51 p.m. the meeting reconvened at 9:01 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 Maggiore, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as amended, and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.

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

- A. [13278-20](#) Approval of County Council Minutes for October 20, 2020, October 27, 2020, and October 29, 2020

I move that Council approve County Council Minutes for October 20, 2020, October 27, 2020, as amended, and October 29, 2020.

- B. [13460-20](#) Approval of Deaccession of Public Works of Art by Mel Prueitt

I move that the County Council approve the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Board regarding the deaccession of three public works of art by Mel Prueitt.

- C. [13511-20](#) Approval of APP Board Recommendation Related to Proposal for the Cleaning and Restoration of Five (5) Rugs Hanging in Fuller Lodge

I move that the County Council approve the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Board regarding the cleaning a restoration of the following five rugs hanging in Fuller Lodge, "Hispanic Weaving - Rug II", "Hispanic Weaving - Rug III", Hispanic Weaving - Rug IV", Hispanic Weaving - Rug V", and "Hispanic Weaving - Rug VI", by Rug Repair Restoration LLC with a total cost not to exceed \$1,360 which does include a contingency budget.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

I move that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record; or,

I move that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions contained in the staff reports, as amended, be included for the record.

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

**9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- A. [CO0595-20b](#) Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-309 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-112, Adjusting the Compensation of The County Clerk As Provided For By Statute  
Councilor Robinson spoke.

Public Comment:  
None.

**A motion was made by Councilor Sheehey, seconded by Councilor Maggiore, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-309 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-112, Adjusting the Compensation Of The County Clerk As Provided For By Statute and ask the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.**

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

**10. COUNCIL BUSINESS****A. Appointments**

None.

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

Councilor Robinson reported on the Community Development Advisory Board.  
Councilor Izraelevitz reported on the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.  
Councilor Martin reported on the Parks and Recreation Board.  
Councilor Sheehey reported on the Transportation Board; a meeting of the National Sister Cities organization; and the boards he currently sits on to assist Council with a succession plan.  
Councilor Ryti reported on the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) meeting, and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau meeting.

**C. County Manager's Report**

1) [13388-20](#) County Manager's Report for November 2020

County Manager Harry Burgess reported COVID-19 updates; submissions for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding; and an overview of the financial update included in the packet.

**D. Council Chair Report**

Chair Scott reported on the Manhattan National Historic Park 5th anniversary celebration; the NMED meeting; and the League of Women Voter's Meeting.

**E. General Council Business**

None.

**F. Approval of Councilor Expenses**

None.

**G. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items**

None.

**11. COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Ryti commented on COVID-19 cases; the Governor's public health order; supporting local businesses; and possible COVID-19 vaccines.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Scott made closing comments.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 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: Victoria L. Martinez, Senior Deputy Clerk