

**LINKED MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
ON FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.**

Present:	Dale Janway	Mayor
	Lisa A. Anaya Flores	Councilor
	Edward T. Rodriguez	Councilor
	Sandra K. Nunley	Councilor
	Wesley A. Carter	Councilor
	Jason Shirley	Councilor
	Richard Doss	Councilor
	Janell E. Whitlock	Councilor
Absent:	J. R. Doporto	Councilor
Also Present:	Steve McCutcheon	City Administrator
	Stephanie Shumsky	Deputy City Administrator
	Eileen P. Riordan	City Attorney
	Annette Barrick	City Clerk
	Monica Harris	Finance Director
	Jeff Patterson	Planning, Eng., & Reg. Director
	Luis Camero	Public Works Utilities Director
	Thomas Carlson	Public Works Director
	Richard Lopez	Fire Chief
	Kent D. Waller	Police Chief
	Patsy Jackson-Christopher	Director of Arts & Culture
	Steve Hendley	Director of Parks & Recreation

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0:00:00      **Call Meeting to Order**

0:00:02      Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance

0:00:32      **Mayor Janway welcomed, Ms. Connie Lee with the Carlsbad Current Argus and Mr. Aaron Brewer the Superintendent of the Guadalupe Mountains National Park.**

0:01:08      **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

0:01:10      **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Doss and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve the Agenda

0:01:14       **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Shirley, Carter, Whitlock, Anaya Flores, Doss, Nunley, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Doportto; The motion carried.

0:01:27       **2. SUMMARY OF FACEBOOK COMMENTS REGARDING SOLID WASTE**

**Mr. McCutcheon** explained months ago staff brought items before Council for the overhaul of Solid Waste. He said the Council requested a plan with some detail. He explained tonight the plan will be presented. He added the Mayor was also very clear with the Solid Waste Board to look at efficiency without increasing the costs and to look into ways to reduce cost. He said Carlsbad is one of the highest costs of solid waste collectors in the region. He explained staff and the board understand the direction given. He said in order to reduce costs staff must look at ways to improve efficiency. He said staff has put together a video presentation on the new convenience station, grapppler truck service, and a Facebook page to discuss the convenience station. **Mr. McCutcheon** said Mr. Marksteiner has done an outstanding job of bringing the campaign together with the help of Ms. Shumsky, Mr. Camero, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Ramirez, and the other members of the solid waste team.

0:03:57       **Mr. Marksteiner** explained he is a contractor with the City of Carlsbad. He explained he assists with communication efforts in the community. He introduced Mr. Damian Capello with Red Rocket Video. He said Mr. Capello has assisted with the Facebook aspect and with the video portion. He also thanked Mr. Brewer with Guadalupe Mountains National Park. He said the glass pulverizer at the convenience station is the cornerstone of the process and he is excited about the partnership with Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

**Mr. Marksteiner** explained he spoke with other communities who currently use Facebook. He said it is a great way to get a dialog going. He explained most of the feedback has been very positive. He began the presentation:

- Glass only
- Facebook was used during blizzard for notifications
- Questions asked
- Call in the claw
- Grapppler pickup
- Grand opening for Solid Waste Convenience Drop off Center
- Fact sheet
- Getting word out

0:12:44       **3. VIDEO PRESENTATIONS BY KYLE MARKSTEINER REGARDING SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

0:13:07       **A. Convenience Station**

**Mr. Marksteiner** explained the video currently has 3,277 views. He said there has been an incredible amount of interest from city employees.

0:15:14      **B.      Grappler Truck Service**

**Mr. Marksteiner** showed a video highlighting the following:

- Used for bulk trash
- On call service
- Registering on line for pick up
- Residential only
- 311 landline or 234-7901

0:18:14      **4.      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE TIMELINE**

**Mr. McCutcheon** explained the solid waste fund is an enterprise fund. He said the fund is supposed to be self-sufficient and at this time is not. He said the goal is to improve efficiency so the fund will be self-sufficient. He explained the plan with recommended changes.

0:23:30      **Mr. Camero** explained the service is one of the highest costs in the State but the department provides twice a week service, grapppler service, convenience station service, recycling, landfill service, and lately have added the roll off service. He said the message was very clear and the board has been looking at many ideas. He said staff is looking into leveling off the rates and becoming more productive and efficient. He said the metal containers need to be done away with and added they require never ending maintenance. He asked the Council to consider the plan being presented tonight.

0:27:05      **Mr. Hernandez** said the timeline lays out the future for Solid Waste. He said this will better serve the customers and be more efficient. He said there may be an option for those customers who would need assistance with the roll out containers.

0:31:22      **Mayor Janway** thanked Mr. Camero, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Stanley and the committee for all of the work and the time.

**Mr. Stanley** introduced the members of the committee: Mr. Jim Grantner, Councilor Anaya Flores, Mr. John Beasley, and Mr. Alvin Doporto. **Mr. Stanley** said he would like to address the concern for the disabled. He said he has some friends and family that are disabled and they have expressed excitement about receiving a roll out. He said the roll outs are easier than carrying the trash out to the alley.

**Councilor Whitlock** said she is glad to see that the City is addressing the issue of the elderly and disabled.

**Mr. Stanley** added the roll outs have been tested in several neighborhoods and have not received any complaints.

**Councilor Nunley** asked if there are plans for recycling roll outs. **Mr. Stanley** said the board is working very hard on a City wide recycling program at this time.

**Councilor Rodriguez** asked how the larger businesses and restaurants will be handled. **Mr. McCutcheon** said the commercial pickup will remain the same as it is now. **Mr. McCutcheon** said he would like to add to the recycling question. He said he and some others traveled to El Paso to look at a world class facility, which recycles for everyone in this region. He said the future vision is for everyone to have a roll out and a recycle bin.

0:42:34 **Councilor Carter** asked how much the cost of closing a cell at the landfill is. **Mr. Camero** said the last closing was 1.2 million. **Councilor Carter** added that this plan will also be extending the life of the landfill.

**Councilor Carter** asked if customers with dumpsters in the alley should continue to put trash in the alley for grappler pickup. **Mr. McCutcheon** said for now they can put the trash in the alley, but in the future would like to have all grappler pick up in the front yard. **Councilor Carter** said he has received calls from customers that are concerned about the grappler truck taking out dirt or tearing out sprinkler heads. **Mr. Hernandez** said the biggest part of the grappler truck is education of employees.

0:46:00 **Mayor Janway** said Mr. Marksteiner will be coordinating presentations to civic clubs and senior centers.

0:46:52 **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Doss and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve the Solid Waste Timeline

0:46:57 **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Shirley, Carter, Whitlock, Anaya Flores, Doss, Nunley, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent- Doporto; The motion carried.

0:47:13 **Councilor Shirley** said he has spoken with people who do not have Facebook. He asked Mayor Janway if a town hall meeting could be held to answer questions about Solid Waste before the roll outs in April. **Mayor Janway** agreed that would be a great idea.

**Councilor Shirley** added he would like to see the roll out assistance forms available online.

0:48:15 **5. SET DATE: (FEB. 23, 2016)**

**A. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY EDDY-LEA ENERGY ALLIANCE, LLC, A NEW MEXICO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO JOINT POWERS ACT BY EDDY COUNTY, LEA COUNTY, THE CITY OF CARLSBAD AND THE CITY OF HOBBS**

**("ELEA"); AUTHORIZING ELEA TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A LAND PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL, A DELAWARE CORPORATION; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING ELEA TO SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT TO THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-6-2.1 NMSA 1978**

0:49:07       **Councilor Shirley** explained the ELEA has been working for a long time on this project. He explained ELEA has partnered with Holtec International which is a leading provider of storage of nuclear waste. He explained Holtec agrees to purchase the land for equal or greater to fair market value and obtain all licenses for construction and operation of the land.

0:50:20       **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Shirley and seconded by Councilor Whitlock to approve setting the date of February 23, 2016 for an Ordinance approving the sale of Real Property by Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company formed pursuant to the New Mexico Joint Powers Act by Eddy County, Lea County, the City of Carlsbad and the City of Hobbs ("ELEA"); authorizing ELEA to execute and deliver a Land Purchase Option Agreement with Holtec International, a Delaware Corporation; and Authorizing and Directing ELEA to submit the agreement to the State Board of Finance for approval pursuant to section 13-6-2.1 NMSA 1978

0:50:27       **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Shirley, Carter, Whitlock, Anaya Flores, Doss, Nunley, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Doporto; The motion carried.

0:50:44       **6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilor Doss** said himself, Councilor Shirley, Mr. Volpato, and Mr. Capello attended the Bat Brigade in Santa Fe. He explained they were advocating for the ELEA memorandum being presented before the House and Senate. He said the staff of Senator Martinez office called them in for an extensive discussion on the possibility of the sinkhole sinking and what it would take to repair the sinkhole. He added Senator Martinez is a proponent of getting the sinkhole fixed.

**Mayor Janway** added the committee hearing is set for Wednesday and Thursday.

**Mr. Stanley** said he has a request from the Pecos River Committee for more committee members.

0:53:36       **7. ADJOURN**

0:53:38       **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Whitlock and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to Adjourn

0:53:43        **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Shirley, Carter, Whitlock, Anaya Flores, Doss, Nunley, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Doport; The motion carried.

0:55:14        **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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/s/Dale Janway

Mayor

ATTEST:

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/s/Annette Barrick

City Clerk