

**LINKED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL ANNEX
BUILDING ON JUNE 15, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Present:	Dale Janway	Mayor
	Lisa A. Anaya Flores	Councilor <i>via telephone</i>
	Edward T. Rodriguez	Councilor
	Leo B. Estrada	Councilor
	Jason O. Chavez	Councilor <i>via telephone</i>
	Jason Shirley	Councilor
	Judith E. Waters	Councilor
	Wesley A. Carter	Councilor
	Mark C. Walterscheid	Councilor

Absent:

Also Present:	John Lowe	City Administrator
	Wendy Austin	Deputy City Administrator
	KC Cass	Deputy City Administrator
	Denise Madrid-Boyea	City Attorney
	Nadine Mireles	City Clerk
	Brent Griffith	IT Technician
	Melissa Salcido	Finance Director
	Charlie Garcia	Police Officer

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

0:00:04 Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance

0:00:32 **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

0:00:35 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Carter and seconded by Councilor Estrada to approve the Agenda

0:00:38 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Waters, Carter, Rodriguez, Estrada, Shirley, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:00:58 **2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-32, A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Mrs. Salcido reviewed the revenue and expenditures making certain Budgetary Adjustments to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget highlighting the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund.

0:02:04 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Walterscheid to approve Resolution 2021-32, a Resolution making certain budgetary adjustments to the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget

0:02:10 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Waters, Carter, Rodriguez, Estrada, Shirley, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:02:28 **3. ROUTINE AND REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. City Personnel Report

B. Purchasing

1) Consider Approval to Award Bid 2021-03 to Constructors Inc., for the reconstruction of Cherry Lane from Callaway Drive to Sandy Lane

0:02:52 **Mayor Janway asked Mr. Cass to discuss B.1 Consider Approval to Award Bid 2021-03 to Constructors Inc., for the reconstruction of Cherry Lane from Callaway Drive to Sandy Lane**

Mr. Cass explained this request is to award the Cherry Lane road project to Constructor's Inc. He said there were two bids submitted with Constructor's Inc. being the low bidder and is under budget.

0:03:40 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Carter to approve Consider Approval to Award Bid 2021-03 to Constructors Inc., for the reconstruction of Cherry Lane from Callaway Drive to Sandy Lane

0:03:45 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Waters, Carter, Rodriguez, Estrada, Shirley, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:04:03 **4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-33, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGES TO THE VISITOR POLICY AT THE CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK**

Mayor Janway said over the last few weeks and months there have been numerous complaints about the Carlsbad Caverns National Park and visitor policy.

Mayor Janway asked Councilor Carter to speak about item #4 Approval of Resolution 2021-33, a Resolution supporting changes to the Visitor Policy at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Councilor Shirley explained due to COVID-19 the National Parks had to close and as things are re-opening, there were visitor restrictions. He said some visitors would wait hours to get in, if they got in at all. He said some visitors allocated that day to tour the Caverns and were upset when they didn't get in to tour. He said there was a reservation system put into place, however it was hard to get the word out about needing reservations to get in. He said he feels the Park Service did the best they could with what they had and with the restrictions that were in place. He said the request is to ask the Department of Interior for complete opening of the Caverns or at least a better system. He said tourism is vital to the economy in Carlsbad.

Councilor Rodriguez added there are complaints from foreign nationals, who were not aware of the reservation system and travelled long distances to see the Caverns and were not allowed in. **Mayor Janway** said he heard the same complaints and added something needs to change.

Councilor Walterscheid asked if the Interior Department has said if this is a permanent resolution. **Mayor Janway** answered the Interior Department is using a color code system and the restrictions Governor Lujan-Grisham is using. **Mayor Janway** added because of the unique situation at the Caverns, the City is asking for it to be opened up, and hopes it will be open soon.

0:07:43 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Shirley and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve Approval of Resolution 2021-33, a Resolution supporting changes to the Visitor Policy at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park

0:07:48 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Waters, Carter, Rodriguez, Estrada, Shirley, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:08:07 **5. ADJOURN**

0:08:08 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Anaya-Flores and seconded by Councilor Waters to Adjourn

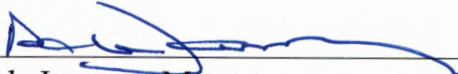
0:08:18 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Waters, Carter, Rodriguez, Estrada, Shirley, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:08:39 **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.





Dale Janway, Mayor



Nadine Mireles, City Clerk