LINKED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE JANELL WHITLOCK MUNICIPAL COMPLEX BUILDING ON MARCH 3, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

Present:

Dale Janway

Mayor Councilor

Edward T. Rodriguez Jason O. Chavez Judith E. Waters Mark C. Walterscheid

Councilor Councilor

Jeff Forrest

Councilor Councilor

Karla Niemeier

Councilor via telephone

Absent:

Lisa A. Anaya Flores

Councilor

Wesley A. Carter

Councilor

Also Present:

John Lowe

City Administrator

K.C. Cass Ted Cordova Deputy City Administrator Deputy City Administrator

Denise Madrid-Boyea

City Attorney
Deputy City Clerk

JoAnne Jaure Mike Abell

Director of Utilities IT Director

Wayne Hatfield
Brent Griffith
Melissa Salcido
John Majerus
Jeff Patterson

IT Technician
Finance Director
Asst. Fire Chief

Shane Skinner

Planning Director Police Chief

Patrick Cass

Public Works Director

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0:00:02

Call Meeting to Order

0:00:06

Invocation – Pledge of Allegiance

0:00:36

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

0:00:38

MOTION

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

0:00:43 **VOTE**

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

0:00:58 2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-06, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE

Councilor/Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Rodriguez explained this bond is for \$90M for construction of a new middle school on the south side of town. He said the district has procured property on Boyd and Kircher. He said taxes will not increase with the approval of this bond. He said the school district will pay off the last bond this year and due to the uptick in oil and gas production this bond will be paid off when the school is finished. He said the middle school population is increasing. He said this bond would be a continuation of the last bond which will continue to build schools and to help make Carlsbad the best place for the oil and gas community to want to live.

Councilor Forrest asked if this new school would only be for kids attending Alta Vista School and if Alta Vista will close down. Councilor Rodriguez said as of now the district isn't sure what they are going to do with Alta Vista, it is a possibility that it could become administrative offices. He said district lines and population will also be considerations as to who will attend the new school.

Councilor Walterscheid asked what his thoughts are of the school being built across from Southeast Ready Mix, as the wind blowing 60 MPH had dirt everywhere, and he feels this is a concern. **Councilor Rodriguez** said Carlsbad land is at a premium and we have to do the best we can do with what we have and the wind could blow 60 MPH anywhere.

Councilor Forrest asked if there are plans to renovate P.R. Leyva Middle School or build another school. **Councilor Rodriguez** said the previous bond was phase I and this bond is phase II and phase III and will continue to improve the school district including JMA.

Councilor Forrest asked if a gym and football field will be built at the new school. **Councilor Rodriguez** said it will depend on the how much the money can get. He added education comes first.

Councilor Niemeier added that Mr. Washburn addressed Alta Vista School yesterday, and said there are plans to build a gym and a football field at the new school.

0:06:18 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Forrest to approve Resolution 2023-06, a Resolution supporting the Carlsbad Municipal Schools Bond Issue

0:06:24 **VOTE**

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

0:06:38 **3. ADJOURN**

0:06:44 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Waters and seconded by Councilor Forrest to Adjourn.

0:06:53 **VOTE**

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

0:07:10 **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Dale Janway, Mayor

Nadine Mireles, City Clerk