

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE JANELL WHITLOCK  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX BUILDING ON MARCH 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present:	Richard D. Lopez	Mayor
	Lisa A. Anaya Flores	Councilor
	Edward T. Rodriguez	Councilor
	Karla Niemeier	Councilor
	Jason O. Chavez	Councilor <i>via phone</i>
	Anthony Foreman	Councilor
	Mark C. Walterscheid	Councilor
	Jeff Forrest	Councilor
	Mary Garwood	Councilor

Absent:

Also Present:	Wendy Austin	Interim City Administrator
	K.C. Cass	Deputy City Administrator
	Denise Madrid-Boyea	City Attorney
	Nadine Mireles	City Clerk
	Jalynn Dominguez	Compliance Clerk
	Angie Barrios-Testa	Director of Grant Programs
	Mike Abell	Director of Utilities
	Wayne Hatfield	IT Director
	Brent Griffith	IT Technician
	Melissa Salcido	Finance Director
	Ken Ahrens	Fire Chief
	Jeff Patterson	Planning Director
	Shane Skinner	Police Chief
	Patrick Cass	Public Works Director
	Charlie Garcia	Police Officer
	Steve McCutcheon	Senator
	Jason Stearns	Citizen
	Jesus Juarez	Citizen
	Paul Orr	Citizen
	Isaiah Romero	Citizen

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0:00:00	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>
0:00:17	Invocation – Pledge of Allegiance

0:00:55        **Mayor Lopez** welcomed Senator Steven McCutcheon. **Mr. McCutcheon** said the legislative session has just been completed. He said there were a few positive and negative things about the session. He said there was a Clean Fuels Act that was put in place, House Bill 41. He said this Act enables the Environment Improvement Board (EIB) to create carbon credits. He said a commodity is created to be able to be traded, purchased and off-set. He said it also requires all transportation fuels to be reduced by a sliding scale of 20-30%. He said this essentially means there is a price per carbon, per metric-ton, that is given and the price ranges. He said within the next few months, all New Mexicans will see an increase in fuel. **Mr. McCutcheon** said paid family medical leave is being put to a stop. **Mr. McCutcheon** said Senate Bill 145 was going to make it illegal for any municipality, county, and the state government to enter into contracts with ICE to house illegal immigrants. He said this Bill did not pass. **Mr. McCutcheon** said there were a few successes and a few failures during the session. He said he believes all of the capital outlay for the City of Carlsbad has stayed in the budget. He said grow monies, formerly known as junior monies, has been allocated to the Fentanyl Task Force created by the Sheriff of Eddy County. He said it has also been allocated to the CTE programs at Carlsbad High School and Southeastern New Mexico Junior College.

**Councilor Rodriguez** said the session sounded awfully busy. He said he wants everyone to understand that this is a year-round job and it cannot get done in 30 days. He said he appreciates all of Senator McCutcheon's work.

**Councilor Walterscheid** thanked Senator McCutcheon for all that he has done. He said it benefits the City of Carlsbad and the surrounding communities.

0:12:48        **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

0:12:51        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Anaya-Flores and seconded by Councilor Forrest to approve the Agenda.

0:12:56        **VOTE**

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

0:13:17        **2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-08, A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

**Ms. Salcido** reviewed the revenue and expenditures making certain Budgetary Adjustments to the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget highlighting the General Fund, the DPS Law Enforcement Retention Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Fund, the Fire Protection Fund, the Lodgers' Tax Non-Promotional Fund, the Lodgers' Tax Promotional Fund, the CDBG Fund, the Municipal Transit Fund, the Local Government

Correction Fund, the Golf Pro Shop Fund. **Ms. Salcido** said \$122,500 will be transferred from a closed project to the Jed Howard project which had a budget of \$300,000. She said this it to purchase the building at 405 W. Fox St. She said this building will be used to expand the current Carlsbad Museum and will be an addition to the Arts and Culture District.

**Councilor Forrest** asked what is happening with Shorthorn. **Ms. Salcido** said the grant has not been approved but the money will begin to be put into the project so the designing process can start.

0:19:10      **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Forrest and seconded by Councilor Walterscheid to approve od Resolution 2024-08, a Resolution making certain Budgetary Adjustments to the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget.

0:19:16      **VOTE**

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

0:19:36      **3. ROUTINE AND REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 27, 2024
- B. City Personnel Report
- C. Purchasing
  - 1) Consider Approval to Advertise Invitation for Request for Proposals for on-call Construction Services Contract for various Capital Projects
  - 2) Consider Approval to Award Bid 2024-02 to Border States for electrical equipment at Lake Carlsbad Recreation Area
- D. Contracts and Agreements
  - 1) Consider Approval of Agreement between the City of Carlsbad and Brycer, LLC for a Fire and Life Safety Data Management System for the Carlsbad Fire Department
  - 2) Consider Approval of Amendment to Agreement between the City of Carlsbad and NM Department of Finance to the E911 Grant Agreement for the 911 Telephone Emergency System at the Carlsbad Police Department
- E. Monthly Reports
  - 1) Fire Department 2023 Annual Report
  - 2) Human Resources Department February 2024
  - 3) Municipal Court Department February 2024
  - 4) Transportation and Facilities Department February 2024

0:19:56      **Mayor Lopez** asked **Mr. Cass** to briefly discuss **Agenda item C1, Consider Approval to Advertise Invitation for Request for Proposals for on-call Construction Services Contract for various Capital Projects.**

Mr. Cass said this is a very important RFP to the City of Carlsbad in the fact that we can solicit local business owners to participate in our construction projects on an as needed basis. Mr. Cass said it will be multiple-awarded to the solicitors if they financially qualify, as well as give a procurement method that will save the City of Carlsbad money in fees and upcharges through the CES program and allow small projects to move forward that fall out of the parameters of normal procurement.

Councilor Walterscheid said he appreciates what the City of Carlsbad has done.

0:22:26        **Mayor Lopez asked Chief Ahrens to briefly discuss D1, Consider Approval of Agreement between the City of Carlsbad and Brycer, LLC for a Fire and Life Safety Data Management System for the Carlsbad Fire Department.**

Chief Ahrens said the Fire and Life Safety Code requires that businesses have their fire and life safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems be inspected by professional private inspection companies annually, bi-annually or semi-annually. He said currently, there is no way of tracking when these inspections have or have not been done and the business owners have no notice of when they are due. Chief Ahrens said Brycer, LLC runs a cloud-based system called the Compliance Engine that will have private inspection companies upload their completion reports which will notify the Fire Department and the business owner. He said the contract is of no cost to the City of Carlsbad or local business owners, it is provided by small fees paid by the inspection companies when they upload their documents.

Councilor Garwood asked if Brycer, LLC will establish a baseline of all of the businesses. Chief Ahrens said yes, the Carlsbad Fire Department will provide them with addresses and contact information of every business and the database will be updated as new businesses come in.

Councilor Rodriguez asked if Brycer, LLC would be the responsible party to make sure that the inspection companies are properly trained, insured, and bonded. Chief Ahrens said that is maintained by the State Fire Marshall's office. He said the City of Carlsbad references this office when a notice has been given on who did the inspection.

Councilor Rodriguez asked if Brycer, LLC has access to that. Chief Ahrens said yes, Brycer, LLC also provides a service to various departments throughout the state so they are familiar with the State fire code.

0:26:19        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Forrest to approve Routine and Regular Business.

0:26:26        **VOTE**

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

0:26:50      **4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CNM DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM FOR CAVERN CITY AIR TERMINAL**

Mr. Cass said this is a mandated requirement by the Department of Transportation to participate in a disadvantaged business enterprise program. He said the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has decided that all municipal or federally funded airports have to participate in this program. He said the burden for this mostly falls on the contractor. He said they are already required to be DBE compliant with all of their contracts with federal money. He said it is important to get this done and get it filed with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and NMDOT so we can continue to get this funding.

Councilor Walterscheid asked how the process works to be able to get the bids for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Mr. Cass said the prime contractor is required to use a percentage of a listed disadvantaged business. He said this requires them to do some sub-contracting work with a disadvantaged business.

0:29:22      **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Garwood to approve of CNM Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program for Cavern City Air Terminal.

0:29:27      **VOTE**

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

0:29:46      **5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY USE APPLICATION TO ALLOW FOR MOBILE SALES (VENDING) OF FOOD (ICE CREAM) AND DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC) WITHIN CITY STREETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR THE ICE CREAM MAN, LLC OWNER: JASON STEARNS**

Mr. Patterson said the applicant plans to take a mobile ice cream truck around town and vend ice cream and related treats in various neighborhoods. He said the Planning Department recommends approval of this request with the following conditions; the applicant shall not disturb the peace with a loud speaker, megaphone, bell, music, or other disruptive noise, and the applicant shall vend towards the sidewalk or curb and avoid vending towards lane of traffic or drive aisles. He said approval of this requests grants the applicant permission to vend food and drinks (non-alcoholic) within City streets from Wednesday, March 13, 2024, through Tuesday, December 31, 2024. He said the applicant shall provide the City with proof of liability insurance, naming the City as additionally insured.

Councilor Walterscheid asked if the music on the ice cream truck is loud. Mr. Patterson said the owner is present and can answer this question. He said if the vendor is creating a disruptive noise, then the Planning Department can address it.

Jason Stearns said there are three other ice cream trucks that do business. He said one of them has the exact name as his business and has a loud speaker and wants to make it known that it is not him.

Councilor Rodriguez said he does not see hours of operation. He said if it is possible, he would like that to be part of the agreement. Mr. Patterson said yes. Councilor Rodriguez asked if they can be stated now.

Mr. Stearns said the usual hours he is in business is 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Councilor Niemeier asked what is the process for the vendors who have not come in front of Council. Mr. Patterson said if an approved vendor is playing disruptive music, the Planning Department would contact the owner and ask them to fix the situation. He said if they fail to comply, he would ask the governing body revoke their license to conduct business within City streets.

Councilor Walterscheid asked if the business that has disruptive noise has ever gotten approved. Mr. Patterson said Mr. Stearns is stating there are other trucks. He said if we find a vendor that is doing business within City streets without approval, it will be addressed with either the Police Department or Code Enforcement.

0:34:36        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Niemeier and seconded by Councilor Anaya-Flores to approve of Temporary Use Application to allow for mobile sales (vending) of food (Ice Cream) and drinks (non-alcoholic) within City streets throughout the City for The Ice Cream Man, LLC Owner: Jason Stearns.

0:34:41        **VOTE**

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

0:35:00        **6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-09, A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE RUINED, DAMAGED OR DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES, RUINS, RUBBISH, WRECKAGE AND DEBRIS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1004 N RICHARD OWNERS: CHRISTOPHER TUGGLE AND DAVID BOND**

Mrs. Madrid-Boyea said the property commonly known as 1004 N. Richard St. is in a residential neighborhood near the intersection of Richard and Blodgett. She said there appears to be a dilapidated structure on the property and a large amount of rubbish, debris and weeds. She said the Eddy County Assessor's Office lists Christopher Tuggle and David Bond as owning or having an interest in the property. She said the property appears to be vacant but secured. Mrs. Madrid-Boyea said Code Enforcement has been to the property. She said there is demo debris along the back side of the structure,

overgrown tree limbs over the street and sidewalk, dead grass and weeds throughout the parcel. She said a Notice of Violation was mailed to the owners on October 23, 2023 and a second violation mailed on November 28, 2023, which was returned unclaimed. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the property has been inspected by the City Code Enforcement Office, the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshall, and they found that the property remains out of compliance with applicable codes. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the Fire Marshall found that the property presents an extreme fire hazard for responding firefighters and emergency personnel and recommends the building be demolished, the property be cleaned and the debris be removed. She said a resolution has been prepared which, if adopted, would require the property owners to remove all ruins, dilapidated structure, rubbish, wreckage, debris and weeds from the property within thirty days of the service of the resolution.

**Councilor Walterscheid** asked if the house is made of brick and usually these types of houses are sound. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said yes, the primary structure seems to be sound but there are parts of it that shows that some of it has been demoed.

0:38:27        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Forrest and seconded by Councilor Niemeier to approve of Resolution 2024-09, a Resolution requiring the removal of the ruined, damaged or dilapidated buildings or structures, ruins, rubbish, wreckage and debris for property located at 1004 N Richard Owners: Christopher Tuggle and David Bond.

0:38:32        **VOTE**

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

0:38:52        **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-10, A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE DEBRIS, JUNK AND TRASH AT 1312 WESTRIDGE ROAD OWNERS: KATHLEEN SAUNDERS AND GREGORY WHEELER**

**Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the property commonly known as 1312 Westridge Rd. is in a residential neighborhood near Westridge and Pecos Acres. She said there is an occupied structure on the property and debris, junk, and trash. She said the Eddy County Assessor's Office lists Kathleen Saunders and Gregory Wheeler as owning or having an interest in the property. She said the Assessor's records lists their address as 1312 Westridge Rd., Carlsbad, NM 88220. She said the junk and debris has been stored in the front and the side of the property and boxes and crates have been left outside. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said Code Enforcement has been to the property and have contacted the owner regarding the violations in September 2023 and no progress has been made to clean it up. She said a Notice of Violation was mailed by certified mail to the owners on August 30, 2023 and a second violation mailed on September 18, 2023, which was signed for. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the property has been inspected by the City Code Enforcement Office and the Fire Marshall, and they found that the property

remains out of compliance with applicable codes. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the Fire Marshall found that the property presents an extreme fire hazard for responding firefighters and emergency personnel and recommends the property be cleaned and the trash and debris be removed. She said a resolution has been prepared which, if adopted, would require the property owners to remove all weeds, debris, and trash from the property within thirty days of the service of the resolution.

0:41:09        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Niemeier to approve of Resolution 2024-10, a Resolution requiring the removal of the debris, junk and trash at 1312 Westridge Road Owners: Kathleen Saunders and Gregory Wheeler.

0:41:14        **VOTE**

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

0:41:32        **8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-65, A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF THE RUINED, DAMAGED OR DILAPIDATED BUILDING OR STRUCTURE AT 1916 W LEA STREET OWNER: ERICA CORRALEZ C/O JESUS R. JUAREZ**

**Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said on February 13, 2024, this property was brought before the City Council for consideration of a Resolution requiring the removal of the ruined, damaged or dilapidated building or structure at 1916 W. Lea St. She said the property was first brought to Council on October 24, 2023, at which time the council allowed the owners four months to bring the property into compliance. She said Council approved Resolution 2023-65 on February 13, 2024, which required the removal of the ruined, damaged or dilapidated structure. She said the owner's Personal Representative Jesus R. Juarez, was sent a certified letter on February 7, 2024, informing him of the proposed Resolution, but did not appear at the February 13, 2024, Council meeting in opposition to the Resolution. She said the owner's Personal Representative Jesus R. Juarez has since contacted the City to state he wishes to sell the property but seeks to rescind the Resolution requiring the removal of the structure. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said the owner is still shown as Erica Corralez in the records of the Eddy County Assessor's Office. She said Council can either reconsider Resolution 2023-65 and determine whether it should remain in place or be rescinded.

**Councilor Walterschied** said he thought this matter was already taken care of. Mayor Lopez said it is being brought back to Council for reconsideration.

**Mayor Lopez** said he would like for Council members to keep in mind that the RV and the trash that was on the property has been removed by the owner.

**Mr. Juarez** said he appreciates that this Resolution is being reconsidered. He said his wife was the owner of the property and she has since passed away. He said he did not



have the opportunity to repair the property so he tried to explore other routes. He said he does not have the means to work on the house. He said he was planning to sell this property to someone who repairs houses and flips them. He said he understands the time frame but feels as if it is unfair that he is being rushed for something his wife was responsible for. He said he is in the process of closing on this property and the buyer is present.

**Paul Orr** said he owns the house next door to this property. He said he entered into an agreement for this property several months ago. He said he has made an application through Guarantee Title and they were scheduled to have a closing next week. He said he has a vested interest in the property because he owns the one next door. **Mr. Orr** asked Council members to reconsider and give them time to fix the property. He said he has several properties that he maintains.

**Mayor Lopez** asked Mr. Orr what his intentions are with this property. **Mr. Orr** said he wants to repair it and turn it into a rental property. **Mr. Orr** said he has several properties and has worked with several contractors in Carlsbad.

**Councilor Forrest** said this house does not look structurally sound. He asked if it is possible to repair. **Mr. Orr** said the City inspector, Nick Sullivan, was there last week, and once the property was cleaned, it was apparent that the concrete slab was fine. He said the stud walls are in good condition but the siding and sheet rock need improvements. He said there is no shifting or cracking in the walls that would indicate a structural problem. **Councilor Forrest** asked which property he owns next door. **Mr. Orr** said the property to the east and they share a property line.

**Councilor Walterscheid** asked what the timeline is. **Mr. Orr** said he would like to say three months but he has a full-time job. He said he can fix the roof and put in new windows and doors but having the entire thing done in three months is impossible for him. **Councilor Walterscheid** asked if six months will suffice. **Mr. Orr** said he cannot have it livable in six months but he can have it where it is not an eye sore in six months.

**Councilor Garwood** said she would like to see Mr. Sullivan's report before she decides on this Resolution.

**Councilor Rodriguez** said Mr. Orr mentioned a contract he entered into months ago. He said it seems like bringing it back to Council now instead of a few months ago seems like he is taking advantage of Council's decisions. **Mr. Orr** said he misspoke, he did not enter into agreement when he met Mr. Juarez. He said he explained to him if he ever decided to sell the property to get in touch with him. He said they negotiated for several weeks and it has been about a month and a half of them working together.

**Councilor Forrest** asked if Council members originally decided that the structure needed to be torn down or fixed. **Mrs. Madrid-Boyea** said when this item was first

presented, the Council gave Mr. Juarez additional four months and when the four months expired it was brought back before Council on February 13, 2024. She said at this meeting, this Resolution was passed. She said she wanted to add that an asbestos inspection has been done by the City on the property and no asbestos has been found.

0:54:45        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Niemeier to table proposed reconsideration of Resolution 2023-65, a Resolution requiring the removal of the ruined, damaged or dilapidated building or structure at 1916 W Lea Street Owner: Erica Corralez c/o Jesus R. Juarez until the March 26, 2024 meeting to give Council members an opportunity to read the Building Inspector's report.

0:55:23        **VOTE**

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

0:55:51        **9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF SECTION 29-C OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCREASE THE ACTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE'S FLAT RATE FEE PER DAY AND INCREASE THE TOTAL FEE DURING ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR**

Mrs. Madrid-Boyea said in 1988, the City of Carlsbad set the flat rate fee of the Acting Municipal Judge at \$50 per day pursuant to Section 16-29-C of the Carlsbad City Code of Ordinances. She said the City is suggesting to increase the salary to \$300 per day and increase the total fee allowed to be paid per year to \$60,000.

Councilor Forrest asked if anyone stood in for \$50 a day. Mrs. Madrid-Boyea said we have not been able to find anyone. She said the Court Clerk Administrator has been trained and been able to step-in when Judge Johnson is out.

0:57:56        **A.     Public Hearing**

0:57:59        Mayor Lopez asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the Ordinance. No one appeared and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and reconvened the Council into regular session.

0:58:16        **B.     Approval of Ordinance 2024-09**

0:58:20        **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Forrest and seconded by Councilor Niemeier to approve of Ordinance 2024-09, an Ordinance amending a portion of Section 29-C of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances, to increase the acting Municipal Judge's flat rate fee per day and increase the total fee during any one calendar year.

0:58:24       **VOTE**

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

0:58:42       **10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Councilor Garwood** said there has been an advance on the subject of recycling in Carlsbad. She said a \$60,000 donation has been received from Chevron to look at a feasibility study for recycling in southeast New Mexico. She said a trip has been planned to Pruitt, New Mexico, where they have been recycling with produced water for several years. She said the Solid Waste Commission will be brought back together to make an informed decision. **Councilor Garwood** said the New Mexico Environmental Department will be involved to make sure that this is a sustainable option and that it is something that will be long-lasting.

**Councilor Niemeier** said in the last several weeks she has been working with the National Cave and Karst Research Institute (NCKRI) to find a new Executive Director. She said they are down to three candidates. She said they should have a decision by the end of next week.

**Councilor Rodriguez** said Councilor Foreman and himself have been working with the Carlsbad Cemetery Advisory Committee towards a resolution of the situation that was brought to Council's attention at the last meeting. He said they are attempting to convene a meeting in the near future in hopes to have a full report for Council members.

1:01:40       **Mayor Lopez asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Council.**

**Isaiah Romero** said he is attending this meeting with travel softball teams. He said he would like to request help on which paths to follow on getting restoration for the Shorthorn and National Little League fields. He said he and a few others have cleaned up the debris and trash at the Little League fields. He said he wants to find leadership to get restoration of these fields so there is availability for teams to practice.

**Councilor Rodriguez** said the Bob Forrest Youth Sports Complex can be utilized. He said scheduling of practice and games is available. **Mr. Romero** said the reason they cannot practice on those fields is because they are a youth travel ball team. He said during the City's National Little League season, travel ball teams are not allowed to practice at the Sports Complex. He said all fields are reserved for the National Little League teams during these times.

**Mayor Lopez** said he can work with Steve Garza on this issue. He said the practice fields should be available to travel and league teams at the Sports Complex when there aren't any games scheduled.

**Councilor Walterscheid** asked if Mr. Romero is looking for monetary help with cleaning the fields. **Mr. Romero** said there is hardly anywhere to practice and he would like for someone to be in charge of scheduling and restoration for better lighting at the fields.

1:12:01 **Mayor Lopez asked if anyone else in the audience would like to address the Council.**

**Jason Stearns** said he owns Zia Valley Food Court off of National Parks Highway. He said his neighbors have been allowed to put in a commercial complex without following the law. He said their plans got approved without having an engineered drainage system. He said every time it rains, he gets the neighbors overflow on his property. He encouraged Council members to help him on fixing this issue.

**Councilor Forrest** asked if Mr. Stearns' lot is dirt. **Mr. Stearns** said yes.

**Mayor Lopez** said no action can be taken at this meeting. He said he will investigate this matter and get in touch with Mr. Stearns.

1:19:11 **11. ADJOURN**

1:19:17 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Councilor Anaya-Flores and seconded by Councilor Forrest to adjourn.


1:19:30 **VOTE**

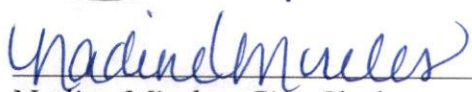
The vote was as follows: Yes - Forrest, Niemeier, Walterscheid, Anaya-Flores, Chavez, Garwood, Foreman, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

1:19:44 **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



  
Richard D. Lopez, Mayor

  
Nadine Mireles, City Clerk