

Regular Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee
Held in the City Hall's Large Conference Room
February 24, 2025

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 24-23.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. with Chairman Johnson and Councilor Arnold, Councilor Moore, Councilor Cortez being present, and Councilor Oropesa being absent.

Staff Present:

Monica Barraza, Amalia Martinez, Glenda Allen, Mike Mathews, Councilor Ed Heldenbrand, James MacCornack, Louis Najar, Andrew Valadez, Hess Yntema, Abraham Chaparro, Debbie Reyer, Chantel Longway, George Peterson, Della Andazola, Mike Mathews, Councilor Robert Corn, Chris Moore, Councilor Ed Heldenbrand, Toni Gomez, Naomi Steward, Chad Cole, Elizabeth Prichard, and Bernadette Lopez

Guest(s) Present:

Terri Harber and Rita Kane-Doerhoefer

Melissa (no last name provided), Merissa (No last name provided), Nathaniel Mascarenas, and Julius Smith participated via GoToMeeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Cortez moved to switch Non-Action Item No. 6 to Item No. 2 of the Agenda with the remaining items to follow. Councilor Arnold was the second. A voice vote of 4 -0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Oropesa being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. January 27, 2025:

Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. A voice vote of 4 -0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Oropesa being absent.

REGULAR ITEMS (ACTION ITEMS):

2. Following Ordinance 24-07, the Solid Waste Department has reviewed all costs and rates and is reporting on their financial status:

Mr. Chaparro discussed the department's compliance with Ordinance 24-07, Chapter 21. Mr. Chaparro discussed the synopsis of the Solid Waste's costs and rates for their financial status.
Discussion only no action was taken.

3. Recommendation to authorize advertising a public hearing for Notice of Proposed Utility Ordinance 25-XX for the 2025 Drought Contingency Plan, adding/amending the Roswell City Code, Section VIII, Division IV-Service Water Conservation, Chapter 26:

Ms. Longway discussed the grant and the need for the new Ordinance. Mrs. Prichard stated she asked for an extension of the grant deadline which is December 30, 2025. Mrs. Prichard stated the deadline for the actual plan is in April, 2025. Mrs. Prichard discussed the permission needed for advertisement of a public hearing. Councilor Cortez stated there are significant technical issues within the Drought Contingency Plan. ***Councilor Cortez moved to send this item back to the Drought Task Force for technical accuracy. Councilor Arnold was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Oropesa being absent.***

4. Consider recommendation for change order to PO# 22501332:

Ms. Steward discussed the change order. A group discussion was held. ***Councilor Moore moved to recommend authorization for a change order to PO# 22501332 for the flood repairs and the total amount of \$662,861.05 to J & H Services, which includes GRT, and to be sent the Finance Committee. Councilor Arnold was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Oropesa being absent.***

5. Consider recommendation of Resolution 25-XX for NMDOT's January 2025 TPF Funding Call for Projects:

Mr. MacCornack discussed this item. ***Councilor Cortez moved to recommend Resolution 25-XX for support of projects in response to the NMDOT's January 2025 TPF Funding Call for Projects to be sent to the March, 2025 Finance Committee. Councilor Arnold was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Oropesa being absent.***

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6. Discussion of purchase of farmland adjacent to WWTP:

Mr. Najar stated the original appraisal was in the Infrastructure Committee packet.

Discussion took place for the following department reports:

7. Solid Waste Department Report:

Chairman Johnson inquired about vehicle 263's fuel efficiency and the vehicle that drove the least number of miles. Mr. Chaparro responded he would look into that.

8. Roswell Transit Department Report:

Mr. Moore discussed hiring another driver instead of the Admin Assistant position, and still go fare free.

9. Fleet Maintenance Report:

10. Cemetery Department Report:

11. Zoo Department Report:

12. Parks Department Report:

13. Golf Department Report:

14. Recreation Department Report:

15. Facility Maintenance Department Report:

Facility Maintenance did not correctly format/load their dashboard report into AgendaQuick; therefore, it was not legible, nor were slides provided.

16. Streets Department Report:

17. Special Electronics Department Report:

18. Engineering Department Report:

Mr. Najar discussed the Engineering Department Organization Chart and his concerns for the vacant positions and the need to continue to serve the City of Roswell. Councilor Cortez commented it is a huge asset to have an in-house Engineering Department and to hire consultants would be costly.

19. Central Control Department Report (**NOT SUBMITTED**):

20. Water Maintenance & Transmission Department Report (**NOT SUBMITTED**):

21. Waste Water Treatment Plant & Sewer Department Report (**NOT SUBMITTED**):

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Julius Smith, 310 E. Mescalero, inquired about the PFAS report and if it was done since the flood. Mr. Valadez stated they don't currently test for that; however, they can look into it. Councilor Cortez discussed the PFAS testing.

Ms. Kane-Doerhoefer discussed the Boys & Girls Club kids loving the dump, and the need for low-income housing.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.