



**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**City of Anthony Board of Trustees**  
**Conference Call**  
**Wednesday March 10, 2021**  
**1:00 P.M**  
**MINUTES**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo *at 1:03 PM*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo

3. <b>ROLL CALL</b> <i>Present:</i>	<i>MPT Fernie Herrera</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
	<i>Trustee Gloria Gameros</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
	<i>Trustee Elva Flores</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
	<i>Trustee Javier Silva</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
	<i>Mayor Diana M. Trujillo</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
	<i>Quorum Established</i>	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>

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**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: **Trustee Silva**                      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: **Trustee Flores**

**ROLL CALL**

MPT Fernie Herrera	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
Trustee Gloria Gameros	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO 4 to 0 votes, motion passed.</i>
Trustee Elva Flores	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
Trustee Javier Silva	<b>YES</b>	<i>NO</i>
<del>Mayor Diana M. Trujillo</del>	<del>YES</del>	<del>NO</del>

**5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**

a. Consideration and action to approve **Resolution 2021-009** a resolution confirming the city of Anthony to participate in the department of transportation Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) – LGRF program for Church Street - Construction Project from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Clark Avenue for a total of \$1.1 Million and \$275,000 as City Match. ***Presented by Projects Coordinator***

- ***Projects Coordinator:*** *This resolution does not obligate the City to anything. This is strictly to allow staff to apply for the grant. The Project is for Church Street and is already fully designed. I have provided a spreadsheet to the Board of Trustees on the projects that we do have that are open and the ones that are rolling over for next fiscal year.*
- ***Trustee Silva:*** *If we apply and it passes, it doesn't commit us to anything. But if the money is not there and we choose not take it, it doesn't look good on behalf of the City. Correct me if I'm wrong. It doesn't look good for the City to be applying for money and then not come up with a match. Request the rest of the board to keep in mind that at some point in time board needs to be careful with the continual approval of projects because money is scarce.*
- ***MPT Herrera:*** *We still haven't paid off a lot of our projects and we started getting more and more into debt. We'll never bring the debt down. Why even apply for something we will not approve later? We*

*need to start paying off some of these projects or whoever is going to be leading the City after November elections. I don't feel comfortable with this at all.*

*-Trustee Gameros: I agree with the other two trustees. MAP is requiring a match of \$275,000 and looking at the spreadsheet that projects coordinator provided, which I appreciate, this is where we get to see the amounts. There is an ADA Cares Act that is there for the clinic and I don't remember that coming to the Board and don't remember the amount. If we were to approve all of these matches for these three big ticket items, we'll be looking at over \$800,000. This project is not urgent. I think we can wait for the other fiscal year and let the new administration figure out if they're going work on this.*

*-Mayor Trujillo: This project was really emphasized and really talked about three years ago because of the safety of the pedestrians coming from church and school. We even had one of the trustees that was trying to get this approved. The resolution is just to apply. It does not look bad on us if we don't accept. Projects are not approved right away. Maybe there will be change in the future and we get more money. The whole purpose of this project was to bring some safety measures for our residents, especially down by the Anthony Elementary School. Now that the Streets are already completed and kids are coming back to school.*

*-MPT Herrera: I was one of the main advocates trying to get Church Street done and I also advocated big-time to city manager to get the school board on board to see if there was any monies available. Since it is going to benefit them, as well as the City. I have not heard anything other than what the city manager told us last time at the last meeting that he has not heard anything back from the board. I think if we're going to start any projects like this, especially in the school zones, we should partner up with the schools.*

*-Trustee Flores: I was just going to say the same: That we should partner with the school board and the school district, because I've heard that they are willing to work with us. I also don't feel that we would look bad at the end of this if we said no to this money later. Because I believe there's a reason for them to allow us to apply and then decide later if we want it or not. There has to be a reason for that. They are giving us that chance. I feel that we should apply for it. City manager and you, Madam Mayor, and maybe one of the trustees can speak to the school district. It's one of the primary streets taking care of the residents and schools. It's also going to be part of our park.*

*-MPT Herrera: I don't think it will be held against us; it won't look good though. If we applied just alone, it's a lot of money. If we have the school, then we would only apply for half of the money or a portion.*

*-Mayor Trujillo: When we apply for a grant, sometimes we don't get fully funded. Mr. Dominguez and I are trying to work with the school board and trying to see if we will be able to have more contact with the superintendent. We're going to have Adams Park constructed. This will complete the projects.*

*-Trustee Flores: When is the deadline for this? If we start having meetings with the school board, we can at least tell them we are trying to have this money. If we don't have anything, we don't even need to talk to the school board. We can say we're applying for this, but we need school boards' help in order for us to approve it. So, to me, we need to start here.*

*-MPT Herrera: The right hand should tell the left hand what's going on. We should apply only when they are onboard not before they agree to work with us.*

*-Trustee Flores: I think you misunderstood what I said. I said that if we don't apply for this grant, we don't have anything to present to the school board and say we already are applying for this. If we don't apply for this grant, we don't have anything to present to the school board.*

*- MPT Herrera: Ok, so there was slight miscommunication there on my part, I guess. But I still say that we should go out there and say, this is how much the project will cost. How much can you put into it?*

*- Projects Coordinator: Deadline to submit application is March 15, 2021.*

*- Trustee Flores: If we don't approve this, we are not going to stand a chance into fixing that street or even having the school board help us, I think that we need to take that into consideration.*

- **Trustee Silva:** *Why are we waiting 5 days before deadline to present this? If we don't apply, it doesn't mean that we cannot apply for it next year.*
- **Mayor Trujillo:** *Projects Coordinator brought it up last meeting, the only problem was that we didn't have the specific amount.*
- **MPT Herrera:** *We should have these presentations at least a month or two before deadline so that we can have discussion and get all these ideas from the trustees.*
- **Mayor Trujillo:** *For the past 10 years we have had it presented 2 weeks before time. Documentation is given to you a few days ahead for you to review.*
- **Eric Hamilton:** *I acknowledge the budget constraints here and the fear of not being able to provide the matching component. I just wanted to provide you a synopsis of the visit I had, (it's been 3.5 weeks now), with the Executive Director Mr. Ralph who stepped in as the interim Replacement for Mr. Alfredo who retired late January. I had about an hour visit with Mr. Ralph. We discussed the presentation Mario and I had made to the school district board. He said in not so many words that they have no interest in partnering but that's just one individual. I know that it's a board decision. I'm just conveying factual information. He had no interest in partnering on Donaldson St either. I do want to take responsibility in terms of getting this on the agenda late; we brought that to Gloria late. I don't know if this board had any discussion on the match waiver.*
- **Trustee Silva:** *Is there match waiver limit?*
- **Eric Hamilton:** *There has been precedent in the city's history of participating MAP program and a portion of the match was waived. I inquired about that with Debbie Hudson; in 2018 match waiver was not the full amount. On that particular year, Anthony's resolution came in towards the end and that just happened to be the money available. The intent of the department is to provide a full match waiver.*

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: **Trustee Flores**

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: **Trustee Silva**

**ROLL CALL**

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO	
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO	3 No and 1 yes votes, motion did not pass.
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO	

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: **Trustee Gameros**

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: **MPT Herrera**

**ROLL CALL**

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO	
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO	4 to 0 votes, motion passed at 1:43PM
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO	

  
 Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Esther Motongo, City Clerk

