



SPECIAL MEETING
City of Anthony Board of Trustees
Conference Call
Tuesday May 25, 2021
4:30 P.M
MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo
3. **ROLL CALL Present:**

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO
Quorum Established		

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Motion to approve agenda order.

1ST Motion: Trustee Gameros 2ND Motion: MPT Herrera

Roll Call:

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

5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- a) Consideration and action to approve infield design changes to accommodate both softball and baseball at Adams Park. *Presented by Eric Hamilton, PE – Wilson & Co*
 - o **Eric Hamilton:** Existing field was a size of a senior league. Originally had grass/ turf in the infield and outfield, raised pitchers' mound. Field maintenance was a challenge (i.e. watering and cutting grass). The infield was replaced with red infield fines.
 - Current design was a senior league filed in accordance with the National Federal of State High School Association. Grass in the infield and outfield with a raised pitcher's mound.
 - In 2019 park commission expressed desire the field size be senior league in accordance with the National Federation of State High School Association (NFSHSA). Grass or turf and raised pitcher's mound was not specifically discussed.
 - September 9, 2019 Special meeting, BOT agreed to a senior league field in accordance with NFSHSA. Grass or turf in the infield and raised pitcher's mound was not specifically discussed.
 - An open concept infield may accommodate different league of play (i.e. baseball & softball).
 - Revised irrigation system design bid was \$120,000. Revised landscape design to remove grass and replace with infield with franklin red screening bid price comparison will offset each other.
 - Grass- natural turf = \$1.35/ square ft vs Franklin screening = \$1.00/ square foot. Portable mound range in price.

- **MPT Herrera:** Residents voted for the field based on the pictures we showed at Loma Linda elementary. Dos Lagos will have baseball fields; Why not leave Adams Park design as is, then in a year or two we develop softball field at Dos Lagos.
- **Trustee Silva:** I understand the concern that Mayor Pro-Tem has regarding the decision that was made by the constituents at Loma Linda. Keep in mind that the majority haven't played baseball, Little League or soft ball. They're not going to be very happy when they find out they cannot use the baseball park because it's not built to their specifications. There is nothing wrong with being flexible. The majority of the people that are going to use that base ballpark are T-batters, softballers we have minimal number of teams that play hard baseball. Only high schools play baseball and they have their own parks. Personally, I'd be a little bit ticked off at the fact that it wasn't built to accommodate everybody.
- **MPT Herrera:** I understand that. I'm not against the ballpark being done for girls or boys. Understand just that it was built for big league.
- **Trustee Flores:** For some reason, we missed to notice the design was not going to accommodate everyone. I would like to make it to where we welcome everyone. I'm really grateful that residents brought it up before we got too far in construction.
- **MPT Herrera:** I hope you all don't think that I'm not trying to accommodate everybody. I have no problem with it being the red screen on infield.
- **Mr. Adrian Perez:** I raised concerns regarding the infield and the pitcher's mound. Removing the grass is the best option from the infield because not only will it be effective in the long run, it will save the grass from ruin as softball pitcher have repetitive motion of dragging the rear leg which will tear the grass. My main concern is just giving everybody the opportunity.
- **Mr. Jose Garcia:** Marvin Chavez and I brought up forming a champion committee. People from the community want to be there. I spoke to Oscar – City Manager yesterday and he said basically there isn't going to be a champion committee not today not tomorrow. Adams Park is a perfect example of why we should invite people from the community to have their input. There're people from all backgrounds in the City who are knowledgeable in multiple things. We need to bring people from multiple backgrounds coming together working for one project. We're not against nobody this is our Familia here. Let's work together and move forward. We should allow ballpark for every single player of all ages, things have changed and we need to adapt to the times.
- **Trustee Silva:** We actually had three different meetings at Loma Linda for the design and the input was not done by the trustees. Designs was determined by constituents of the city. I agree, there should be a committee put together to have a next, an additional set of eyes.
- **Trustee Flores:** We have been trying to get the community involved. It's been a little bit hard because people won't attend meetings, we tried to have a committee, but it did not work out. I'm glad you are interested. We need to do what's best for the City.
- **MPT Herrera:** Recreation committee was an advisory group to advise the board. I think they were doing a very good job. What happened at the very end was that they thought they had the final say. They didn't agree with being an advisory committee. I am all for bringing back a committee.

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1ST Motion: **Trustee Silva** 2ND Motion: **MPT Herrera**

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Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO

b) Consideration and Action to approve temporary municipal judge in accordance with Ordinance 2010-001 to start June 1, 2021. **Presented by Mayor Trujillo**

- **Mayor Trujillo:** As you all know that Judge Ramos had to take leave of absence from the municipal court. We haven't had an alternate judge, I believe, since we got incorporated. Temporary municipal judge, to be able to take care of the citations and any future cases. If we do not have a temporary judge, then all these cases will go to Magistrate Court and the City will lose revenue.
- I spoke to a young gentleman his name is Eli Vasquez, who was willing to take the challenge. I did not send a letter, because we were still waiting to see if everything was going to be approved. Mr. Vasquez is willing to be a temporary municipal judge, and take the trainings needed.
- He is an owner of an insurance agency, so he is familiar with some citations. I am bringing this item to the board, for approval.
- **MPT Herrera:** I have no problem with somebody coming in and trying to learn the system. Right now we need somebody that has a little bit more experience within the city. Somebody a little bit more mature and has been trained in different aspects of the city, such as codes and ordinances. There is another person in mind, Ms. Sara Holguin. She brought her resume to the City. She is ready to run, has a little bit of experience and maturity.
- **Trustee Flores:** In speaking with Judge Ramos, this is going to be maybe like three months job. He is out of the hospital and working fine. He is also willing to help whoever will take over. I feel that if we have someone that is volunteering already, we should try and give them a chance. I don't know any of these people, I don't want it to come back.
- **Mayor Trujillo:** He's not very young I just say young, because he's younger than me. He is willing to take the challenge; A lot of people couldn't because of work.
- **Trustee Silva:** What is the training that would require any individual to go that doesn't have any training? How much is the training and how long does it take?
- **Mayor Trujillo:** I believe training is free with the courts. Judge will share some videos for training. I believe training is about 2 weeks. I knew you guys won't accept him, I did tell the individual to be ready he might not get approved.
- **MPT Herrera:** The other person did turn in the letter of interest. Where is the resume that was turned into the city manager and to city clerk?
- **City Clerk:** Ms. Holguin brought resume around noon yesterday, I scanned it to city manager I thought he sent to the board. He left town and is working remotely. I see he is still able to email staff all day.
- **Trustee Flores:** Anyone is qualified to do this job, because there's no special qualifications. MPT should have brought it up earlier and not, like during the meeting. Maybe you should have called the Mayor.
- **MPT Herrera:** I believe she turned it in to the city clerk and city manager. The city manager was supposed to forward it to the Mayor. I do not bypass anybody that was not my fault because that was what he was supposed to have done.
- **Mayor Trujillo:** On Friday I had mentioned to city manager that I had found someone. He was really happy because Judge Ramos needed someone. It's up to the board. Go ahead and take a vote. We can make another special meeting, or wait till next week to approve.
- **City clerk:** We noticed there is a requirement to bond the judge for \$5,000. Staff will work on this item for current judge and temporary judge. Initially Judge Ramos had chosen Antonio – Court Administrator. He did not qualify due to the residency requirement. According to the ordinance, if the judge does not select, the Mayor can select someone with advice and consent of the governing body.
- **Trustee Gameros:** Section three, just making you aware of this, it says, the municipal judge shall be elected for the term of two years. Haven't we been doing 4 years?
- **Mayor Trujillo:** Staff will check if we have a renewed ordinance.

- **City clerk:** Can the board vote for a name tonight? I did not have a name when I posted this agenda.
- **Trustee Gameros:** Notice is needed to have a name placed on agenda. We can't just have it vague like that. On next meeting place the names of each individual separately for consideration and action.

MPT Herrera: Motion to postpone

Mayor Trujillo: I think what I'll do, now because I know whatever I bring to the board is not going to get approved or whatever come from Mayor Trujillo.

MPT Herrera: We in the voting process.

Mayor Trujillo: Hold on, all I need to say is that what we'll do is I'll have the judge go ahead and bring it back and ask give them some of these things you can choose, go ahead and vote.

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Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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Roll Call:

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Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO 4 to 0 votes, Motion passed.
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO

Mayor Trujillo: meeting is adjourned at 5:45 PM


Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor



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ATTEST:



Esther Motongo, City Clerk