

Court Chambers
820 Highway 478
Anthony, NM 88021

City of Anthony, NM
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

Diana Murillo, Mayor
Elva Flores, MPT
Javier Silva, Trustee
Daniel Barreras, Trustee
Gabriel I. Holguin, Trustee

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6:00PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana Murillo at 6:00 pm

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by David Vasquez

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO
Quorum Established	YES	NO

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4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

1st Motion: MPT Flores

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO
Mayor Murillo	YES NO

4-0 Vote Motion Passes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Budget Workshop: 11/15/2023

1st Motion: MPT Flores

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO
Mayor Murillo	YES NO

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

b. Regular Meeting: 11/15/2023

1st Motion: MPT Flores

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes

Mayor Murillo _____ YES NO

c. Special Meeting: 11/20/2023

1st Motion: _____ MPT Flores _____

2nd Motion: _____ Trustee Barreras _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO
Mayor Murillo _____	YES NO

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

**Prior to starting the Proclamation Mayor Murillo and MPT Flores wanted to recognize local soccer team "La U" that has recently won 1st place in a local tournament, certificates were given to the players and coaches and congratulated the team on the amazing performance.*

**Mayor also congratulated Trustee Silva and MPT Flores with plaques for their dedication and accomplishments during their individual terms.*

6. PROCLAMATION

- a. Proclamation declaring Ruben Cadena as Honorary Mayor of the City of Anthony, **Presented by Mayor Murillo.**

Mayor Murillo wanted to acknowledge and honor Mr. Ruben Cadena, a unique and special individual that has lived in Anthony all his life. He has been involved in the betterment of the community through his military service, coaching years, and years as a Scout Leader. He is full of knowledge of past and present occurrences that took place within the City. Today they honored his life and contributions to this community.

1st Motion: _____ MPT Flores _____

2nd Motion: _____ Trustee Silva _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO
Mayor Murillo _____	YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (public will be allowed a 3-minute presentation) -**NONE**

8. PRESENTATION

- a. La Casa, Inc. Presentation regarding establishing services in Anthony, **Presented by Sara Terminel. (Postponed)**

9. CONSENT AGENDA

**Trustee Holguin requested all items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.*

- a. Consideration and action to accept the New Mexico State Grants-in-Aid in the amount of \$10,352.38 for the City of Anthony Library, **Presented by the Head Librarian.**

The Head Librarian explained to the board that this grant is an annual grant that the library receives, it must be signed and returned by January 10th and all expenditures must be completed by June 30th, 2024. The funds can be used for books, library equipment, staff salaries, training and/or other operational expenditures associated with the delivery of library services.

1st Motion: _____ Trustee Silva _____

2nd Motion: _____ Trustee Holguin _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO
Trustee Silva	YES NO
Trustee Holguin	YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Mayor Murillo _____ YES NO

- b. Consideration and Action to approve Cost Overruns agreement 23-ZH5040-1 in the amount of \$713,000, Presented by the Projects Coordinator.

The Projects Coordinator explained this Cost Overruns Agreement was from an application that was submitted earlier this year for a capital appropriation grant, the City was awarded \$713,000 for the Dos Lagos Soccer Fields. Both Trustee Silva and MPT Flores expressed their excitement to initiate these fields, Trustee Silva reminded the public of the ongoing work on the Municipal Complex Soccer Field that should have lighting soon.

1st Motion: _____ Trustee Silva _____

2nd Motion: _____ MPT Flores _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo _____ YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

- c. Consideration and Action to approve grant agreement 23-ZH5050-1 in the amount of \$375,000, Presented by the Projects Coordinator.

The agreement being presented tonight is for a federal match grant, these funds will be used towards other federal grants that require a City match. This grant was awarded to help alleviate some of the federal City match component on the active federal grants the City has. MPT Flores thanked Gloria for the job well done with all the current grants the City has. Trustee Silva asked towards what grants would these funds be used for, the Projects Coordinator assured that she would sit down with the City Manager and the Finance Director to identify which would be the most beneficial.

1st Motion: _____ Trustee Silva _____

2nd Motion: _____ MPT Flores _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo _____ YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

- d. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000 for Lee Avenue, Presented by the Projects Coordinator. (Resolution 2023-040)

The Loan Agreement presented is for a \$180,000 grant and \$20,000 loan for Lee Street.

1st Motion: _____ Trustee Silva _____

2nd Motion: _____ Trustee Holguin _____

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo _____ YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

- e. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement in the amount of \$800,000 for the Solid Waste Transfer Station, Presented by the Projects Coordinator. (Resolution 2023-041)

The Loan Agreement presented is for a \$720,000 grant and \$80,000 loan that will help fund the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Trustee Holguin expressed with a project of this magnitude, decisions for it should be held off until the new governing board starts in January. His vote does not necessarily mean that he does not agree with the project but decided to deny it because he would like the next board to oversee it and doesn't believe the timing is right. MPT Flores countered Trustee Holguin's belief because this project has been pushed more with the current board and would like it to be passed. Trustee Silva clarified that approving this would not mean construction would start but only the initial designs, the Projects Coordinator echoed explaining that we are months and a lot more funding away from construction.

1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: MPT Flores

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO
 Trustee Barreras YES NO
 Trustee Silva YES NO
 Trustee Holguin YES NO
 Mayor Murillo YES NO

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- a. Consideration and action to award project or CN LP10024, Church Street from 4th Street to Clark Ave., to Nine Degrees in a contract amount not to exceed \$1.6M (including NMGRT), **Presented by Special Projects Coordinator.**

Approving this item tonight would award the construction of Church Street to Nine Degrees through the Statewide Price Agreement, which will allow for some flexibility with the costs. Trustee Holguin shared the same sentiments with this item as the previous one and would have preferred for it to have been postponed until the new governing board took over, expressing his frustration that it was placed on the agenda at the end of the year. Several Board members and the Projects Coordinator explained that the timing is irrelevant but because it is a grant, often it takes months for approval and must be approved and used before the funds expire, at the end of the day the goal is to start and complete this project for the safety of this community.

1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO
 Trustee Barreras YES NO
 Trustee Silva YES NO
 Trustee Holguin YES NO
 Mayor Murillo YES NO

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

- b. Consideration and action to approve the amended "OVERTIME (PER -03-08)" policy for the City of Anthony Police Department, **Presented by Sergeant Estrada.**

Sergeant Estrada explained this item is regarding Safer New Mexico, Safer New Mexico is a federal grant agency that allows law enforcement officers to work overtime on special projects such as seatbelt violations and DWIs. The Police Department is asking the Board for approval to allow the officers to work these projects as overtime and get paid double their hourly rate, that pay would be paid via federal grant and would not affect the Police Department's budget. This has already been approved by Safer New Mexico and is only requiring a final approval by the governing board to proceed. This strictly applies to Safer New Mexico projects and not regular overtime, to incentivize officers to work these

projects and is based on a contract with specified spending amount. It is up to Sergeant Estrada as the project coordinator to ensure that these funds and the number of hours worked are tracked.

1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo ~~YES NO~~

3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

- c. Consideration and Action to approve the annual Open Meetings Act resolution, **Presented by the City Clerk. (Resolution 2024-01)**

The City Clerk reviewed the proposed changes to the yearly Open Meetings Act resolution, which included only having one meeting per month as opposed to two, to help expedite business. Having a quarterly budget workshop meeting. The Board all agreed that with the new Trustees coming in it was not wise to switch to less meetings a month, a motion was made to revert to the wording for the current OMA resolutions which moves for two regular meetings a month and a monthly budget workshop.

Original with Amendments: 1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo ~~YES NO~~

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Motion to amend: 1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: MPT Flores

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin YES NO

Mayor Murillo ~~YES NO~~

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

- d. Consideration and Action to approve the modification of the Police Department job descriptions, **Presented by HR.**

The HR Director explained the simple modifications for the two job descriptions being presented tonight, these modifications would enforce a 12-month probationary period for the Sergeant and Lieutenant positions.

1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Silva YES NO

Trustee Holguin ~~YES NO~~ Abstained

Mayor Murillo ~~YES NO~~

3-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

11. ORDINANCE

- a. **Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-003**

An ordinance enacting a code of ordinance for the City of Anthony, New Mexico revising,

amending, restating, codifying, and compiling certain existing general ordinance for the City of Anthony dealing with subjects embraced in such code of ordinances and declaring an emergency.
Notice of Publication: November 15th, 2023.

Consideration and Action to approve: December 6th, 2023.

The City Clerk explained that this approval is the final piece of an 18-month long project to codify the 13 years' worth of ordinances for the City of Anthony, which would aid in transparency and be more easily accessible to the public. A link on our website will also be made available to the public.

1st Motion: Trustee Silva

2nd Motion: MPT Flores

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Flores **YES** NO

Trustee Barreras **YES** NO

Trustee Silva **YES** NO

Trustee Holguin **YES** NO

Mayor Murillo **YES** NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

12. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

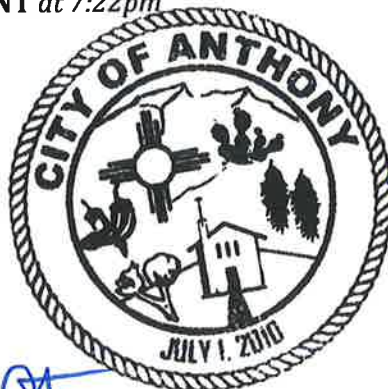
Trustee Silva: looked back at his time as a board member and explained why he decided to run in the first place. He applauded the Mayor, other board members and the City staff for the work they've done. He also commended the group of individuals that were able to make a difference and bring on the change they wanted with the new member coming in.

Trustee Barreras: NONE

Trustee Holguin: Congratulated the incoming board members. Thanked and congratulated Trustee Silva on his term and his accomplishments, especially with the fields and recreational facilities.

MPT Flores: Gave a presentation to highlight the achievements the current administration has been able to accomplish. Securing close to \$8million in funding for projects such as the Duffer Lane Multi-purpose Trail, Urgent Care, Dos Lagos Soccer Field, Grant Street, Lee Street, the design for the Solid Waste Transfer Station (on Stern Dr. not Dos Lagos), design for the Donaldson Roadway and Drainage, the South Arroyo Flood Control Park, the Multigenerational Center Phase II, the design for the Public Safety Complex and city-wide streets reconstruction. Lincoln Street, Katherine Street, Marquez Street, Adams Street, Lee Street, Acosta Street, speed humps, Multi-generational Center Phase I, the Duffer Lane Roadway and Drainage Reconstruction and the Duffer Lane Round-a-bout design. Several ongoing projects such as the Memorial Medical Urgent Care, Adams Park Concession Stand, the Dos Lagos Lakes and amphitheater design.

13. ADJOURNMENT at 7:22pm



Diana Murillo

Diana Murillo, Mayor

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Attest:

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Karla Oropeza, City Clerk