

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 405 W. 3RD St.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rolf Hechler at 9:00 a.m., who presided and Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION:

1. ROLL CALL:

Upon calling the roll, the following Commissioners were reported present.

Hon. Rolf Hechler, Mayor
Hon. Amanda Forrister, Mayor Pro-Tem
Hon. Destiny Mitchell, Commissioner via telephone at 9:21 a.m.
Hon. Merry Jo Fahl, Commissioner
Hon. Ingo Hoepfner, Commissioner

Also Present: Gary Whitehead, City Manager
Traci Alvarez, Assistant City Manager
Jay Rubin, City Attorney
Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer
OJ Hechler, Community Services Director
Luis Tavizon, Chief of Police

There being a quorum present, the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

2. SILENT MEDITATION:

Mayor Hechler called for fifteen seconds of silent meditation. Commissioner Fahl asked the community to keep the family of Betty Buhler in their thoughts and prayers. She also asked to keep those that you know who are battling cancer in your thoughts and prayers. Her husband was diagnosed with cancer and that is why she was missing meetings in the past. They had a doctor's appointment 2 weeks ago and he is completely cured and is cancer free. God's blessings found it soon enough that he was cured.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hechler called for Commissioner Fahl to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item E1. Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Rule Applies):

Jagger Cary Gustin addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- He invited everyone to the new sculpture dedication at the Healing Waters Plaza on March 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. He asked if the mayor could prepare a speech for the dedication event.
- The Eddington crew was here during the 1st of the month with some re-shoots. They shot at the old armory building and at the water tank. We have a new film that will be here on March 1st and 2nd. It is by Left/Right productions out of New York City. The movie is called Ride with Norman Reedus. Apparently, he rides around on a motorcycle to different cities. They have filled out the permits and they have provided insurance. This film will not be disruptive whatsoever.

Becca Eza addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- We finished our Small Business Valentine raffle that encouraged everyone to shop small the first part of February. We had almost \$3,000 in receipts from small businesses.
- We are just about to open up submissions for our youth sign competition to design a positive sign with the anti-littering message to encourage people not to litter. It is a part of the Clean and Beautiful grant. Soon we will have a category pursuit that is ages 13-18 and then there will be one for ages 12 and under. I am getting in touch with the art teachers from the schools to try and get the word out about it. If you guys know any artistic youth, please help spread the word. We are just asking for them to design a sign and we will choose one from each category. The winner will get \$100 cash and we will print their sign on 6 metal signs that will be posted around town. The deadline for that submission is March 28, 2025.
- We are in full swing for our redefined marketing campaign which is funded by Lodgers Tax. It is a marketing campaign for T or C. We are putting print ads in regional publications in Tucson, El Paso, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. We have digital billboards. One is currently up in Albuquerque, and there will be one next month in Las Cruces and in El Paso. We are also doing some online marketing and various things like that. We are just trying to get the word out about how amazing Truth or Consequences is as a destination.

Mayor Hechler: I would like to announce, henceforth, if you haven't signed up for public comment, in the future then I won't be calling on you anymore. So, please sign up if you would like to speak and please pass the word because we want a record of your signature and that you want to speak to us. So, in the future if you are not signed up you won't be called on so, please keep that in mind for the next meeting.

D. REPORTS:

City Manager Whitehead reported the following:

- It has been a good couple of weeks. I'm going to call on a couple of people here to talk about a couple of reports.
- As of Friday, we have 12 active water leaks around town. There are no water leaks that we would call significant flows. They are all managing and the crew has those scheduled and they are attempting to work through those in a methodical way. I asked the water department to give me a plan of how they are working. If they have a leak that is really gushing water out that is an active leak. They will go anytime to get that. They are trying to schedule the smaller leaks, so they have the ability to still do water and sewer taps. We also still have to find line locates. The 3rd list that they are managing are leaks around the community that have been there for more than 2 weeks. So, if a line leaks more than twice, they are tracking those and they are going to ask me if we can get those lines replaced where we might bring in a contractor or we might actually buy some significant piping. They seem to have a fairly good process. It feels like they are on top of it, and the crew is working diligently. If they get a call out, they will not go home until that leak is resolved so we are seeing significant overtime as it relates to leaks, but they are doing a great job. We've had a couple of leaks over the last two weeks where a contractor is putting in some lines. We are working together, and they are calling for locates, but there have been a few times when the line locate is not exactly in the spot where our map would have had it, and then there have been days where we've actually gone onsite to be there to work with that contractor to make sure if we have an error or mistake and we hit a line, we are able to get through that significantly. I'll be contacting the engineer, and we will sit down and make sure that we are going over all of that and make sure that everything is in order. The last leaks that we've had have been really more about that process, and for those who don't know, we will be getting high speed internet through that process. We just have to get through it, and then we should have some improved infrastructure again for the community.
- We are trying to work on the website. Angela and I have talked about how to make it a little more robust so that the citizens can go through our website and see if we have an outage, it will be a better site to go see. We are trying to get that resolved.
- I will be traveling to Santa Fe tomorrow and Friday for Municipal League meetings, and some meetings with our legislative staff to talk about our priorities.
- We are trying to get a meeting with the Department of Transportation as they are preparing for their downtown striping plan. They are moving really fast. We are not sure that we'll have it this week, but they are preparing it, and it should be striped in the next couple of weeks, so we want to make sure that we ask some questions. I've worked with the Chief to make sure that they are prepared with how we are going to be prepared with the new traffic pattern and the flow and just make sure that we're going to be educated on the front end and be there to make sure that the process is smooth.

- We changed the PO process, and we the item on the consent calendar so you can see the items that I signed that are between \$20,000 and \$60,000. I remind the commission that if you have questions when you get that in your packet you can move that off of the consent agenda and we can have a discussion. It will always be on the consent calendar and a report will be included if there are any items between \$20,000 and \$60,000 that were approved. We didn't have any today.

City Clerk Torres:

- We got our new projector in, and they also installed a new screen. The picture is great, and we no longer have to connect it to the long HDMI cable that is usually lying across the floor. They will be here tomorrow to install new mics, and we are going to also get a new sound board. They will also be installing new cameras, so instead of us having to use a portable camera for Facebook Live, we should be able to use the cameras that are installed so we can capture both angles.

City Manager Whitehead: The team indicated that these two cameras are primarily used for the recording software. It's possible that we may still use these cameras for the recording software, and then new cameras will be installed for Facebook live. We may also move to a YouTube channel. So, we may have two camera systems in here, but again, their focus is to try and make this work for the staff.

Mayor Hechler: Will you have control of the camera angles?

City Clerk Torres: Yes, and I will also have control of the mics as well.

Jocelyn Holguin, Finance Director:

- We have already met with all of the departments. We are doing a two-part phase where we're cleaning up the current budget and bringing it up to par. We are also directing staff on what we are looking at on their line items and increases that we have to make for shortfalls and for them to be considerate of what they are budgeting because we are doing the pay study to try to get the staff increases, so we asked them to be mindful of that when they are considering their numbers.

Chief Tavizon:

- We got the approval for the SCIP. I didn't get it in a timely manner to make this agenda today to get approved. I'll be presenting it to you at the next meeting. That's the grant that was given to us by the state to help with the mental illness issue that we're dealing with. That will provide some money for overtime and training and getting some officers certified as de-escalation experts. It will all be paid for. It's not a match grant. It is a 100 % grant.
- We are starting applications for the LEPF funds for next year. That's always a fun process to get those submitted in a timely manner.
- We are working with Finance to get our budget done and prepare for next fiscal year for your approval.
- We are working on traffic enforcement grants to try and get people to slow down a little bit. Especially with construction and the new traffic pattern that is going to

happen down town, so we have officers out there on the street that are trying to get people to slow down.

- The Municipal League purchased Lexipol. It's a company that specializes in policy management, so its best practices across the nation, and its specific to New Mexico. They are looking at the New Mexico Self Insurers Fund giving us a discount for utilizing their policies and procedures. I am actively working with them right now to go over the policies that are applicable to our community. Obviously, we're not going to be comparable to larger entities like the Albuquerque Police Department. It also gives us the opportunity to send out policies to the officers so they can acknowledge that they read it, and it also gives them scenarios on the basis that they can test out officer policies. Once all of that is set up, I will bring it in front of you again. I brought one to you when I first took over and you guys approved that. It should be similar.

Mayor Hechler: City Manager Whitehead, when we meet with the highway department, I think one of the concerns that we have is loading and unloading for major trucks with trailers. People that provide services and goods to our businesses. In the past when we had two lanes in the downtown area, they would absorb one lane and unload there. I think we want to make sure that we talk with the highway department and see how they want us to determine how we are going to unload our big trucks. Our alley ways aren't really conducive to having these big trucks driving through them, so that would be a question I would like to get their recommendation on. I don't know if its too late to ask for loading and unloading zones. I kind of imagine that they already have the plan designed, and it may be too late, but I would like to get that question answered so please remember that.

City Commission Reports:

Commissioner Fahl reported the following:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister and I had agreed that we would try and help the birthday planning celebration for the city, and I was going to visit with Angela about that, but Fiesta has already planned on doing a Truth or Consequences game show in March, and I was thinking that could kind of be the sendoff for our birthday celebration. After that Amanda and I will get with you Clerk Torres and maybe we can set up a public meeting and start planning for something every 3 months. I think that will be a good start. I talked to Destiny about that, and they were okay with that too. Thank goodness that they already jumped on that and got that in place. That will give us time to get something planned. With all of my husband's health issues I couldn't take that on too.
- My husband and I went up to Santa Fe on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to be up there during the legislative session. I was able to see Senator Brantley in action. We went by her office several times, but when we were going to connect with her, she would get called out, so we didn't get to visit with her too much. We did, however, see Representative Armstrong and Representative Dow. She was so kind as to recognize us. I left notes for Senator Brantley about our issues.

- Since our meeting we made some progress on our Veterans Memorial Park to acquire the helicopter. The Veterans Trust Board believed that we had sufficient funds to pay for the transport. I have been working with OJ to see if we could store it at the airport until we are ready to get the platform built. There are other helicopters at Fort Baird and Las Cruces. We are hoping to get those designed so the city doesn't have to pay for that. That is pretty exciting news, so hopefully we'll have it here in a month or two.

Commissioner Hoeppner reported the following:

- I want to say thank you to the City Manager for giving me a tour of the different departments and showing me around the town. I saw the wastewater plant. It is really organized, and every department is clean. They are doing a great job. It was neat and informative to see behind the scenes.
- We had meteoric here which is an artist festival. It happens once a year. It brought tourism to our town. I want to thank the organizers and those everybody who was involved with the event. We have amazing local artists, but its always nice to see the artists from different towns coming and visiting our town and enjoying it. I heard positive feedback that they are looking forward to coming back. That is one step forward with partnerships with other cities. I hope that we can start reaching out to other communities in the future to come and visit us or us visiting them as well.
- I am looking forward to Fiesta. Hopefully we will have more events this year, especially celebrating 75 years of Truth or Consequences. Hopefully, we will see some banners celebrating 75 years of our town.

Commissioner Mitchell reported the following:

- We discussed banners at our Fiesta meeting last night about getting happy birthday banners for the City of Truth or Consequences and approaching Lodgers Tax to pay for those. That is on our planning list.
- Thank you, Merry Jo, for reaching out to talk about the city's birthday party. We had a meeting last night and we discussed possibly having a giant birthday cake float in the parade for Fiesta for the City of Truth or Consequences. We are going to try and see if we can make that happen and make it work.
- I wanted to thank everybody who participated in the Tree New Mexico planting. We have 179 trees planted thus far. We are trying to make the mayor's goal of 1000 trees.
- This weekend is the Rock & Gem Show for Sierra County out at the fairgrounds. We encourage everybody to come out and check out all of the cool stuff. It is actually tallied as one of the smaller, but one of the better Rock & Gem shows in the state.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister reported the following:

- Friday the boy's basketball team will be competing for the district tournament championship. They won last night against Hatch so that is really exciting.
- I am on the fair board and we have been updated on the progress that is going to be happening at the fairgrounds. Hopefully, they will start getting some stuff done out there so we can start using that building again.

Mayor Hechler reported the following:

- On February 26th City Manager Whithead and I met with Cynthia Hall. She is the district director for Congressman Gabe Vasquez. We talked about our legislative priorities and they are willing to help us but we are going to go to our legislator first, so we are making a trip tomorrow and the next day to spend some time up there. We had meetings already scheduled with Senator Brantley and our two representatives. Anything that we are not fortunate in getting funding for will be requested through Congressman Gabe Vasquez' office. Hopefully we will have good luck this year in getting funded for our priorities and things that we wanted to get.
- Over the past week or so I roughed out the new City Manager evaluation. I've got a copy in front of everybody here. I would like to ask my fellow commissioners to please take that home with you and go through it and make notes on it and add anything to it that you want to see evaluated and what you would like to our City Manager to accomplish. If you would have that back to Johanna in the City Manager's Office by next Wednesday, I'll pick that up during the agenda meeting, and I will incorporate those changes to the evaluation and then we can present the evaluation to the Manager during the March 12th meeting.

City Attorney Rubin had no report.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **City Commission Regular Minutes, February 12, 2025.**
2. **Acknowledge Regular Planning & Zoning Advisory Board Minutes, December 9, 2024.**
3. **Purchase report of items between \$20,000 and \$60,000.**

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve item E2 of the Consent Calendar as item E1 was removed and there were no items for E3. Commissioner Hoepfner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

F. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/ZONING:

1. **Discussion/Action: Open Meetings Act Resolution 01 24/25, Amendment to the time regular meetings are held.**

City Manager Whitehead: I would just remind the commission at the last meeting we had a spirited discussion on potentially changing the time of the meetings. It felt like we came to some consensus to have the first meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the second meeting at 4:00 p.m. Staff and legal reviewed our open meetings resolution and policy within the city and found that the only thing that needed to be changed was the one line in the resolution identifying the time. Otherwise, we would be compliant at any of those times, so I asked staff to prepare two resolutions. One that would move the second meeting to 3:00 p.m.

and one that would move the second meeting to 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions to our legal department or to City Clerk Torres. She really spearheaded the organization of this matter.

Commissioner Fahl: I know we talked about this quite a bit at the last meeting, and I thought about it afterwards and I am just going to give my personal opinion, we all donate a lot of time to other organizations, and we are involved in a lot of things. I can write grants in the morning, but I can't think very good in the afternoon, and I don't want to give up more of my evening time. When we were elected, we knew that we would have meetings at 9:00 a.m. The city tried this in the past a couple of times, and it never really worked out.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: At the last meeting, Commissioner Fahl came up with this idea.

Commissioner Fahl: I did, but I thought about it and changed my mind.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: She came up with the idea of splitting the meetings. I know there was some hesitation about doing them in the evenings, but I like the fact that we came to a consensus that maybe if we do one in the morning and one in the afternoon then everybody would only be giving up one morning or one afternoon. It is one time a month that we are making a compromise, and maybe we're trying to get different crowds to come at different times. I think if we do one at 4:00 p.m., people who work until 5:00 p.m. can easily take off that extra hour to be here if they want to be here and be present in our commission. And then, a big one is for when we have to open up our seats, I know some of us are not going to run again so it will be nice to pull from a bigger body of people that are maybe working 9-5 jobs. I would like to meet once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and I would still want the second meeting to be at 4:00 p.m. so we can get those people who don't get off until 5 to maybe attend our meetings.

Commissioner Hoeppner: I am fine with meeting at 4:00 p.m. as well, but if it stays the same as we are doing now at 9:00 a.m., I'm still saying that when there is something on the agenda that needs public input, we should really do a special session so everybody who has a 9-5 job can attend. It could be a special meeting that only covers special topics so it won't be a long meeting where people want to leave in the middle of our sessions.

Commissioner Mitchell: I agree with Merry Jo with the fact that I don't want to give up my afternoons, but I was also in Amanda's position and I understand that from a business owner's perspective that being able to attend after work or even taking off an hour early is doable. I would vote for the 3:00 p.m. meetings over the 4:00 p.m. meetings, but that is just my two cents.

Mayor Hechler: Mayor Pro-Tem, the 3:00 p.m. meeting wouldn't really work for you would it, because you have classes until 3:30 p.m.

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Commissioner Fahl: Her premise of that was that we want business people to attend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: It's not just for me. It's also for that reason, and now that I'm in that position, that makes me aware of how difficult it is for those people to be here at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Hechler: Manager Whitehead, I know that we discussed maybe changing the format of the meetings just a little bit. One of the meetings should be business related, and the other one could be more normal like we are doing today. I would assume that the meeting at 4:00 p.m. would be more business related to be more expedient.

City Manager Whitehead: We can talk about it more at the next meeting, but we looked at the policies the city has, and there are some shortcuts such as our policy stating that public comment is not to be on the second meeting of the month, so that is something that I would implement. I have begun to build a calendar with the department heads so I would put 5 department heads on each of the first meetings, but there won't be any department reports at the second meeting. We would probably even consider removing the commissioner's report as well to try and speed up the meeting, and by only adding pertinent items to the second meeting, I think we can cut the meeting down to a couple of hours. That would be the goal. I think we could accommodate it and it's worth an effort on our part to see if we can help get more people to come and participate, and to make it to where we are not here for several hours on the second meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: We can always change it back if we see that it's not working, and I would ask that we do the 4:00 p.m. meeting because to me it's pointless if we do the 3:00 p.m. meetings and we might as well just leave it alone at that point.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve Open Meetings Act Resolution 01 24/25, Amendment to the time regular meetings are held with option 2 regarding 9:00 a.m. meetings for the 1st meeting of the month and 4:00 p.m. for the 2nd meeting of the month. Commissioner Hoeppner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Hon. Merry Jo Fahl, Commissioner voted nay

Hon. Ingo Hoeppner, Commissioner voted aye

Hon. Amanda Forrister, Mayor Pro-Tem voted aye

Hon. Rolf Hechler, Mayor voted aye

Hon. Destiny Mitchell, Commissioner voted aye

Motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

2. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 31 24/25 Confirming the rescission of the adoption of Ordinance No. 767.

City Manager Whitehead: At the last commission meeting we presented the process on the police department and the election that was set to happen. Potentially we found ourselves in water that would have nullified that vote. The commission took action to withdraw from that particular ordinance. When I contacted the County Clerk, she asked for a resolution indicating that the rescission had taken place so she could verify her records. I consulted with Jay and with staff and we felt that it would be proper to create that paper trail that said, the ordinance was passed, the vote set that aside and we had rescinded that, so that's what the action is here.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve Resolution No. 31 24/25 Confirming the rescission of the adoption of Ordinance No. 767. Commissioner Hoepfner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 32 24/25 Repealing Resolution 30 24/25 and Authorizing and Approving the Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Colonias Infrastructure Fund.

City Manager Whitehead: At the last meeting we asked you to approve a resolution that would allow us to apply for colonias funding for a wastewater preliminary engineering report. We went through several things over the last few weeks, and we probably got a little bit ahead of this. So, we asked for you to allow us to apply for \$150,000 which requires a 10% match, which is \$15,000. When we got the final engineering report on the cost, it's going to be about \$190,000 to do the study, so the match will go up to \$19,000. Staff felt like it was proper to come back and re-visit this, repeal the previous resolution and approve the correct resolution that is here before you today so we can apply again. This is just for the application, and it sounds like colonias requires that the action be clear so that is the error.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: As stated, once we got the definite scope of work from the engineer, the cost could potentially go up. What we would like to do within that PER would require us to install a couple of meters in some of the manholes so we can confirm the flow rates from each of the main sewer areas. We would also be looking at getting a hydraulic model which is what we have for our water system. That was very instrumental when we were dealing with the issues of low water pressure for the hospital. Having that hydraulic model really helped us solve some of those issues, so we would want the same with our sewer system. We also want to be able to identify the critical bottleneck areas within the system and do a condition and capacity evaluation of the collection lines and

manholes which is approximately 61 miles of line with a little over 1000 manholes, as well as the condition and capacity evaluation of all of our major pump stations which would be at Nickle, Clancy, North Date and Riverside. Colonias is a 10% match and 10% loan component, so our application request for the \$191,000 would give us a \$19,000 cash match requirement as well as a \$19,000 loan for a total project cost of \$229,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve Resolution No. 32 24/25 Repealing Resolution 30 24/25 and Authorizing and Approving the Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Colonias Infrastructure Fund. Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion/Action: FY2024 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement B-24-CP-NM-1489 request to use their portion of Lodgers Tax funding to hire an engineer to assess the Geronimo Springs Museum Fountain.**

Cary Jagger Gustin, Public Arts Board Member: We represent the Public Arts Advisory Board. Andy Underwood are members of the board. For the last 6 or 7 years, we have been working diligently to restore the hot water to your city owned fountain on Main Street in downtown T or C. Initially we thought that the system had dried up as the hot water builds up and pumps into the fountain. Examination has revealed that there is still good waterflow there. We also took steps to drill a new well on the side if necessary. Additionally, the Geronimo Springs Museum board agreed to allow us to use the hot water well that is adjacent to the fountain. Further examination revealed that the problem was a pump issue.

Andy Underwood, Public Arts Board Member: We have a spring box there that gets filled on that hill and it has a small pump in it which pumps and fills the fountain. The pump burned out, so we had Eddie Merlin come in to clean the spring box for us and make sure that it was working correctly. We were getting ready to approach the city about maybe putting in different sized pumps to get it flowing again, and then another issue came up where somebody in the city felt that the structure may not be safe so we stopped everything and we've been going through the process of trying to get to you to hire somebody to make sure that the fountain is still structurally sound. We had the artist come down and look at it, and we have all looked at it, but we want someone to come in and tell us that it's okay.

Cary Jagger Gustin, Public Arts Board Member: The city's Public Arts Advisory Board does not want to see the fountain removed. The artist who designed the fountain feels that repair is needed but it is still in good service condition. There is some question as to the condition and continued safety needs of the public. With that being said the board

would like the city to hire a structural engineer to examine the art piece and give a report. The fountain was dedicated March 24, 2001, so it is 26 years of age. There are funds available in the city's public art advisory board fund to hire an engineer and to pay for the repairs if that is decided. Ultimately, if the art piece is to be removed, there is a process to be followed to decommission an art in public places project which fits that sculpture.

Commissioner Fahl: I have been told at the Geronimo Springs Museum meetings that the structure is over a rebar foundation, and the hot water is what is affecting the foundation of it.

Andy Underwood, Public Arts Board Member: The fountain has a mesh inside of it, and at the time the pumps were leaking, it sprayed water inside of the fountain. The artist came and looked at it and he felt like it was okay, but what we see when we look inside is the appearance of rust and things of that nature. It really comes down to my opinion vs. your opinion, so that is why we would like a structural engineer to assess it. I know that it has been there for a long time and it is nice and it should be working. I know that it's hard to get public art out there and I also know that it's hard to take public art down. If we can find somebody that says that it's no good then we will go through the process, but if we can find somebody who says it's okay, then we can get it going again and possibly put together some sort of maintenance schedule.

Cary Jagger Gust, Public Arts Board Member: It's a huge tourism pool for us. A lot of people go there for our hot mineral water and they actively ask why it doesn't work. So, it's very critical that why try and put it back into service so when people come to visit us, it is working.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: Do you know how much it would cost to hire an engineer?

Mayor Hechler: If we are going to have a facility. It needs to be in good repair. It needs to also be continued to be recognized. I don't want to get rid of art. There is a reason that its there and I think you're absolutely right, it highlights our healing waters so it's important to have a piece of art there so I would like to see it repaired. Mr. Underwood I respect your opinion and I know that you're a contractor and a builder, but you are telling me that it is beyond the scope of us to just go in there and repair it, we need to have somebody's opinion to get it done, is that what you're suggesting?

Andy Underwood, Public Arts Board Member: The question is, is it structurally sound or repairable. If I go in and say that I think it's okay and your guy goes in there and says that it isn't okay, who's right? So, if we have an engineer look at it, they are licensed in that particular field. I'm not. My license is different.

Mayor Hechler: That makes sense. I'm just trying to watch our money.

Commissioner Fahl: Can we use money from the city's portion of lodgers tax because that is for infrastructure and that is our fountain. Visitors come into the museum all of the time and ask why the fountain isn't working. That is a daily question.

Cary "Jagger" Gustin: There was about \$16,000 in the public arts form, but I don't know what the balance is now.

City Manager Whitehead: When I saw this on the agenda, I asked some of these questions that you're asking because I didn't really have a clear path of where we want to go. It really feels to me that I need to spend some time with this group so we can figure out a strategy and a plan. We looked at their portion of the lodgers' tax and it looks like there is about \$5,000 left in it this year, but they have some encumbered PO's that they might have been using for something that they haven't spent. They get about \$16,000 from that fund, so the \$16,000 is relevant, it's just how much of it is spent on something else, so I really need to assess that. So, I need to have a meeting with them, look at the funds and find out if there is an engineer that need to come and take a look at. That would be my proposal.

Mayor Hechler made a motion to allow City Manager Whithead to meet with the Public Arts Board and report back to the Commission at a future date. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion/Action: Love's Travel Stop.

Barbara Peck, Loves Project Manager gave a presentation of the introduction of a Love's project. (Presentation attached hereto and made a part hereof).

No action was taken.

3. Discussion/Action: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City and Jesse Cole 4x4 Services and Consults.

City Manager Whitehead: Prior to my arrival here, one of the challenges that the city was facing was that we lost our Water/Wastewater Director. We've been kind of operating with staff. I want to give kudos to them. They have really stepped up and they have done a great job with keeping everything operating and moving forward. We went through an environmental assessment and we had some findings, but everybody pitched in and got everything in order. One of the first thing for me was to figure out a solution for the water and wastewater. We are by law supposed to have certifications in two areas, both water and wastewater, but we do not have that with our current staff, so we do not have anybody who can take on that position. Jesse Cole has worked for the city in the past, he has formed his own business. He is consulting now with multiple water and wastewater systems throughout New Mexico. In one of my first meetings, he attended it as a consultant to the city to hear what the concerns were from the

environmental department. He and I met and discussed what he can do, so I put together an agreement with 4x4 Services and Consults which is Jesse Cole, for him to become contractually our onsite compliance to give us that director in the water and wastewater department. Jesse is not able to come to work for us full time. He wants to stay in the private sector. He does contract with Elephant Butte and different areas, so the proposal would be a \$2,500 a month base fee to bring him on board. He would be onsite a minimum of 6 days a month. Jesse's vision was, it doesn't matter if it's 24 hours, he's going to consider that one day. So, we kind of paired that back to say, hey I really want you back onsite. I need some training. I need to understand, and we need direction so we would have him 6 days a week for a minimum of 6 hours. It could go up to 12. That will count as one day. He needs a couple of days to do administrative work, so we get sampling reports, and we are able to generate those reports, but Jesse's responsibility would be to oversee those and make sure that they are ready to the state as well as make recommendations to us on what we need to do. We would also need some emergency callouts, so 2 of the days in that 10 day window would be for an onsite operation. That would cover \$2,500 and then we would set up to 24 hours. He would be here 6 days, that's 36 hours. We would count each on call by the hour, so that would give us 48 hours. Once he crosses that threshold, then he could bill us for \$75.00 an hour if we needed him and that would have to be approved by me if we had to go up to that or above that particular rate. Under the procurement code we have the ability to procure his services under a small professional services agreement, so that would be up to \$60,000. We don't anticipate spending more than somewhere between \$45,000 and \$50,000 based on the call outs and those kinds of things.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City and Jesse Cole 4x4 Services and Consults. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/Update: Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan final report.

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director gave an update on the Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan final report (Presentation attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Mayor Hechler: Are we going to re-use water for the irrigation system or are you going to use fresh water?

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director: It will be based off grant funding, and it will be based off of natural turf. Obviously, before we go and put sod out there and we do all those things, we have to fix the pond issue that we have right now. We talked to an engineering firm about how much water we currently use and how much water the wastewater plant is producing, and between the golf course and the ball fields, what are

we currently using and how much do we produce. We are working on a plan right now for that. We would have to address those things before we do anything.

Commissioner Hoepfner: Thank you for all of the work you do. I hope when we have the numbers about shading that we can get a grant for shading at Ralph Edwards Park as well because I see that there are a lot of people utilizing the playground and the workout equipment.

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director: We are working on shade for the playground equipment out at Ralph Edwards Park.

Commissioner Fahl: When the public looks at these dollar amounts and then they look at the other infrastructure needs that we have, I think we have to look at this as a whole picture. Nothing is cheap anymore and those are realistic figures, and they are only going to go higher, but if we in the community remember to think that these are one piece at a time, they are phases. Even though we have lots of infrastructure needs, we need to meet the quality of life needs of our community as well. And we need to provide things for kids and adults, and we need to have something beautiful that we can showcase and use for other events. Once we get the ballfields up then we can host events and soccer tournaments and encourage more people to come here, so let's not lose sight of the end goal which is to make that a beautiful area. The cost isn't insurmountable, there are lots of grants out there for that so we're not just writing a check, so I think that we just need to affirm to the community how important that is.

5. Discussion/Update: Spring update regarding the 2025 little league season and plans for the baseball fields as we prepare them for district all-stars.

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director: I just wanted to give a brief overview of what little league looks like this year. 168 kids signed up this year. 5 major little league teams, 4 minor coach pitch teams. There are 2 little league teams from Arrey and one T-Ball team from Arrey. That is a total of 15 teams this year. The opening ceremony will be on March 21st. The games will be played Tuesday's and Friday's. We started preparing for little league season and we ordered some fresh in field mix. I want to thank Buster and the Streets Department for helping us spread that. The in fields on the two little league fields look fresh and nice. That leads me into discussion about district all stars. The district all stars are coming here on June 19th – June 23rd. District includes Silver City, Deming, Baird, and Lordsburg. We are looking at approximately 14-15 teams. Matt Felts believes that there will be thousands of people in town during that time. We want to make sure that we have the opportunity to host this tournament here. The softball field is the only field that we currently have out that. The major division has to play on a regulation size. So. We've decided that we are going to take the softball field and make it 90 ft. base's and make the infield larger, and we are going to order some in field mix, and we are going to concentrate on that field. We are going to have to close the field in the spring to do that. That's the only time that we can plant grass and Ryan is going to get into that here in a

minute. Last year our softball teams only practiced on it a few times. They might have had a couple of games and rented the lights here and there. If they decide to have a league this year, one night a week they can use one of the little league fields. We can figure that out and accommodate that. We will be closing the softball field. We have our plan to move forward, and Matt said that we have to have that field for the tournament.

Ryan Lawler: I was tasked to help the parks with the fields. I conducted soil testing as well as a water test. I laid out my plan which is very detailed about what is needed and what is not needed. This will be maintenance in the soil and it will require aeration to sink those materials down as far as we can get it to combat the issues. We are going to request to shut down the fields and keep traffic off of them. I conducted a couple of different deed options. I think with the timeline given we can shut down those fields and abide by this plan. We are rolling out the red carpet for the people who come out and see our fields.

Commissioner Fahl: How are you going to keep the public off of the field when the new grass is coming up?

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director: We are going to put signage up and we are going to block the entrances to the field where you would literally have to climb the fence to jump in. The Bermuda grass is not cheap, so we want to keep people off of it, especially during the germination process.

Commissioner Fahl: Do you think that is something we can put on our Facebook page to remind people to stay off and why. Keeping the word out there will be very beneficial.

6. Discussion/Action: Project scope selection for NMDOT Funding.

Buster Smith, Streets Department Manager: Our iWorQs program rates the roads. There are four different programs that we applied for.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: Our Municipal Arterial program for the map funding has to consist of a city road that enters and exits off of a main arterial. Whatever road that we decide that we want to develop has to connect on both ends to either Main Street, Date Street, Broadway or 3rd Street. Our current funded project that we are following are safe streets for all that you approved a while back. We are also making sure that any roadways follow our waterline replacement or upcoming waterline replacements. Current funding is for plan, design and permitting for Pershing Street from Main Street to Second Avenue, and then Second Avenue over to Date Street. Part of that waterline was replaced during the MSD Project and some of it during the Drinking Water Project and then there is a small section that will be addressed during our critical project. We did look at timing on when we estimate and I think we're good on that. Once we get all the way through this one of the things that I would request is if you are on board with our potential projects to also approve for staff to work directly with the City Manager in case the scope changes because we may get our estimated cost for the repairs of these, and it may be such a large amount that we are requesting that we may have to shorten it, and on this one here

we have to be very careful because we have to make sure that we touch arterials, but on some of the other ones we may have to shorten the scope to make it a realistic application. She then reviewed the proposed areas for repair. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

City Manager Whitehead: These funding cycles come, and this one was upon us. We took it seriously to try to find projects that were relevant that touched. A lot of these already had planning and the waterline. I would say that it would be disingenuous of me to say that the only consideration we're going to give to fixing a road is if it has a waterline. They will not be the case in the future. We are going to get a hold of this process, and we will be a little bit better and look at factors. When we start doing waterlines, a lot of those are going to have those roads being repaired in those projects or at least capped. So, in this particular case, we are kind of focused on those four criteria's because we have to get those applications in. Buster felt like he did enough work, and he liked these projects, but going forward, we will look at other opportunities. One sidewalk project is at the New School, Sierra Elementary Complex in that area. That does have a waterline that will be addressed in WISP1, and if the timing is proper, then we will come and finish that one, but the Marie to the school has some design, but it just kind of touches on that need for alternative transportation. There are two different sidewalk projects connected to the schools, and we are ready to go because we have planning and in the future, Buster has some ideas of where we could put sidewalks that touch on this.

Mayor Hechler: It looks like we have four planning opportunities, and we have four projects, so good job. Way to get on top of these things so we are maximizing our ability to get our roads fixed. I think that part of it is good.

Mayor Hechler made a motion to approve the project selections as discussed for NMDOT Funding and authorize staff to directly work with the City Manager for any changes or scope needed, and he can report back up to us if that is the case. Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion/Action: State of New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement: A24I2021.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: SJOA has received an appropriation in the amount of \$60,883.00 to purchase and equip vehicles for the Ken James Senior Center. The funds will be used for the purchase of a meal truck. The City of T or C is the fiscal agent for the SJOA Ken James Senior Center, and the grant is on a reimbursement basis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the State of New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement: A24I2021. Commissioner Hoeppner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion/Action: Approval of the Records Inventory List for destruction.

City Clerk Torres: Our Accounts Payable department has 35 boxes of records that are ready for destruction. Included in the packet is a list of records that can be destroyed as per the state records retention schedule 18.03-001. If approved by the governing body, all requirements will be followed to schedule a date for destruction of said records.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Records Inventory List for destruction. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion/Action: Approval of Purchase Requisitions over \$60,000.

Jordan Javier, Procurement Officer reviewed the Purchase Requisitions over \$60,000 provided in the packet. (Purchase Requisitions over \$60,000 attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Purchase Requisitions over \$60,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Threatened & Pending Litigation (Ron Fenn vs. City of T or C) pursuant to 10-15-1(H.7).

Commissioner Fahl made a motion to go into executive session at 11:46 a.m. to discuss Threatened & Pending Litigation (Ron Fenn vs. City of T or C) pursuant to 10-15-1(H.7). Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hechler reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister certified that only matters pertaining to Threatened & Pending Litigation (Ron Fenn vs. City of T or C) pursuant to 10-15-1(H.7) were discussed in Executive Session and no action was taken in executive session.

I. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION; ACTION (if any)

- 1. Threatened & Pending Litigation (Ron Fenn vs. City of T or C) pursuant to 10-15-1(H.7).**

No action was taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

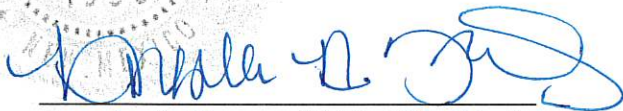
Mayor Hechler adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of March, 2025.



Rolf Hechler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela A. Torres, CMC, City Clerk



Truth or Consequences, NM

City Commission Presentation



Appreciation

- City Commission
- Traci Alvarez, Assistant City Manager
- Utilities Department Leadership
- Engineer for large developments



About Love's

- Est. 1964 by Tom and Judy Love
- Still family owned and operated
 - Regular Culture Tours with Family
- Second generation led company
 - Third generation have full-time roles
- Headquartered in Oklahoma City
 - 650+ locations in 42 states
 - Nearly 40,000 team members



Quick Service Restaurants



RV Hookups and Stops

- Book/check-in via Love's Connect App
- Short Term / Traveling Public
- Wi-Fi
- Dump services (where allowed)
- Bulk propane
- Laundry
- Showers



Career Opportunities

- Average of 40 new jobs
 - 75% full-time and 25% part-time
- Eligible for benefits nearly immediately
 - Medical, dental, vision, 401(k), holiday pay
- Conduct local wage surveys
 - Two salary raises per year for first two years, then annually
- Debt-free education program
 - High school diploma, college degree, certificates



Investment in Community

- Average \$20 million investment
 - Committed to maintenance, curb appeal, safety, being good neighbors
- Significant economic contributor to city and county
 - Local taxes support schools, fire and police, and more.
- Tourism End Cap inside the store pointing folks to local attractions



Donations to Local Non-Profits

- All new stores donate \$5,000 to 501c3
- Annual \$5,000 district giving budget
- Children's Miracle Network Hospitals pin pad donations
 - All monies go to local children's hospital
 - UNM Children's Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico



New Store Facts and Services

- 12,460 sq. ft. Building
- 8 gas / 6 diesel lanes
- Parking Spots
 - 63 Truck
 - 62 Car
- 1-2 Quick Service Restaurant(s)
- 10 RV hookups, 3 parking spots
- Dog Park



New Store Facts and Services

Based on inside annual sales projections

- City Sales Tax Revenue estimate \$175,000
- State Sales Tax Revenue estimate \$250,000
- Plus any Fuel Taxes levied
- Plus non direct tax revenues generated by additional visitors



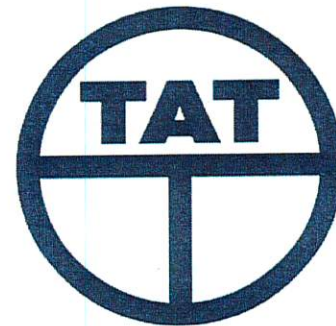
Evolution of the Professional Driver

- Reliable and committed to keeping U.S. economy running
- Highly regulated
 - Department of Transportation
 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
 - Rest time, drug/alcohol testing, maintained trucks



Fighting Human Trafficking

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Training
 - All team members trained to recognize indicators
- Truckers Against Trafficking Diamond Sponsor
- Travel Stop layout and higher standard security minimize risk

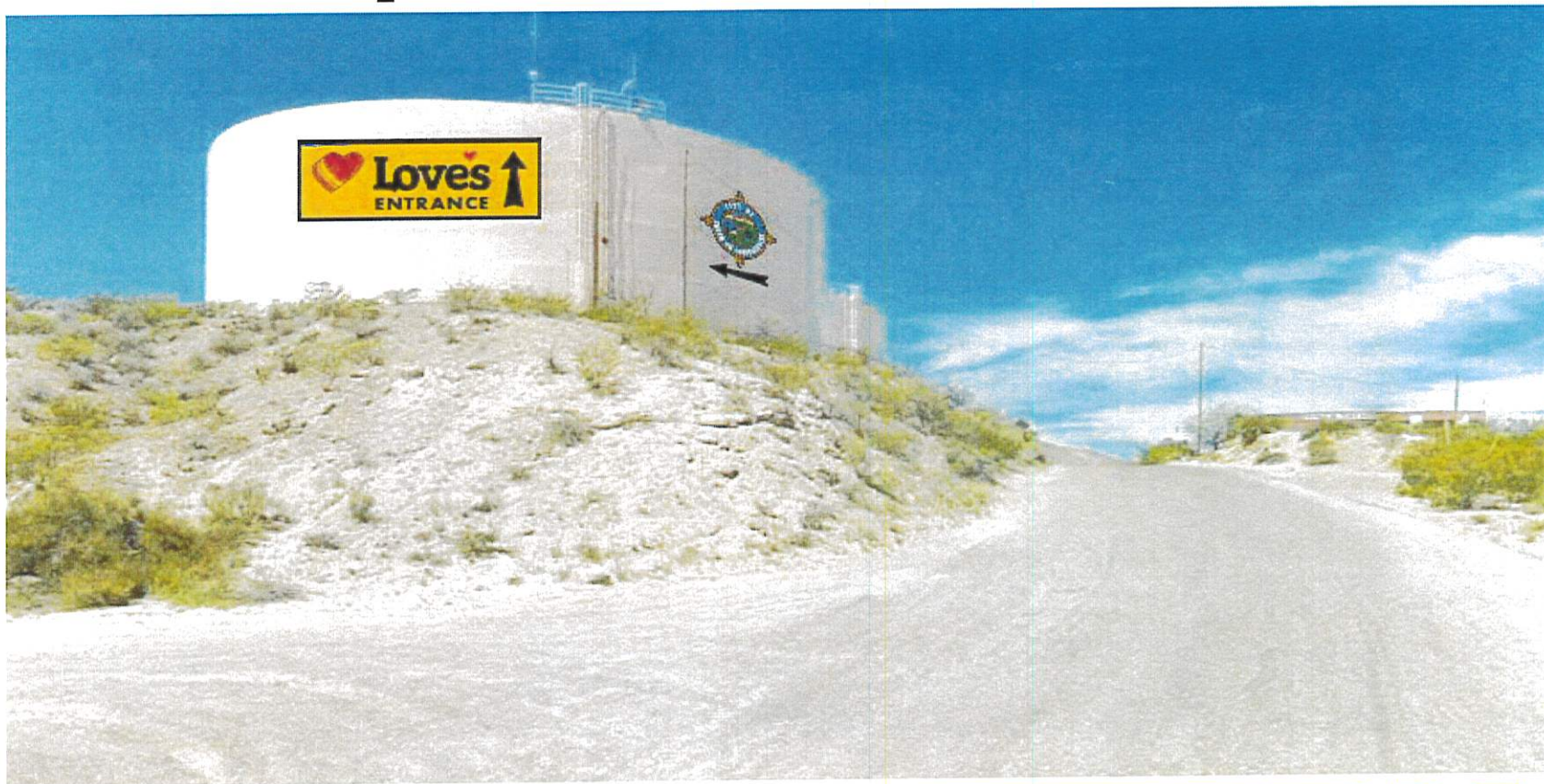


Security and Preventing Crime

- Crime rates at Travel Stops statistically mirror city and county rates
- Well-lit parking lots with comprehensive security camera coverage
- Daily duties include parking lot and store walks



Future Request for Discussion



Love's Dog Park



Love's Example



Love's Example







City of Truth or Consequences

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2025

Agenda Item #: G.9

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase Requisitions over \$60,000

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DATE SUBMITTED: February 20, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Jordan Javier, Chief Procurement Officer

WHO WILL PRESENT THE ITEM: City Manager Whitehead

Summary/Background:

In 2023, the City of Truth or Consequences and the New Mexico Department of Transportation entered into a Cooperative Agreement for the Local Government Road Funds. Per the Cooperative Agreement NMDOT would grant \$235,277.00 and the City would use \$78,409.00 of its own money. After the project was completed, under the agreement, any unused NMDOT fund would be reimbursed totaling to an invoice of \$64,927.33.

Recommendation:

Approval Recommended by Finance Director

Attachments:

- Letter from Chief Procurement Officer
- See Attached

Fiscal Impact (Finance): Yes

The \$64,927.33 going back to NMDOT.

Legal Review (City Attorney): N/A

N/A

Approved For Submittal By: ☒ Department Director

Reviewed by: ☒ City Clerk ☒ Finance ☐ Legal ☐ Other: [Click here to enter text](#)

Final Approval: ☒ City Manager

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File Name: CC agendas 02/26/2025

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Gary Whitehead
City Manager

February 20, 2025

To City Mayor, Pro-Tem and Commissioners,

RE: NMDOT AND CITY OF T OR C LRGF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The following reviews with the City Manager, the Community Development Department, Purchasing Department, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The City of T or C was granted \$235,277.00 from NMDOT while also matching \$78,409.00 of the City's own money for the LGRF Cooperative Agreement. In part of the agreement, any unused funds from NMDOT would be reimbursed and the City's unused funds to be transferred to the Streets Dept. For the project to be closed the official invoice must be paid. The invoice issued from NMDOT was \$64,927.33.

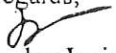
*The agreement was placed in the contract with signed approval in 2023.
This step allows us to move forward with completing and closing the cooperative contract.

NMDOT LRGF L100526

Total Cost \$ 64,927.33

Please, review the attached documents and approve the requested procurement. Thank you.

Regards,


Jordan Javier
Chief Procurement Officer

Commission Approved: Yes ☐ No ☐ Tabled ☐

Date of Approval/ Denied/Tabled: _____

Notes: _____ PO # _____

2024-25 Fiscal Year

Number	Vendor Name	Description	Requested By	Department	Total Amount	Procurement Type
93951	New Mexico Department of Transportation	Reimbursement of NMDOT Funds	Tiacl Alvarez	Community Development	\$ 64,927.33	Reimbursement
		SEE ATTACHED: Invoice & Supporting Documents				
					\$ 64,927.33	

Angela Torres, Clerk-Treasurer

Date _____

Rolf Hechler, Major

Date _____



REQUISITION

Requisition #: 93951

Date: 02/13/2025

Vendor #: 8765

ISSUED TO: NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PO BOX 1149
SANTA FE, NM 87504-1149

SHIP TO: City of Truth or Consequences
505 Sims St.
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

ITEM	UNITS	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT #	PRICE	QTY	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
1		0 UNDERRUN TO REIMBURSE NMDOT FROI		0.00		216-7023-43550	64,927.33
PO Description: REIMBURSEMENT NMDOT LGRF							
Detailed Description:							
NMDOT LGRF L100526 REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS							
COMMU DEV							

Authorized By: _____

SUBTOTAL:	64,927.33
TOTAL TAX:	0.00
SHIPPING:	0.00
TOTAL	64,927.33



INVOICE

Invoice No:
Invoice Date:

0000102077
1/31/25

Bill To:

Customer No:
Page:
Payment Terms:
Due Date:

DOT3995
1 of 1
Immediate
2/14/2025

City of Truth or Consequences
505 Sims Street
Truth or Consequences NM 87901
United States

Remit To:

AMOUNT DUE:

64,927.33 USD

NM Department of Transportation
PO Box 1149, Room 130
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149

Amount Remitted

For billing questions, please call 505/827-6880

Line	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Amt	Original
					Net Amount
1	Underrun to reimburse NMDOT from LI00526	1.00	EA	64,927.33	64,927.33

Subtotal:

64,927.33

AMOUNT DUE:

64,927.33 USD

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December 31, 2024

Gil Gallosa
NM DOT
District One
2912 East Pine Street
Deming, NM 88030

RE: **2023 Cooperative Agreement**
Contract No. **D19304**
Control No. **L100526**

Dear Gil:

This letter is to inform you that **the City of Truth or Consequences** for the FY **2023** was paid **\$235,227** for Project **L100526**. This total is 75% of the total cost of the project, which was **\$227,066.22**. **The City of Truth or Consequences'** portion of 25% was **\$56,766.55**. The agreement signed by **the City of Truth or Consequences and the New Mexico Department of Transportation** was for **\$313,636**. Therefore, there should be a total of **\$64,927.33** remaining on this agreement. **The City of Truth or Consequences** releases **\$64,927.33** back to the New Mexico Department of Transportation, thereby completing Contract No. **D19304/Control No. L100526**

Should you require further information or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Traci Alvarez
Assistant City Manager



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
P O Box 1149
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149

ACH Remittance Advice

State of New Mexico

Department of Finance & Administration

CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
505 SIMS ST
T O R C, NM 87901-0000
United States

May/03/2023	\$235,227.00	0000286194
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DFI ID:091406833

Bank Account: *****8891

NON-NEGOTIABLE

If you would like to receive electronic ACH remittance advice via email, please contact DFA Vendor Relations at vendor.relations@dfa.nm.gov

Business Unit : 80500 Payment Date: 05/03/2023 Reference: 0000286194

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Voucher ID	Gross Amount	Discounts	Late Charges	Paid Amount
LGRF L100526 D19304 LGRF L100526 D19304	Apr/27/2023	00974744	235,227.00	0.00	0.00	235,227.00

Supplier Number	Name		Bank Charge	Transfer Cost Cd	
0000054340	CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES		\$0.00		
Reference	Date	Total Gross Amt	Total Discounts	Total Late Charges	Total Paid Amt
0000286194	May/03/2023	\$235,227.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$235,227.00

NMDOT MUNICIPAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM (MAP) - for the construction, maintenance, and improvement of major roadways within their jurisdictions, essentially supporting the development and upkeep of key arterial streets within a town or city, must connect to a main arterial roadway. NMDOT contributes 75% of the project cost, 25% match required from the application. This can include in-kind services. Projects must be completed within 24 months, with the agreement terminating on June 30th.

CURRENT FUNDED PROJECT - Planning, Design, and Permitting Services for the roadway reconstruction of Pershing Street from Main Street to Second Avenue and Second Ave to Date St. The project will consist of full-depth roadway reconstruction including new curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, drive pads, ADA accessibility, drainage improvements, adjustment of existing utilities, and permanent signing and striping - \$138,667.00 (\$104,000.00 GRANT/\$138,667.00 Match) Design is 20% completed.

- **Possible application request** (Waterlines addressed in MSD/DWSRLF/Critical Projects)
 1. Construction funding Pershing St. from Main St. to 2nd & 2nd St. from Pershing St. to Date

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND (TPF) - a state-funded program that helps develop and maintain transportation infrastructure. NMDOT contributes 95% of project cost, and local municipalities contribute the remaining 5%. Must start spending money within 3 months of receiving the project agreement. Projects must be completed within 30 months from the effective date of the grant agreement.

NO CURRENT FUNDED PROJECT - City submitted application for the 2025 funding cycle for plan, design, construction, permitting, and construction services for the roadway reconstruction of Smith Street from Date Street to Silver Street (approximately 1,930 lf.), to include full-depth roadway reconstruction, new curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, drive pads, ADA accessibility, drainage improvements, adjustment of existing utilities, and permanent signing and striping. Amount requested: \$2,090,395 with a request for match waiver of \$104,519 – 5% of required match. Project was not awarded.

- **Possible application request** (Waterline to be addressed in WSPI-1 Project)
 1. Revise the 2025 funding application with a smaller scope (sidewalk design already funded)

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) - alternative transportation options like pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes to school initiatives, and infrastructure improvements for better non-driver access to public transportation within the state of New Mexico; essentially, it supports projects that promote active transportation options. This is a federally funded program, contributing 85.44% of the project cost, with applicants providing a 14.56% match. The grant agreement timeframe is typically 24 months for each phase of the project.

CURRENT FUNDED PROJECT – Plan/design Sidewalk Improvements – Pershing St. from Marie St. to New School Road; New School Road from Pershing St. to Date St; Smith St. from Date St. to N. Silver St. \$212,910.00 (\$181,910.00 Grant/\$31,000.00 Cash Match). Design is 60% completed.

- **Possible application request**
 1. Construction of current funded project. (Pershing St. from Marie St. to New School Road; New School Road from Pershing St. to Date St; Smith St. from Date St. to N. Silver St.



CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2025

Agenda Item #: G.4

SUBJECT: Discussion/Update: Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan final report

DEPARTMENT: Parks

DATE SUBMITTED: February 21, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: O.J. Hechler

WHO WILL PRESENT THE ITEM: O.J. Hechler, Community Service Director

Summary/Background: The City was awarded a Quality-of-Life Grant for a master plan of the Louis Armijo Sports Complex. This is the final report to the Commission as this grant becomes fully executed. This master plan will be used to apply for future grant funding as we work to improve the quality of life for New Mexico residents.

Recommendation:

Update only

Attachments:

Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan Final Report

Fiscal Impact (Finance): N/A

\$0.00

Legal Review (City Attorney): N/A

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Approved For Submittal By: ☐ Department Director

Reviewed by: ☐ City Clerk ☐ Finance ☐ Legal ☐ Other: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Final Approval: ☐ City Manager

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LOUIS ARMIJO SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN

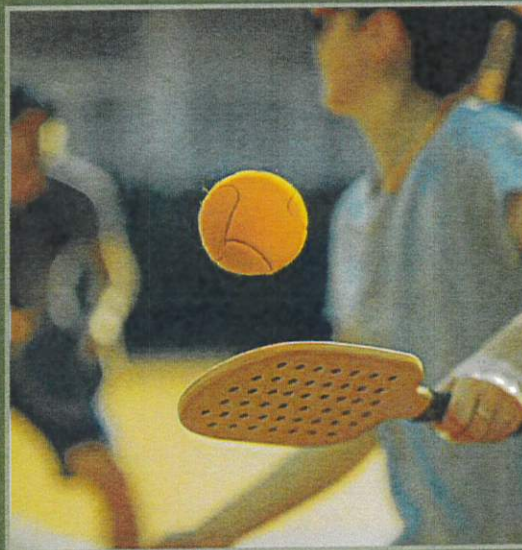
Improving the quality of life for New Mexico residents by creating new or expanding existing regional recreation facilities



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FEBRUARY 2025

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1. Rolf Hechler, Mayor
2. Amanda Forrister, Mayor Pro-Tem
3. Merry Jo Fahl, Commissioner
4. Ingo Hoeppepner, Commissioner
5. Destiny Mitchell, Commissioner

KEY PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

O.J. Hechler, Director of Community Services, City of Truth or Consequences
Claudia Diaz, Civil Engineer, Wilson and Company
George Radnovich, Landscape Architect, Sites Southwest
Shasta Meehan, Landscape Designer, Sites Southwest

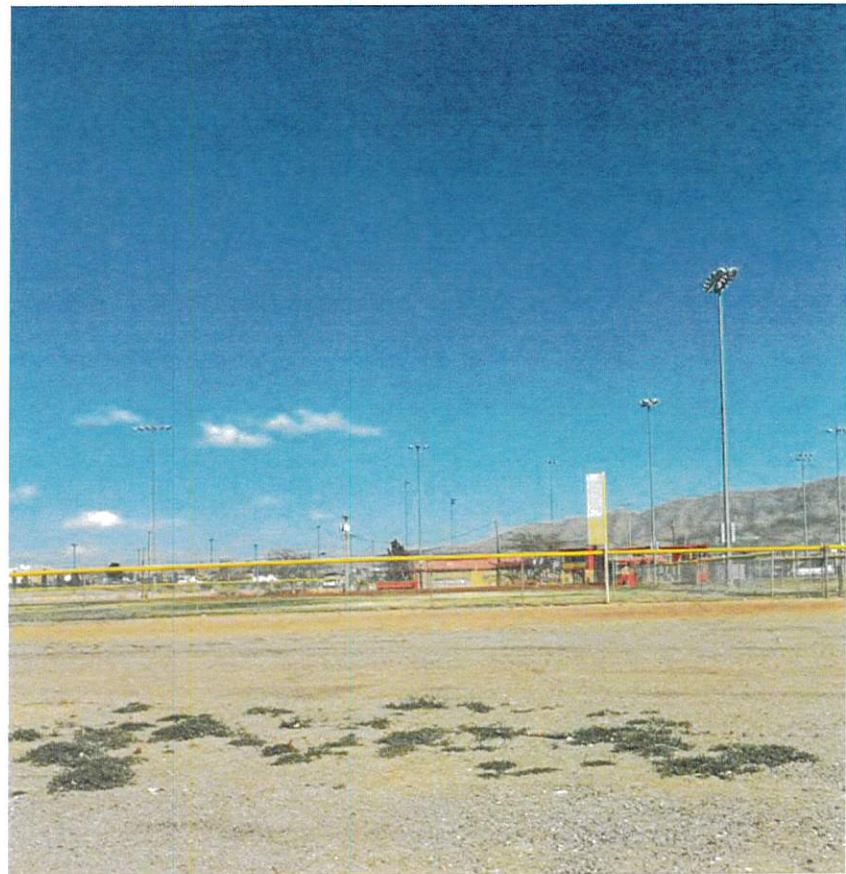
PROJECT SCOPE AND GOALS

A. The Regional Recreation Centers Quality of Life Program Life Funding

– funding is to improve the quality of life for New Mexico residents by creating new or expanding existing regional recreation facilities.

B. Master Plan scope is to evaluate the existing conditions of the Sport Complex and solicit public input regarding future use.

C. Vision & Goal is to enhance the complex and promote economic development. Once the Master Plan is complete this will be a planning tool for the City to continue to apply for funding opportunities.



PUBLIC MEETINGS - FINDINGS

The Master Plan Community Engagement phase included 2 public meetings and several updates to the Commission. Below are some of the key comments from the community:

- Site Access: vehicular, pedestrian
- Improve parking
- Parking around fields for parents to pull up and watch from car (show on bottom two baseball fields)
- Formalize soccer fields
- Include a championship baseball field
- Flexible field space for baseball and soccer fields
- Include Perimeter Trail: walking
- Distinguish sport complex from rodeo
- Shade shelter near pickleball courts
- Include concessions with existing facilities/ storage
- Include pond reclamation in future phasing



PUBLIC MEETING

Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan



Thursday, May 23, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
City Commissions Chambers

For special accommodations, please contact C.J. Sanchez at least 10 days prior to the date of this meeting at 575-749-6716 or cj.sanchez@cityofmc.com

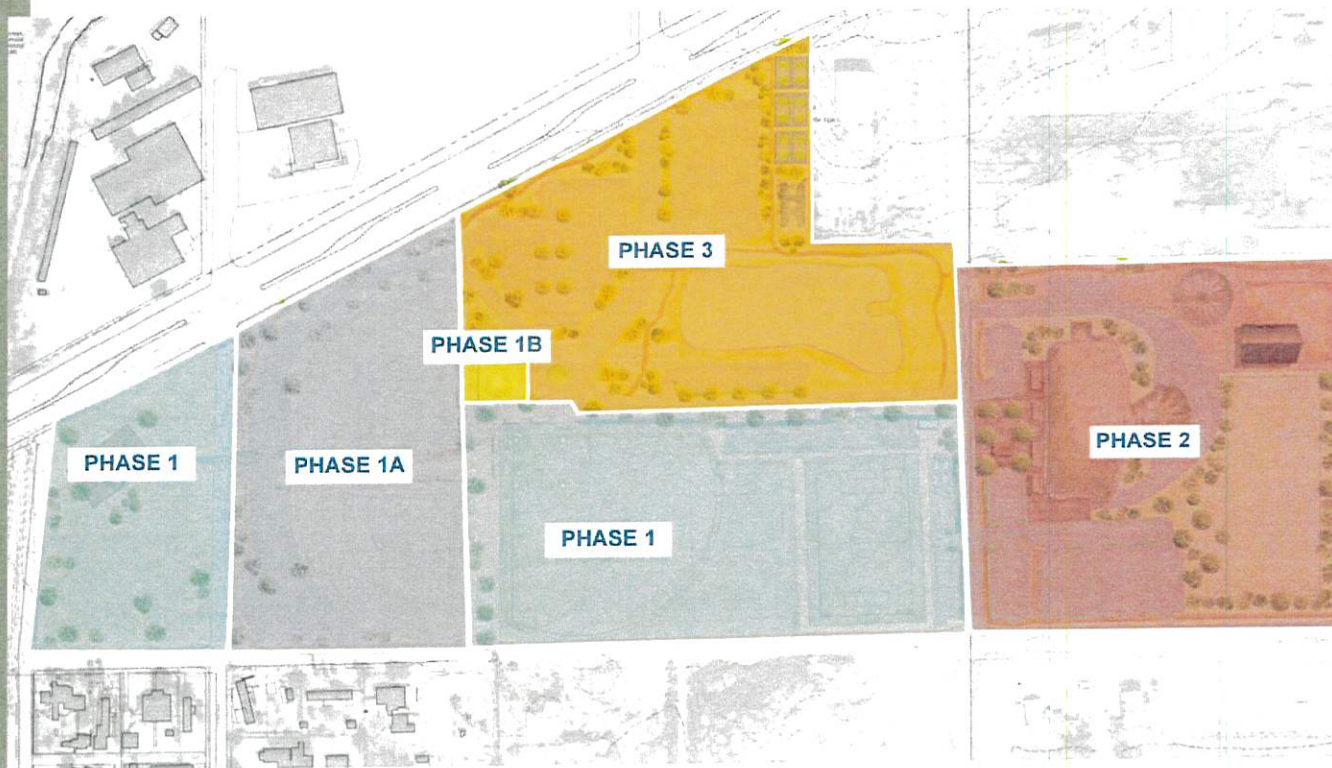
MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

The purpose of the master plan design is to provide recommendations and opportunities for future site improvements at the Louis Armijo Sports Complex based on an evaluation of site conditions and community needs and input. Some of the proposed final improvements include field realignments, formalized parking, improved site accessibility and circulation, improved restroom facilities, a pedestrian plaza and corridor connection, rodeo improvements, new playground equipment, and additional sport courts.



FINAL MASTER PLAN PHASING

The final master plan uses a phasing strategy that allows the project to be divided into achievable stages which can be gradually funded and constructed over time.



PHASE 1

- New Playground
- New Soccer Fields
- New Championship Baseball Field
- New Irrigation System
- Parking Improvements and road access
- Central Concessions Plaza

PHASE 1A

- Parking Improvements and road access
- Standard Baseball Fields
- Pedestrian Walkways

PHASE 1B

- Concessions and Restroom Building

PHASE 2

- Rodeo Improvements

PHASE 3

- Parking Improvements and road access
- Pickleball/Basketball Courts
- Cornhole/Horseshoe
- Perimeter Walking Trail
- Pond Reclamation

FINAL MASTER PLAN PARAMETRIC COSTS

PARAMETRIC COSTS FOR PHASES 1, 1A, AND 1B

These costs have been prepared using quantitative data and predicted costs by the landscape architect. The estimate should be considered as a probable cost estimate and not as a quote or true cost.

ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT COST	FINAL COST	PHASE 1 TOTAL	PHASE 1A TOTAL	PHASE 1B TOTAL
					\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00		
General								
1	Mobilization and Pre-Construction	LS	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		
	Includes mobilization and construction staking							
2	Infrastructure / Utilities	LS	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00		
	Includes water, sewer, dry utilities							
3	Grading and Drainage	LS	1	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00		
	Includes clearing and grubbing, protection and demolition, unclassified excavation, fine grading, compaction, etc.							
					\$1,150,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$350,000.00	
Sport Courts and Equipment								
4	Championship Baseball Field	LS	1	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00		
5	Soccer Fields	LS	1	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00		
6	Baseball Fields	LS	1	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00		\$350,000.00	
	Includes shortstop, bases (equipment set), bleacher defenders, painted aluminum player benches, 21' length bleachers with fencing, 40'x10' dugouts with roof, and 15' aluminum backless players bench w/galvanized							
					\$88,000.00	\$55,000.00		\$33,000.00
Hardscape and Sitework								
7	Plaza Hardscape	LS	1	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00			\$33,000.00
	Includes Plaza area							
8	Site Hardscape	LS	1	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00		
	Includes Concrete walkways, fences, and trails							
					\$395,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$245,000.00	
Roads and Parking								
9	Road Improvements	LS	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00		
	Includes new roads and parking (including aisles/stripping)							
10	Road Improvements	LS	1	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00		\$245,000.00	
	Includes new roads and parking (including aisles/stripping)							
					\$1,440,000.00			\$1,440,000.00
Buildings								
11	New Concessions / Restrooms (Main plaza)	LS	1	\$1,440,000.00	\$1,440,000.00			\$1,440,000.00
					\$503,000.00	\$503,000.00		
Inclusive Playground for Family Park								
12	Surfacing, equipment, shade structure, and install	LS	1	\$503,000.00	\$503,000.00	\$503,000.00		
					\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		
Landscape								
13	Trees, Plantings, Etc.	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		
					\$530,800.00			
Irrigation								
14	Irrigation water meter, pumps, etc.	LS	1	\$530,800.00	\$530,800.00			
					\$4,356,800.00	\$1,758,000.00	\$595,000.00	\$1,473,000.00
					25% CONTINGENCY	\$1,089,200.00	\$439,500.00	\$368,250.00
					TOTAL	\$5,446,000.00	\$2,197,500.00	\$1,841,250.00

FINAL MASTER PLAN PARAMETRIC COSTS

PARAMETRIC COSTS FOR PHASES 2 AND 3

These costs have been prepared using quantitative data and predicted costs by the landscape architect. The estimate should be considered as a probable cost estimate and not as a quote or true cost estimate.

ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT COST	FINAL COST	PHASE 2 TOTAL	PHASE 3 TOTAL
General					\$765,000.00	\$765,000.00	\$532,000.00
1	Mobilization and Pre-Construction Includes mobilization and construction staking	LS	1	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	
2	Infrastructure / Utilities Includes water, sewer, dry utilities	LS	1	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	
3	Grading and Drainage Includes clearing and grubbing, protection and demolition, unclassified excavation, fine grading, compaction, etc.	LS	1	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00	
4	Mobilization and Pre-Construction Includes mobilization and construction staking	LS	1	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00		\$85,000.00
5	Infrastructure / Utilities Includes water, sewer, dry utilities	LS	1	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00
6	Grading and Drainage Includes clearing and grubbing, protection and demolition, unclassified excavation, fine grading, compaction, etc.	LS	1	\$425,000.00	\$425,000.00		\$425,000.00
Sport Courts and Equipment					\$315,000.00		\$315,000.00
7	Basketball, Pickleball Courts, Cornhole Includes court surfacing, striping, post tension concrete, posts, nets, hoops, and court fencing	LS	1	\$315,000.00	\$315,000.00		\$315,000.00
Hardscape and Sitework					\$423,600.00	\$420,000.00	\$3,600.00
8	Site Hardscape Includes plaza hardscape, fencing, and trails	LS	1	\$420,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$420,000.00	
9	Site Hardscape Includes trails	LS	1	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00		\$3,600.00
Roads and Parking					\$1,100,000.00	\$475,000.00	\$625,000.00
10	Road Improvements Includes new roads and parking (including aisles/striping)	LS	1	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00	
11	Road Improvements Includes new roads and parking (including aisles/striping)	LS	1	\$625,000.00	\$625,000.00		\$625,000.00
Buildings/Structures					\$4,480,000.00	\$4,480,000.00	
12	New Concessions / Restrooms (rodeo)	LS	1	\$520,000.00	\$520,000.00	\$520,000.00	
13	Barn	LS	1	\$1,560,000.00	\$1,560,000.00	\$2,860,000.00	
14	Hotwalker	LS	1	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	
Landscape					\$315,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$45,000.00
15	Trees, Plantings, Pasture	LS	1	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00	\$270,000.00	
16	Trees, Plantings, Etc.	LS	1	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
Irrigation					\$210,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$30,000.00
17	Irrigation, water meter, pumps, etc.	LS	1	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	
18	Irrigation, water meter, pumps, etc.	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00
					TOTAL	\$7,608,600.00	\$6,500,000.00
					25% CONTINGENCY	\$1,902,150.00	\$1,647,500.00
					TOTAL	\$9,510,750.00	\$8,147,500.00

SYNTHETIC TURF

BENEFITS AND CONSTRAINTS

This master plan includes a recommendation for natural turf and is priced for natural turf. However, synthetic turf fields were considered as a possible option for the championship baseball field and multipurpose soccer fields. Below are factors to consider for the future.

BENEFITS

- Extended playing season for all weather use
- Reduction of player injuries due to consistent playing surface
- Attractive and appealing playing surface
- Opportunity for tournaments and improved facilities
- Opportunity for reduction of water use
- Ease of maintenance and reduced pest management
- Good traction
- Cost effective in the long term

CONSTRAINTS

- Absorbs heat in hotter months
- A much larger upfront cost than natural turf
- Water use is still necessary in hotter months to maintain surface temperature
- Concerns about environmental and human impacts due to potential toxicity of materials
- Separate cleat equipment
- Specialty maintenance equipment required
- No sunflower seeds
- Potential player injuries from contact with playing surface

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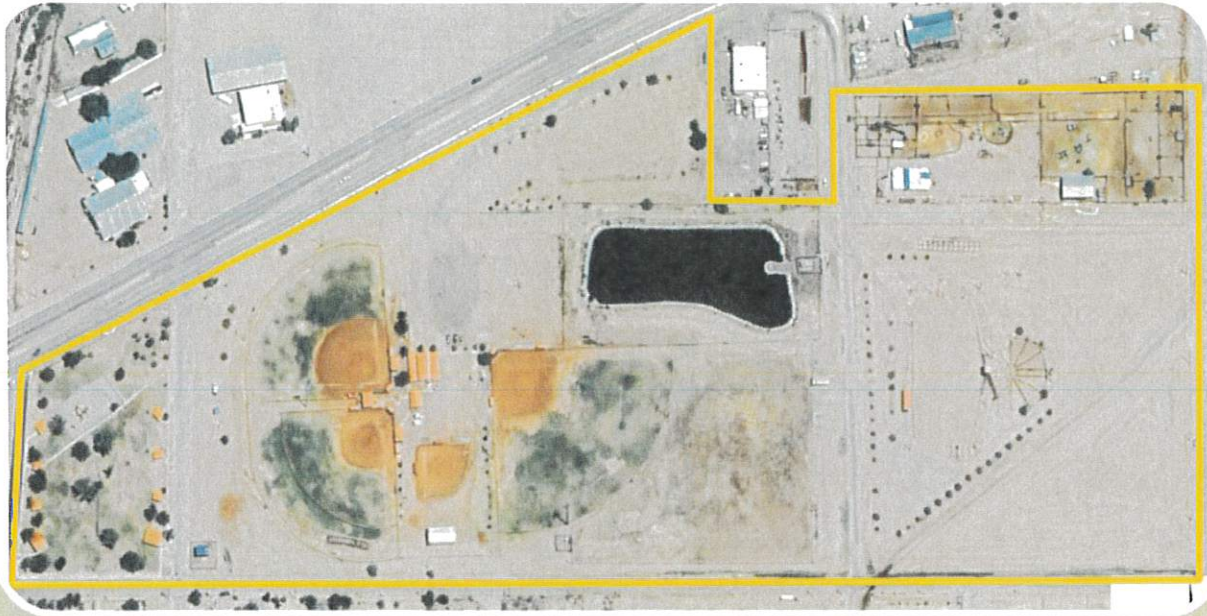
1. First Public Meeting Flyer
2. 2nd Public Meeting Flyer
3. Documented meeting notes
4. Family park Render
5. Family park quote
6. Irrigation quote

PUBLIC MEETING

Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan



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**Thursday, May 23, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
City Commissions Chambers**

405 West Third, Truth or Consequences, NM

For special accommodations, please
contact O.J. Hechler no later than two days
in advance of the meeting at
575-740-6716 or
orin.hechler@torcnm.org

The City of Truth or Consequences is working on a Master Plan for the Louis Armijo Sports Complex and invites you to attend, learn about the project, ask questions, and share your feedback with members of the project team.

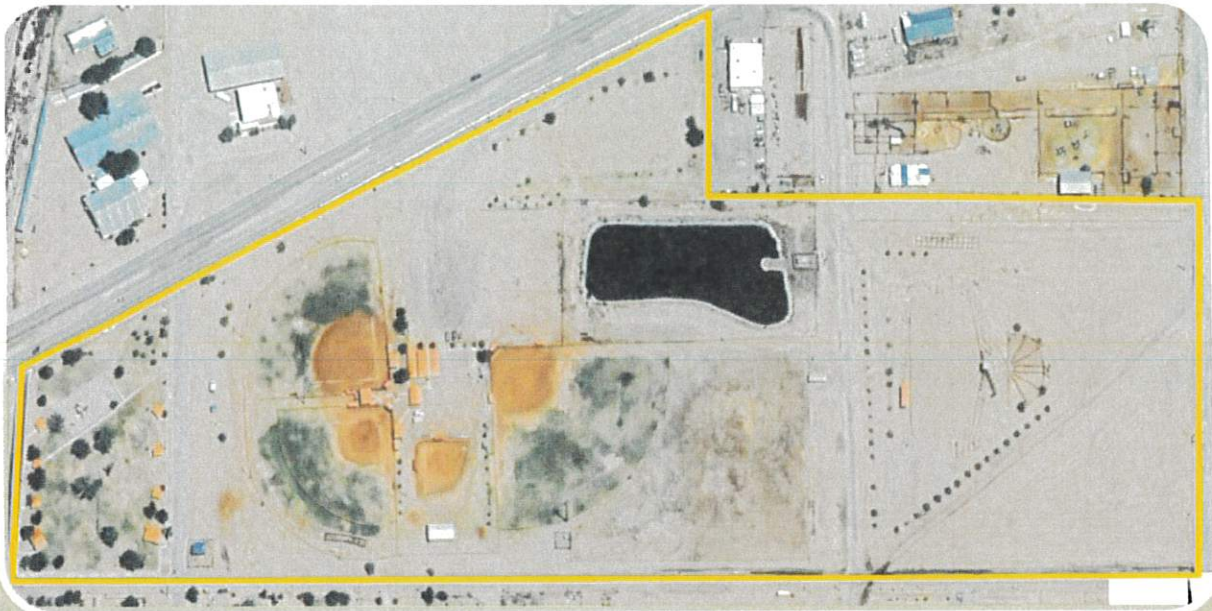
At this meeting, the Project Team will present project scope, vision, goals and project phasing.

FINAL & 2ND PUBLIC MEETING

Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan



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**Thursday, September 12, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
City Commissions Chambers**

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At this final public meeting, the Project Team will present concept options & project phasing.

The City of Truth or Consequences continues to develop a Master Plan for the Louis Armijo Sports complex and invites you to attend, learn about the project, ask questions, and share your feedback with members of the project team.

Project 1st Public Meeting 5-23-2024 Meeting Notes

General Notes:

- O.J. presented overview of master plan project & existing site problems, also discussed funding for project comes from a grant
- George went over project boards/Opportunities & Constraints
- discussed prescription trails
- went over phasing/vision/what is obtainable & maintainable
- discussed pro & cons of synthetic turf & cost differences
- Public Input:**
- Goal is to host tournaments
- pro connection/conductivity paths
- pro perimeter trail
- Soccer field/s is one of the top priorities
- no dog park for this area
- pro synthetic turf for all fields(with fence to protect), concern about temperature of synthetic turf however because of irrigation water system from effluent pond concern is that Bermuda grass will probably not survive, examples discussed were Arrey Baseball Field & Hot Spring High School Baseball & Softball Fields

Fields
Public Comments:
-biggest public complaint is bathroom situation, only 2 restrooms right now
-think 3 stalls for women & 2 stalls & 1 urinal for men are needed
-Restrooms & Concession is a priority

Previous BMX Area
Public Comments:
-none, open to ideas

Effluent Pond - City high priority to treat water & system to be timed
Public Comments:
-agree needs improvement to effluent water in relation to irrigation system of fields

Old Soccer Field
Public Comments:
- soccer field/s to be included in Phase 1
- preferred synthetic turf option
-parking is needed

Rodeo Area
Public Comments:
-Parking is needed

City Property
Public Comments:
-not opposed to soccer field in this area

City WW Treatment Plant:
Public Comments:
-none

Flood irrigation ditch/rainwater

PROJECT NO: 21420-003405
DESIGNED BY: ANP
DRAWN BY: ANP
CHECKED BY: CD
DATE: MAR 2024

SHEET TITLE:
SHEET NO:

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Family Park

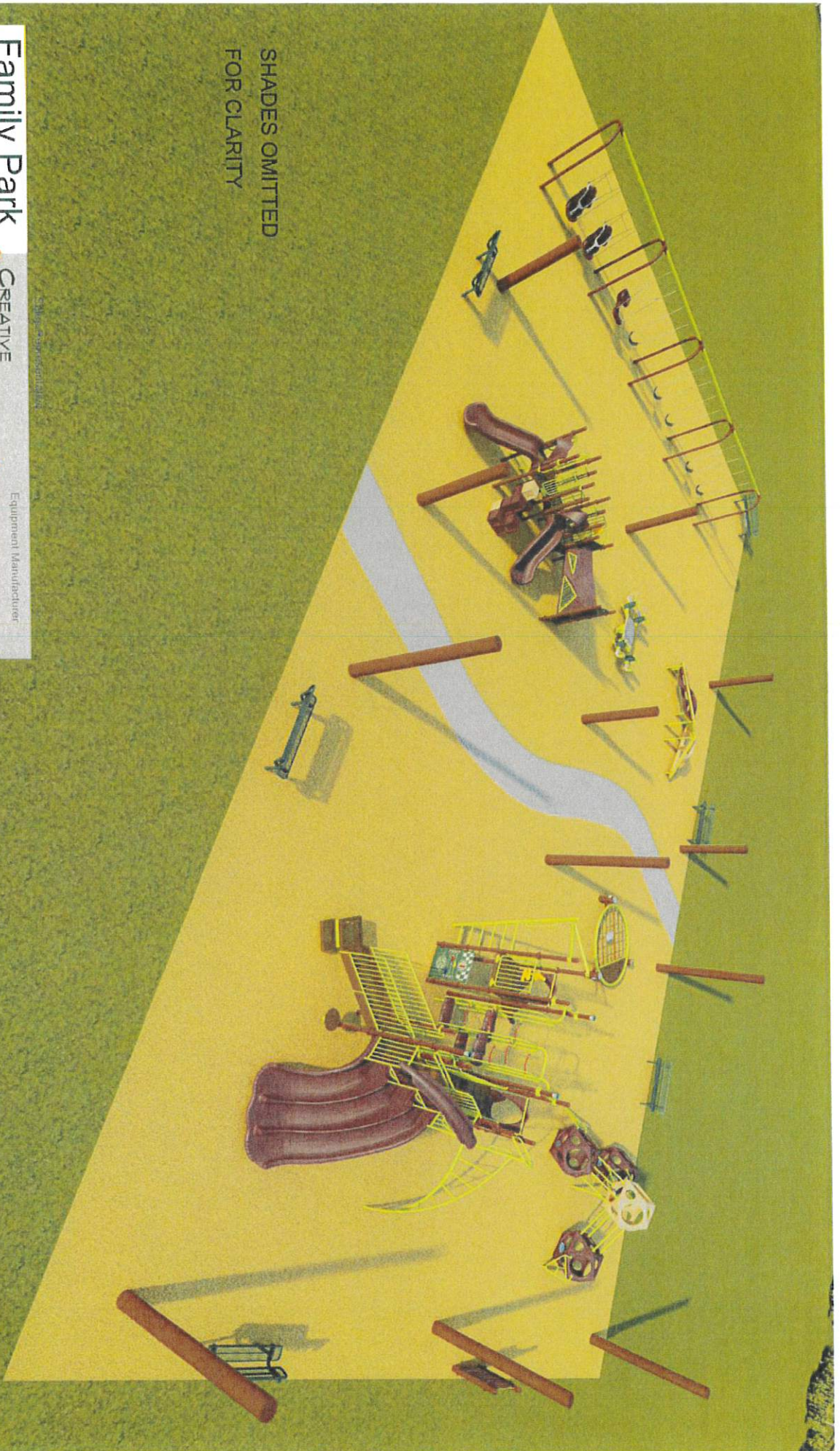
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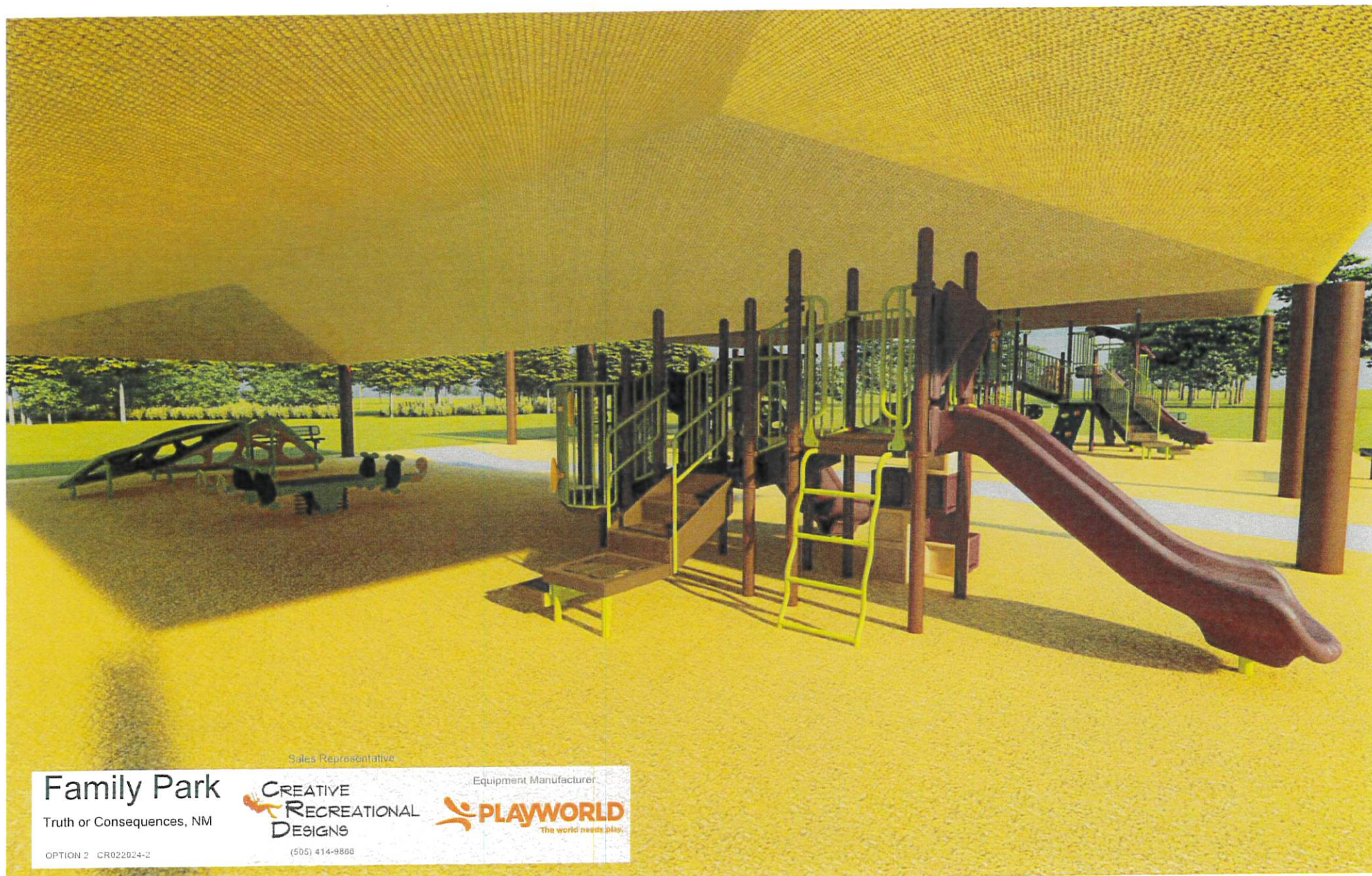
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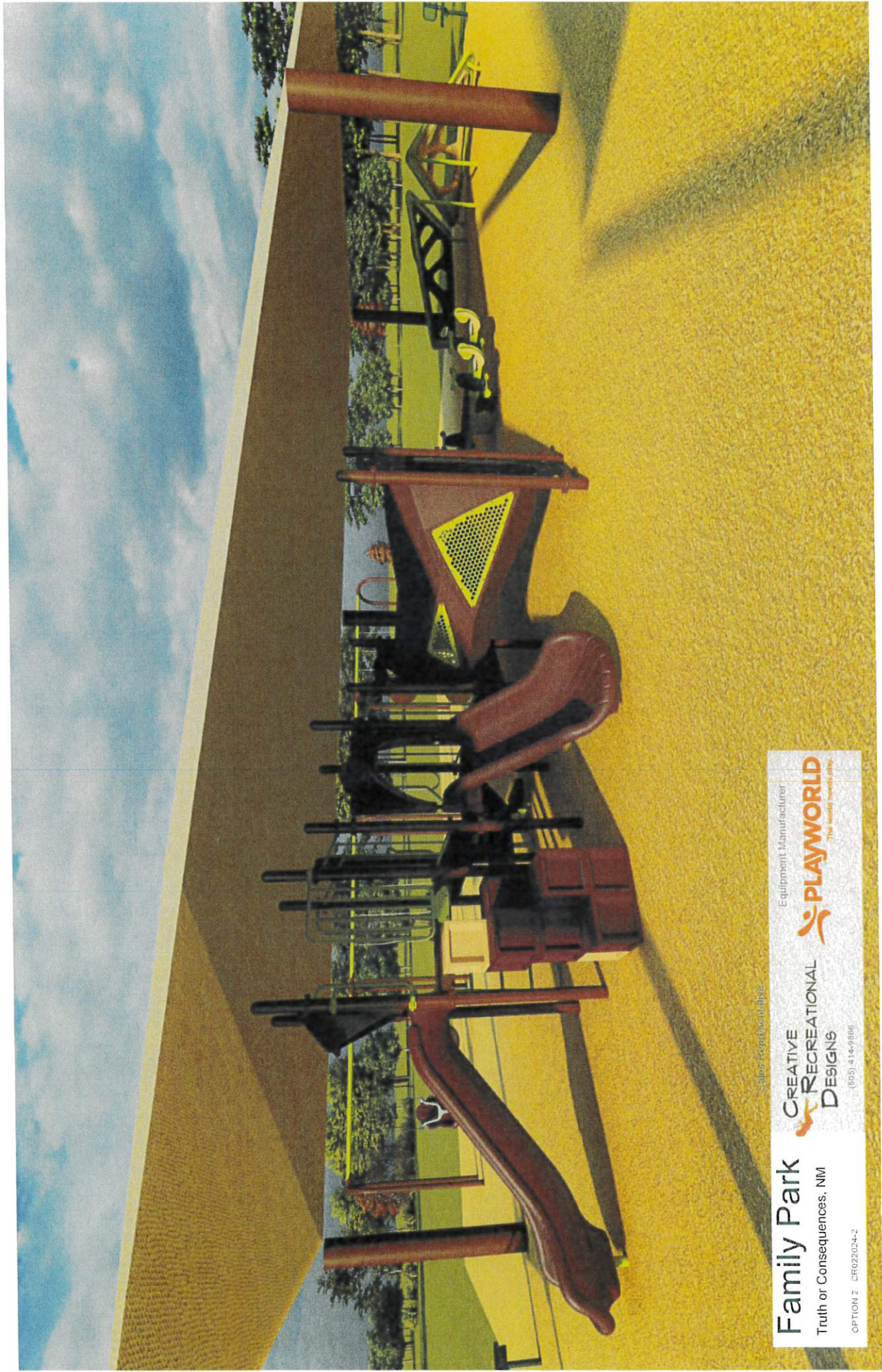
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Date 8/15/2024

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City of Truth or Consequences
505 Sims
T or C, NM 87901

Terms

Net 30

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
PROJECT: Inclusive Playground Design for Family Park, Option 2 BUDGET NUMBERS ONLY			
PlayWorld Design #FamilyPark design CR022024-2: 6-12 Area with composite 350-2434, INet-1700 and Playcubes 4.0C, 60x40 6-Post Fabric Shade Shelter, 2-12 Area with composite 350-2063, Quattro Seesaw, and Mod-181, 3 Bay Swing, 2 ADA Seat, 25x40 4 Post Shade Shelter Freight FOB	1	153,000.00	153,000.00
		12,500.00	12,500.00
Poured-in-place safety surfacing for up to 8142 sq ft, for a 8 foot fall height. Freight FOB	7,500	33.00	247,500.00
		5,000.00	5,000.00
Installation of above equipment in Design CR022024-1, sub-base for PIP to cover 8142 sq ft, compressed to 95% compaction, cap sprinklers, haul away debris, demo existing playground equipment and removal of pea gravel.	1	85,000.00	85,000.00
NOTES: ~ BUDGET QUOTE ONLY FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECT			

BUDGET QUOTE ONLY

Subtotal	\$503,000.00
Sales Tax (7.4375%)	\$36,109.06
Total	\$539,109.06

Lynn's Landscape

PO BOX 250
ELEPHANT BUTTE, NM 87935
575-744-4009

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
8/14/2024	255

Name / Address
CITY OF TORC 505 SIMS ST TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM 87901

			Project
Description	Qty	Rate	Total
INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR GRADING, DIRTWORK, PREPPING, SOIL TEST, FERTILIZE AND NUTRIENTS. COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED WATERING SYSTEMS. PIPING, VALVES, CONTROL BOXES, SPRINKLERS, ETC. (CITY WILL DO STUB CONNECT WITH SHUT OFF VALVES FOR SYSTEM). DELIVERY OF APPROX 105,000 SQ FT OF TIFTUF BERMUDA SOD. INSTALLATION OF APPROX 105,000 SQ FT OF BERMUDA SOD.	125,000	0.00	0.00T
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		Subtotal	\$487,580.00
		Sales Tax (8.375%)	\$40,834.83
		Total	\$528,414.83