

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 405 W. 3RD St.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024**

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
Hon. Merry Jo Fahl, Commissioner
Hon. Ingo Hoepfner, Commissioner

Also Present: Traci Alvarez, Assistant City Manager
Jay Rubin, City Attorney
Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer
OJ Hechler, Community Services Director

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. Although we have problems in the community and although they are important to us, they are not nearly as catastrophic as some things that happened in Ruidoso earlier this year and in Roswell with all of the flooding. We are very fortunate. He asked that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hechler called for Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Rule Applies):

Ron Pacourek addressed the Commission with comments related to flooding. Complete copy attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Suzanne Carlstedt addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- I wanted to share with the public the letter I wrote to the commissioners. I questioned having a public hearing for Ordinance 766, the solid waste ordinance. Calling a fee for disabled residents an application fee, rather than an administrative fee in my opinion does not change the level of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Many disabilities are a lifetime in nature. Having had two relatives with chronic progressive multiple sclerosis, I can tell you they don't get better with time they get worse. In the case of my sister, trying to get her poly cart to the curb and back was a significant factor in forcing her out of her home in Indiana and into an assisted living facility. The small service to disabled residence which I'm glad we have restored to the ordinance does make a difference in people's lives. The Post Office delivers mail to residents' doors if they apply and qualify, and that's 6 days a week. I don't hear them complaining.

Jon Hendry addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- I run the movie theatre. We try to be open all of the time. The distributors don't necessarily help us. Other municipalities try to support their movie theatres. I would like your support, and I have a suggestion. We charge \$8 for seniors and kids and if you are bringing in a family of 4 then it's around \$12. In Cruces it would be expensive. I ask that the city include us in their advertising mix. If you look at the shows that we've got, they are pretty new.

Steven Green addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- At the last commission meeting on Ordinance 766, Section 11 14-2 Exempt Service Collection, all voted to impose an application fee change from an administrative fee for services. You can try to camouflage it any way you want. We were told that it is not about the money. As you spent almost five minutes to come up with a \$25 fee, which is illegal. Read the ADA rules. As \$25 would stop anyone who wanted to gain the system. I applaud your support of staff, but it should be done only when it is appropriate and doesn't put the city in legal jeopardy. I brought up the ADA rules last month and has anyone reached out to me. The states Attorney General's Office's opinion on this attempted loop around the law, you wouldn't be hearing me up here again. I believe you were forced to choose to support staff or the public, and in this instance, you chose the law. One of the values of our community is a friendly helping hand. Any sanitation director or driver is not a doctor, and a recommendation from a legitimate doctor should be your guide. Why at someone's most vulnerable time of their lives do you want to put them through hoops because someone maybe gaining the system one out of a bad apple of 22. Instead of making it hard for the disabled, you should be bending over backwards to make it easier. Surely the department can dissolve 20 minutes a day for this service. Personally, I'm disappointed that this commission saw fit to

play word games to try to circumvent the law. You have placed the city in a precarious position when you knowingly created it in your legal document. This is not who you are, or what you should stand for. Get rid of the fee and put down one hundred dollars if someone is found guilty of a fraudulent application. Thank you.

George Henson addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- 731 Wynona long time resident I am here to make statements about all this stuff you talked about so far. I overheard a five-year old's mother saying they had been removed from their house foreclosed for a four-thousand-dollar sanitation fee. Its disturbing because I've been put through a PTSD issue with your code game. I had to file another TORT claim on defamation situation because of last month's city council meeting. I have a picture of an upsetting situation at my house as my cover.

Gordon Edelheit addressed the Commission with comments related to:

- Two specific things, the flooding the issues we already have are on Broadway. I have been working diligently with the mayor on alternatives. I mentioned to the engineering we need to look at lift stations and we need to get the water to this little thing called the Rio Grande River We do have a flooding issue not up on the hills but down on the street if you have a business on Broadway. I do not have business on Broadway. It's so important that we find reverted funds certainly not to interrupt anything going on right now. We have done things over and over. Projects have been done over and over. The public doesn't have oversight in that. I am happy to end this die or try and will continue to support anything I can do to raise funds at State and federal level so we can live with this flooding. It's already happening. Danger of sandbags. I almost went through a plate glass window everybody knows that. We need to take action. The second thing I want to talk about, our community is not guided by the T or C Brewery, and it is not the only gathering spot. We are very lucky to have the movie theater. We are lucky to have a theater that does a great deal for this community besides movies. Beneficial to look at that as a city standpoint to let the city have gatherings there as well. I hope the funding is more 500 a year at 10 a week to put an ad up. Thank you.

D. REPORTS:

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reported the following:

- I was going to bring in our Solid Waste Director Andy Alvarez down, so he can introduce his new employee.

Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director:

This is Wyatt Graves, Our Fleet Maintenance Manager. He's going to do well for the City of T or C.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reported the following:

- I know that the Commission may be interested to hear as well as the public, about out funding for our water trust board funding that we were awarded \$16

million, and as well as the \$4.4 million from Colonias on water shovel ready projects, and the \$305,000 awarded by Colonias for our bar screen. NMFA is working on those grant loan agreements and the commission should be seeing those at the November and December meetings. We are getting closer to being able to access those funds.

- I received the quotes for the appraisals and surveys up at the Municipal Court. We would be looking at approximately \$2,500 for the survey portion, and we would need to survey out the courthouse as well as part of the parking lot because it is all encompassed as one big parcel. We would need to define the legal description for it. The appraisals would be for a market value for sale of \$3,200 and it would also be right around \$3,200 for a market rent appraisal, and if we did both appraisals, there would be a 7.5% discount from that. I don't know if the commission would like for me to bring this back in a formal action if there is any formal direction that you want me to proceed with.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister: Is the courthouse in that area part of the masterplan that we did for incorporating all of this area as a multi-use facility.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reported the following: Correct. It was a conceptual plan where we were looking at the multi-generational facility. That was just kind of a conceptual drawing. There was no formal plan, and we didn't procure any services.

Commissioner Fahl: I was thinking that it would be good to have both information so we could make a formal decision on how to move forward. I would like to see that in the next packet.

Mayor Hechler: The discussion I would like to hear when we talk is if we want to keep this property for the future and use it as a rental opportunity, because I think we have a potential buy right now, and if that is the case then after our discussion we may want to decide to see what the value of it is if we just rented it out.

City Commission Reports:

Commissioner Fahl had no reports.

Commissioner Hoepfner had no reports.

Commissioner Mitchell reported the following:

- Events around town regarding Halloween. Dessert Ultra is happening this Saturday, Downtown at Rotary Park and sign-ups are online. Foxworth has a Trunk or Treat on Saturday at 1pm. The Appletree Harvest Fest is at 3pm. The State Park Trunk or Treat is at 5pm. The Trick or Treating on Mainstreet is going to be on Halloween from 6-7 pm at the Healing Waters Plaza. The Sierra County Business Center is having a dinner/dance fundraiser featuring Southern Blend on November 1st at the VFW at the lake. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, from myself, or Melanie Feldkamp. It includes dinner and a dance

and I think it's \$25 a person. We are raising money for the youth trade school program which we are launching here in Sierra County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister reported the following:

- Congratulations to Mile Marker 7 and Rebel Roadrunner for winning the Show of Hands Competition to expand their business.
- Congratulations to the volleyball team on their 1st district win, and hopefully the 1st of many.
- I wanted to congratulate Merry Jo's son and daughter in law, Dick and Amy Lanford. They won their 2024 Leopold Conservation award. Dick is a 6th generational rancher, and they really work on the wildlife conservation side on their ranch too.
- I checked in with the Post Office, thanks for bringing that up. I do not know where we are on the fee schedule, but the Post Office said that no one else could be living there. They cannot have a caregiver. The doctor's note has to specifically state that they are unable to make it to the curb with a poly cart. I am willing to waive the \$25 fee if they can provide a doctor's note stating that they cannot physically do that and no one else is living there, and there is no caregiver. I do not know where we are with that.

Mayor Hechler reported the following:

- On October 10th we had a very special lunch for boards and members. Everyone was in attendance, and it was really great to see everyone. We got to talk and meet each other. I want to really thank our commission who prepared our food. It was long overdue.
- On October 11th, there was a meeting at the Albert Lions Center where all the local communities met to talk about what their needs are. This is what I call the small money. This is not the big infrastructure money that we will have later on for Water and Wastewater, and things of that nature. Rather than the items we ask for, this particular session is to develop and plan for a lift station instead of the vacuum system we have now. It will hold all the houses on Riverside Street, on 3rd Street, plus all the houses on the outdated system. We asked for \$400 thousand dollars to fund the study for that and figure out what we need to do for that and upgrade that system. We asked for an additional \$500 thousand dollars for our Animal Shelter to upgrade the building and system. We are going to spend about \$2 million dollars on Foch Street in the next year or two to fix it up. We asked for \$500 thousand dollars to renovate the Police Department. As you already know, we own the PNC bank building, and the additional money will go toward finishing it up and getting it fully occupied sooner than later.

City Attorney Rubin reported the following:

- I want to thank Mr. Green for bringing concerns to the commissions. Helpful by mentioning. I knew the ADA was going to be a legal issue, I read the text of the ADA including the part of the provisions. I did research on my own, and I actually looked at some of the cases. I called John Appel who is our co council in Santa Fe. Mr. Appel has had experience with dealing with the ADA issues. I figured he

would be a good person to talk with. We sat down and went through the text of the ADA and recommendations were given.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS (5 Minute Rule Applies)

- 1. Public Hearing/Discussion/Action: Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 769 Authorizing the Issuance of The City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2024B, In the Principal Amount of One Million Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-three Dollars and Thirty-Six cents (\$1,065,983.36) for the purpose of Predevelopment Financing.**

Chris Muirhead, Modrall Sperling: This is an additional step on the two different USDA projects that you have going on. You had the one from 2021. If you recall, recently we did the construction loan for \$4.8 million. That is for about \$5 million of new lines and valves and such. That is through Bank of the Southwest with a 3 year term at 5.5%. When that is fully done, USDA will refinance that at 1.375% over 40 years. That is a pledge of your system revenues. This one is the most recent letter of conditions which is from July of this year which is a mix of the \$2.673 million loan, but importantly it is a \$7.2 million grant. This amount is a portion of the \$2.673 for the pre-development financing and water system improvements phase 2 through the Bank of the Southwest also at 5% for 24 months. The interest accrues based on what you draw down and when you draw it down. Then it would be paid off through a subsequent financing at that point. When the USDA ultimately buys the city's bonds and does that when this is done, it will be at 2.125%. This ordinance is consistent with what you have seen before. This is just a pledge of your net system water revenues. There is no general obligation, and no gross receipts tax. Ultimately it would be over 40 years. This interim is for 2 years with the Bank of the Southwest. It is that limited pledge and it is consistent with what you have done. You have multiple debt, and it was referenced by Traci earlier that you have some additional Colonias grants and other things coming in. I think we will be on a subordinate level to these loans, and that's important because then the lender is taking you back a position, and it doesn't impact your ability to meet your covenants about how much revenue you need to keep all of your parody debt serviced. This is an interim loan for some pre-development cost of \$1,065,983.36. The improvement areas are listed in the agenda packet.

Mayor Hechler opened the public hearing.

Opponents:

There were no opponents.

Proponents:

There were no proponents.

Mayor Hechler closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 769 Authorizing the Issuance of The City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2024B, In the Principal Amount of One Million Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-three Dollars and Thirty-Six cents (\$1,065,983.36) For the Purpose of Predevelopment Financing. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister and Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

F. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/ZONING:

1. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 18 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reviewed Resolution No. 18 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve Resolution No. 18 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request. Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 19 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reviewed Resolution No. 19 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve Resolution No. 19 24/25 Budget Adjustment Request. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 20 24/25 for the Sale of Surplus Property to be sold at the November 16, 2024, Willard Hall Auction.

City Clerk Torres: The city has some surplus property that they would like to sell in the upcoming November 16, 2024 Willard Hall Auction. The items up for sale are electric poles, a 1987 John Deer Backhoe and a 2013 Chevy impala. If approved the items will be advertised as noted in the resolution.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve Resolution No. 20 24/25 for the Sale of Surplus Property to be sold at the November 16, 2024, Willard Hall Auction. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Film Report and Film Liaison Appointment.

Cary "Jagger" Gustin gave a Film Report and requested his re-appointment to continue to serve as the film liaison. (Copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Commissioner Fahl: Jagger and I were talking before the meeting started. All of us appreciate everything that you've done for us Jagger. All these years of service have been incredible. Jagger has served for 31 years, and I've served on so many boards for years and years, so I think that we need to continue to use Jagger and his expertise, but I think it would be nice to get his some assistance. As we are at this age and we have built these programs, and we are really proud of what we've accomplished. It's really hard to just say okay I'm at that age where I just want to walk away because then what you've built, and your legacy goes with it and we don't want that to happen. What I was suggesting was that he find somebody for him to mentor. An intern of some kind so in this two-year period for this appointment, then you've found the person that can move forward what you've accomplished so you can have somebody in there that knows what you've accomplished and won't take away everything that you've done.

Cary "Jagger" Gustin: I would be happy to do that.

Commissioner Mitchell: I have a bunch of students that are interested in film and they would never be able to do the kind of job that your job requires, but they can help and they can learn.

Mayor Hechler: We have a bio here from Nani Rivera. She is very well accomplished, and she's done a lot of things in New Mexico with film so she may be someone to consider.

Commissioner Fahl moved to reappoint Cary "Jagger" Gustin to continue to serve as the Film Liaison for another 2 year term and hopefully choose an intern to help assist him. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Hon. Ingo Hoeppner, Commissioner voted aye
Hon. Destiny Mitchell, Commissioner voted aye
Hon. Amanda Forrister, Mayor Pro-Tem abstained
Hon. Rolf Hechler, Mayor voted aye
Hon. Merry Jo Fahl, Commissioner voted aye

Motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

2. Discussion/Action: Approval of the Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan.

OJ Hechler, Community Services Director: As you all know, we have been working on a masterplan for the ballfields. The parks system has given a lot of attention to Ralph Edwards Park. We are expanding that to the Louis Armijo Sports Complex and Family Park. We will be finishing one project to start the other, then we will be going across town to finish up other park projects. We have been working on this for 6 months, and we have had 2 public meetings. I want to thank the little leagues for coming out to these meetings. This project is funded by the Regional Recreational Center Quality of Life funding. The goal is to improve the quality of life for New Mexican residents, creating new experience or existing experience through recreational facilities. The masterplan scope is to evaluate the existing condition of the sports complex, including the playground area at Family Park, and also the Rodeo Arena. This will also help with economic development. Once the masterplan is complete, this will be your planning tool for the city to fight for funding. This is the overview of the sight plan. You can enter the park with all 4 adjacent streets and the main complex is still in the central area. We do have crosswalks in between all of these streets. The main entrance off of Broadway will bring you into the drop off area and main concession area with restroom areas. There will be 3 stalls for women and 2 stalls for men, and a potential storage area and there will be paved pathways for pedestrians. At the Rodeo area, we will have a connected area and plenty of parking. We are also including a central plaza area in front of the Rodeo Arena, and it could be a second concession there for events. Going into the phases plan, and more phases for cost and construction. Phase 1 is the ballfield with the flex field, soccer field, and parking around facilities and access roads. Phase 1 A includes the two baseball fields as well as the pedestrian connection and parking that adjoins the two fields. Phase 2 will be the entire parking area and the plaza area. The final phase would be the pickleball courts, and the cost estimate for the construction.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Louis Armijo Sports Complex Master Plan. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action: Summary Plat Amendment at 601 E. Third/217 N. Maple.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: The applicant is requesting to split his property into two lots. This is where the laundry mat on 3rd Street is at. He wants to separate the business lot from the residential lot. It went to planning and zoning, and they recommended approval to the City Commission. We had no proponents or opponents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Summary Plat Amendment at 601 E. Third/217 N. Maple. Commissioner Hoepfner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action: Vacation of Plats to Vacate a 20' alley situated in Section 34, Township 13 South, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M., within Block 1, Smith Terrace as per Sec. 15-18 (Vacation of Plats).

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: In the packet, there is a zoomed in plot line area. They own both parcels of property on both sides of the designated alleyway. The alleyway will not ever be developed into an alley. The place where they want to build their house has a great view. Vacating the alley between the 4 or 5 parcels that they own is no concern on the city side. The planning and zoning board recommended approval to the city commission. There were no opponents or proponents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Vacation of Plats to Vacate a 20' alley situated in Section 34, Township 13 South, Range 4 West, N.M.P.M., within Block 1, Smith Terrace as per Sec. 15-18 (Vacation of Plats). Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action: Agreement Between Owner (City of T or C) and Engineer (Wilson & Co) for Professional Services for the Water System Performance Improvements Phase 2 (WSPI 2).

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: This is a standard USDA agreement that we have entered into with any engineering firm with the USDA project. This one is specific to Wilson & Company. It was procured via our on call procurement agreements that we have. This will be for them to do the design for the WSPI 2 project which is the same funding source that you are heard from Chris Muirhead.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the Agreement Between Owner (City of T or C) and Engineer (Wilson & Co) for Professional Services for the Water System Performance Improvements Phase 2 (WSPI 2). Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion/Action: Proposed Service Agreement between the Truth or Consequences Municipal School District and the Truth or Consequences Police Department.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: Just a renewal of an agreement with the Tor C Schools resource officer and the chief of police request for the commission to approve the agreement since there had been no changes to the agreement. Its still for 12 months and the same fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Proposed Service Agreement between the Truth or Consequences Municipal School District and the Truth or Consequences Police Department. Commissioner Fahl and Commissioner Hoeppner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion/Action: Approval of Purchase Requisitions over \$20,000.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez reviewed the Purchase Requisitions over \$20,000 provided in the packet. Improve the auto and visual technology for the commission chambers.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the Purchase Requisitions over \$20,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion/Action: Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Chris Sisney.

City Clerk Torres: Chris Sisney is a current member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. His term expires at the end of this month, and he wishes to serve another 2 year term on the board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Chris Sisney. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion/Action: Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Esther Luchini.

City Clerk Torres: Esther Luchini is a current member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Her term expires at the end of this month, and she wishes to serve another 2 year term on the board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Esther Luchini. Commissioner Mitchell Hoeppner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion/Action: Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Susan Buhler.

City Clerk Torres: Susan Buhler is a current member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Her term expires at the end of this month, and she wishes to serve another 2 year term on the board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister moved to approve the Re-appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Member Susan Buhler. Commissioner Hoeppner seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion/Action: Approval of the 2025 City Holiday Schedule.

City Clerk Torres: This is our annual holiday schedule to establish, designate, and declare legal holiday closures for 2025.

Commissioner Fahl moved to approve the 2025 City Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager) Pursuant to 10-15-1(H.2).

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister made a motion to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager) Pursuant to 10-15-1(H.2). Commissioner Fahl seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hechler reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:32 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister certified that only matters pertaining to Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager) Pursuant to 10-15-1(H.2) were discussed in Executive Session and no action was taken in executive session.

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

1. Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager) Pursuant to 10-15-1(H.2).

Mayor Pro-Tem Forrister made a motion to have a special executive meeting on November 5, 2024, in the City Commission Chambers to discuss Limited Personnel Matters (City Manager) Pursuant to 10-15-1(H.2). Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

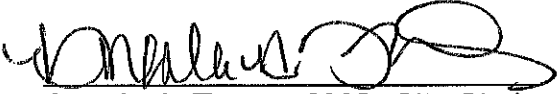
Mayor Hechler adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 13th day of November, 2024.



Rolf Hechler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela A. Torres, CMC, City Clerk

Flooding in T or C

I'm concerned about our community being flooded.

When the golf course get flooded it runs through Perishing st down next to River Bend spa.

Las Vegas got flooded this year and they have the Gallinas river running through their community.

Roswell got about 6 inches of rain and was flooded; they have the Rio Hondo river running through their community.

Whats to say T or C couldn't be flooded with maybe a couple of inches of rain or more. I read in the paper about concern of Williamsburg being flooded and over flowing of the arroyos in Sierra County.

I did not hear anything concerns about the Rio Grande river.

Is there any operational procedure in place if we get a real good rain; and if the Rio Granda is running does the city have any say over the DAM?

There is no restrains for Mescal canyon to slow the water flow. Is there any plans in the future to do something about Mescal canyon? What about Cuchillo Negro Creek?

Bureau of Reclamation talked about an action plan for a breach at Caballo dam.

Do we have an operational procedure from the Bureau of Reclamation in Salt Lake City? What does the flood Commission of Sierra County have to say about any of these scenario?

Ron Pacourek

Date: Oct 17, 2024

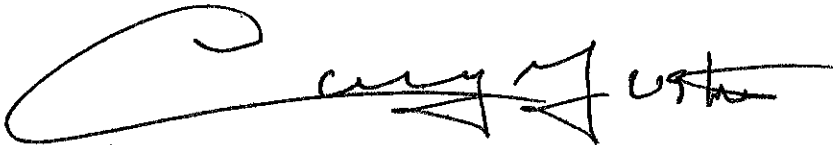
Honorable Mayor Rolf Hechler
City Hall 505 Sims Street
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

RE: Film Report and Reappointment

Dear Mayor Hechler:

I am requesting approximately 10 minutes of your Agenda time
For your Commission meeting of: Oct 23, 2024 Allowing me
to give your Commission a film report on the recent A-24 Film
"Eddington" that worked here March, April and May 2024.
In addition I will request your Commission to reappoint me to the
next 2 year term for Film Liaison's to The New Mexico Film
Office as I wish to continue my service to the City of Truth or
Consequences in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cary 'Jagger' Gustin". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "C" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sincerely Cary "Jagger" Gustin
Acting Film Liaison for the City of T or C to The
New Mexico Film Office

Film Report To: Tore City Commission Date: Oct 23, 2024
March 8th, 2024 wrapping on May 24th, 2024 Approx. 76 day shoot

Crew Spending: 155 people @ \$70 per day = 10,850 per day
X 76 days = \$824,600

30 vehicles Ford Passenger vans 12 with 30 gallon tanks filled
Say every 2 days 36 fill ups 12 vans X 36 = 432
423 X \$3.09 per gallon = \$1334.88

Hotel rooms are harder to estimate as the crew was spread out area wide: Downtown Historic District Properties, I-25 exit Properties
The old E B Resort Inn was rented entirely. Some of the top Talent stayed at Sierra Grande Lodge

--Our local Geronimo Springs Museum was paid \$27K for 3 days use of an outside courtyard.

1 building owner was paid \$25K monthly for 3 months \$75K

--If your business or shop was impacted you were compensated for lost sales.

--There were 8 separate location permits, that had to be reviewed and ok'd. Hats off to Angie Gonzales and Traci Alvarez, they helped me tremendously!!!!

--On March 20th, 2024 I had the honor of showing Tara Jaramillo From state government that days location shoot.

The rough estimate for funds spent locally is: 2 million, 234 thousand, 48 cents. Film crew and vehicle info is from

Ehrin Davis, Key Assistant Location Manager

--In June NMSU Board of regents in partnership with NM

Economic Development Dept and NMSU's Arrow Head Center

Announced plans to build a 36 thousand square foot sound

Stage. This info is in your packet today. Soundstages are

Large soundproof buildings used for sets or sets in series

Productions that use the same location for extended periods.

I will now stand for questions and request that you appoint me for

The next 2 year term. 2024 will mark 31 years to serve the city as Liaison to the NM Film Office.

Eddington, That's A Wrap

By Steve Mull
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It's been an exciting time for the city of Truth or Consequences, as the major motion picture "Eddington" has been filming in and around the downtown area.

Many businesses have been transformed to reflect the fictional setting of Sevilla County offices and retail locations. Road closures, heavy equipment,

lights and cameras have sporadically populated the streets. Protests and gunfire could be heard on occasion.

Now, as filming is concluding this week, residents can expect the area to return to the normal routines of small town living. Location Manager John Lucas says that principal photography should end Friday, May 24. "...unless things happen and we have to add a day."

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"Post-production will take time. The director and the editor

and all that good stuff. All that will definitely take some time."

"We will strategically pick a date to release the film. Sometimes the film will be done and then we'll keep it on

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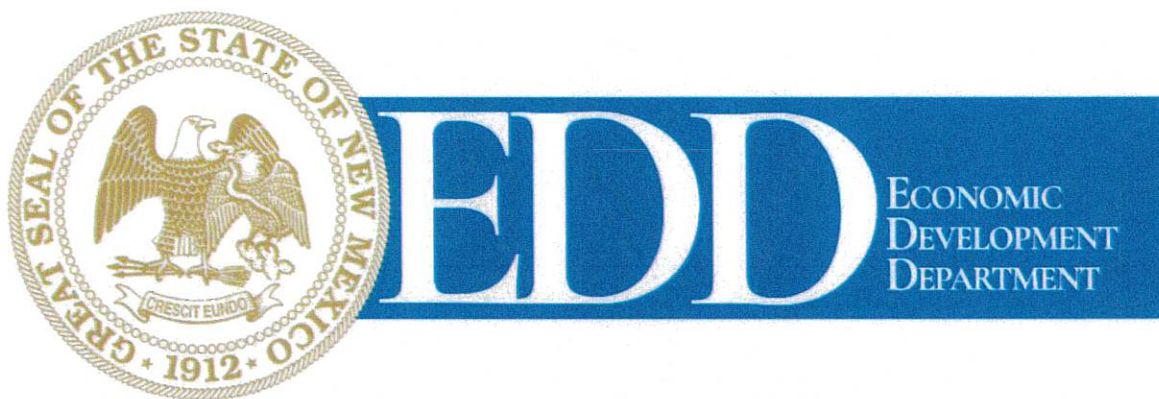
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Planned soundstage at NMSU expected to significantly impact local, state economies

A planned \$15 million soundstage complex at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Park is expected to attract film and television projects that will draw millions of dollars to the area and help

creative media students earn valuable experience.

In June, the NMSU Board of Regents unanimously approved an agreement between the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD), NMSU and Arrowhead Center Inc. to build the 36,400 square foot soundstage complex to be used for film and television productions. NMSU and DACC creative media students will also have opportunities for paid internships working on these productions, a key component of the project.

"This is a tremendous day for the film community in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico," said State Sen. Jeff Steinborn, president of Film Las Cruces and who led the effort to secure funding for the Las Cruces soundstage. "Creating a studio and soundstage in Las Cruces has long been a goal of Film Las Cruces and local filmmakers, and this new facility will add extremely valuable film production infrastructure to our region. Having been named by MovieMaker Magazine as a top city in America to live and work as a filmmaker, this is a significant step forward in Las Cruces ability to continue to support high quality film productions."

Soundstages are large, soundproofed buildings that provide an essential capability for films to create sets in sound- and lighting-controlled environments. They are commonly used for creating unique film sets, or sets in series productions that use the same filming location for extended time periods.

The project is funded by NMEDD as part of the statewide Media Arts Collective Initiative to grow the state's film industry. Once completed, NMSU will lease the soundstage to a company that will be responsible for operations and maintenance and will either film their own productions at the complex, or lease out the complex to other production companies, said Wayne Savage, executive director of Arrowhead Park.

The company operating the complex will be selected through a request for proposals process, or RFP, development of which has already begun. Savage said the hope is to have a company contracted by the time the complex is completed in January 2026.

"This soundstage complex at NMSU's Arrowhead Park is a game-changer for New Mexico's film industry," said Mateo Frazier, New Mexico Media Arts Collective acting executive director. "It bridges education and professional production, creating invaluable opportunities for our students while attracting major projects to southern New Mexico. This facility embodies our vision of a thriving film and media arts ecosystem that benefits our entire state. We're excited to work with NMSU, DACC, and our labor and industry partners to further establish New Mexico as a premier destination for film and television production."

Arrowhead Center Inc. will manage the development of the complex that will be located south of Doña Ana Community College's Creative Media Technology building at Arrowhead Park, and near the location of the proposed NMSU Creative Media Institute building. All three buildings will be among the components that form the Las Cruces Creative Campus envisioned by Kevin Boberg, Ph.D., Arrowhead Center's first director and CEO and former NMSU vice president for economic development who passed away in 2021.

"Dr. Boberg was a strong believer in this colocation idea to benefit students, research and industry," Savage said. "This will bring lots of opportunities for students when they graduate, as well as have a significant economic impact on the community."

Savage said the soundstage complex is expected to create 200 new, full-time jobs and help increase the local film crew base that regularly works on film and television productions in the area. The complex has the potential to attract a TV series that will spend between \$12 million to \$15 million over a six-month period for food, lodging and other services. A mid-sized film project has the potential to spend about \$4 million over two months.

"The soundstage will be a real game changer for southern New Mexico," said filmmaker Ross Marks, executive director of the Las Cruces International Film Festival and professor in NMSU's Creative Media Institute. "It will finally even the playing the field for us to attract film and television productions. It will

be a full-service stage with all the amenities needed to attract everything from big studio shows to small independent films. I personally look forward to using it for several of my future projects. I know our students will benefit from all the internship opportunities the new stage will provide.”

The agreement between NMSU, Arrowhead Center Inc. and NMEDD is for a total of 12 years, including the two-year development phase and a 10-year operations phase, after which NMSU can decide whether to continue with operation of the complex as a soundstage or convert it to serve other purposes.

Savage said the targeted groundbreaking date is sometime in the first quarter of 2025.

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Photos and further information available on the original press release from the NMSU newsroom at <https://newsroom.nmsu.edu>.

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