

# **ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL**

## **Special Meeting Agenda**

Council Chambers

June 14, 2017

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### **6:00 PM - Special Meeting**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lucero called the special meeting of the Alamosa City Council to order at 6:16 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call: Mayor Josef Lucero, Councilors Charles Griego, Liz Hensley, Ty Coleman, and Kristina Daniel. Councilor Vigil and Councilor Stefano previously requested to be excused. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Holly Martinez.

#### **III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilor Vigil and Councilor Stefano. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. CITIZEN COMMENT**

None.

#### **V. BUSINESS**

##### **A.**

##### **1.**

- a. Request of SI Properties, LLC for final plat approval for the SI Properties Subdivision

Pat Steenburg presented information to Council. This area of town was originally platted in 1936 as the Sunnyside Park Subdivision. It was subsequently divided again as the Morris and Cole Re-Subdivision later in 1936 and has remained in that configuration since. Obviously, development patterns and property owner desires have changed in the last 80 years and the property owners are requesting to reconfigure and subdivide the property to better suit their needs. The proposal should not create any access issues, off street parking requirements will be met, and approval of the request will provide for development and occupation of vacant, subdivided property within the city limits. The applicant has met the conditions placed on the approval recommendation made by the Planning Commission, including providing \$4,116 in escrow funds in the form of cash for the eventual paving and improvement of the applicant's frontage on Chico Street.

Mayor Lucero opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this issue.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 6:27 p.m.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to approve Resolution No. 15-2017. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Award of Bid - 2017 First Street Reconstruction

Pat Steenburg presented information to Council. After a lengthy and much more involved design process than typical that has included a civil engineer, contract traffic engineer, hospital and university personnel, and Xcel Energy, the City of Alamosa received one bid for the 2017 First Street Reconstruction Project. The project will include the realignment of Mullins Avenue and the reconstruction of First Street from Murphy Drive to Edgemont Blvd. This first phase of the seven year project is problematic in that it requires coordination with the University and the Hospital, involves a section of First Street with very limited detour opportunities, high traffic counts, ambulance and emergency vehicle access, and it also requires Xcel to lower both high and low pressure natural gas facilities and several power poles.

In depth discussions and guarantees of certain traffic restrictions have resulted in the original bid being reduced by \$192,763 to a total bid amount of \$536,357. The City also has the option of reducing this amount by an additional \$83,545 if they make the commitment to close First Street to all public traffic for a period of 5 – 7 weeks. Based on cost savings, project duration, and more importantly safety of the general public as well as that of employees and contractors, staff recommends that Council allow the closure of first street.

Council further discussed this issue.

Councilor Hensley moved, seconded by Councilor Coleman to award Option 2 of the 2017 First Street Reconstruction and Mullins Realignment to Gardner Excavating as the sole bidder in the amount of \$452,812 and closing First Street for the duration of that phase of the project and allowing staff to create extended detour routes for the

motoring public. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

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Josef P. Lucero, Mayor