

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO
August 16, 2017

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Advisory Board Minutes

Council Calendar

6:00 PM - Work Session to Discuss Miscellaneous Recycling Ideas

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Josef Lucero at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Present at roll call: Mayor Josef Lucero, Councilors Charles Griego, Kristina Daniel, Liz Hensley, Jan Vigil, and Ty Coleman. Councilor Michael Stefano previously requested to be excused. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and Deputy City Clerk Lachelle Montano.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Heather Brooks informed Council that there is a proclamation to be added to the agenda. Proclamation was added to the end of Consent Calendar A.

Councilor Hensley would like to move the Executive Sessions to next week due to extenuating circumstances that would not allow her to prepare all materials for the Executive Session tonight.

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

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

Alamosa City Council welcomes your comments. Citizens wishing to speak may obtain and complete a speaker card through the City Clerk at the start of the meeting.

A. Audience Comments

Marlena Antonucci spoke about the San Luis Valley Local Food System 5th Annual Harvest Soiree.

Dan McCann spoke in regards to the upcoming election, announcing he will no longer be running for Mayor.

B. Follow-Up

Councilor Vigil thanked Dan McCann for his presence at all the Council Meetings every week.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR A

The Consent Calendar allows multiple actions with one motion. Consent Calendar A contains routine items which have been recommended for action by staff or advisory boards. Council may remove a consent calendar item for separate consideration.

Councilor Daniel moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to approve Consent Calendar A as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approval of Minutes August 2, 2017

C.8.a. Receive July 2017 Monthly Reports

VI. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Proclamation - National Health Center Week

COO Adam Roberts spoke about the events. Mayor Lucero read the proclamation and Council presented the proclamation to Mr. Roberts.

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

B. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. City Manager/Legal

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 23-2017, an ordinance amending sections 21-227, 21-229(b), and 21-234 of the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa* to allow limited placement of political signs in public rights of way during election season.

Heather Brooks presented information on this ordinance to Council. As staff was preparing for the Council Candidate Orientation one of the items that would be reviewed with the candidates is the placement of political signs. Staff then decided to bring forth to Council the recommendation to loosen some of the restrictions. Ms. Brooks feels like they should still prevent the signs from being in the right of way on the Commercial Districts. The compromise would be on the residential areas.

Councilor Daniel moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to approve Ordinance No. 23-2017 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Employee Fun Run/Walk Match

Heather Brooks presented information to Council. The Employee BBQ Committee and Employee Wellness Committee has raised approximately \$160 to be donated to PALS. She asked if Council would like to provide a match to the funds that have been raised.

Councilor Daniel challenged the other Councilors, if they are in town, to run with her during the 5K to add more money as well.

Councilor Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Hensley to match the funds raised from the Employee Fun Run/Walk. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports

Councilor Vigil spoke regarding HVAC meeting.

Councilor Daniel spoke regarding Rec Board.

Councilor Vigil spoke about the Library Board and Farm Park Group.

Councilor Griego commented on the Rec Board.

D. Staff Announcements

Heather Brooks updated Council on the following:

- New link on agenda for advisory minutes
- Employee BBQ at Cole Park on Friday

- Employee Fun Walk/Run on Saturday
- Executive Sessions will be added to calendar next week to begin at 6:30 pm and Special City Council Meeting to begin at 7:00 pm

Pat Steenburg gave update on the following:

- 1st Street construction
- Thomas and Market Street will be added to the CIP this year

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Coleman spoke regarding Kiwanis Club's social at the disc golf course on August 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Councilor Vigil formally announced candidacy for At Large position.

Councilor Griego had questions regarding the weed problem.

Chief Oaks informed Council on the following:

- They now have a contact with someone from the railroad that they are working with regarding the weeds
- The area on West 8th Street by the railroad is County property
- Code Enforcement is making contact with
- people daily The Abatement Program

Griego asked for update on multi purpose pavilion. Pat Steenburg gave update on Multi Purpose Pavilion and Parks Building.

Councilor Daniel thanked Community Resource Officers for the follow ups with weeds. She thanked City Staff for supporting the Alicia Riggs Memorial.

Mayor Lucero thanked Police Department regarding enforcement on Main Street.

Mayor Lucero asked if a historic photo compendium of the Multi Purpose Pavilion can be done.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Lachelle Montano, Deputy City Clerk

Josef P. Lucero, Mayor