

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
ZOOM VIDEO WEBINAR
300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO
September 2, 2020

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was held via Zoom Webinar and called to order on the above date by Mayor Ty Coleman at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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A. Audience Comments

Helen Sigmond spoke in opposition to the releasing of the restrictions for mask wearing.

Bob Rice spoke in regards to the issues and concerns of mask wearing providing references to studies that masks are helpful.

Kevin Daniel spoke in opposition to the agenda item of releasing staff from enforcing the mask wearing when there is evidence out there that wearing the masks is helpful.

Mandy Pittman spoke on behalf of the Farmer's Market urging Council to continue enforcing the mandate of mask wearing and mentioned fears of what people will do if there is no enforcement.

Christopher Lopez spoke on behalf of Adams State University and is in favor of keeping the mask mandate in place. He also mentioned how proud ASU is of the students' compliance on campus.

Luke Yoder spoke on behalf of his many community hats and in favor of keeping the enforcement how it is as it is important to keep the community safe.

Aaron Miltenberger spoke encouraging wearing of masks and is in support of maintaining the current enforcement efforts.

Charlotte Ledonne spoke in regards to the perspective of harm reduction and how masks are there to protect others.

Louisa Cheslock spoke in support of the current enforcement and wearing of masks.

Leroy Chacon spoke in regards to his experience with COVID and stated that wearing a mask is worth it.

Josh Blankenship spoke in support of wearing masks but does not feel that it should be enforced.

B. Follow-Up

None.

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 Vigil to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2020

C.7.b. Appointment of Andrea Bachman to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

C.8.a. Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Form 5280-1 for the Alamosa Regional Airport

C.3.a. Reallocate Police Department HVAC funds.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Parks and Recreation

a. Recreation Center and Trail Update

Jes Jolly provided Council with an update on the Recreation Center and the reopening of the building. John Reesor provided Council with an update on the trails and the updates to those throughout the year and projects coming up. Council thanks both Ms. Jolly and Mr. Reesor for the updates.

2. Fire

a. Public Hearing and Second Reading, Ordinance No. 20-2020, An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental agreement with Alamosa County and the San Luis

Valley Regional Airport for Mutual Aid in the Provision of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Services at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport

Fire Chief Don Chapman reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Councilor Daniel moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to finally adopt Ordinance No. 20-2020. The motion carried unanimously.

3. City Manager/Legal

- a. Public Hearing and second reading, Ordinance No. 21-2020, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with Water Activity Enterprise Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to cover the City's municipal wells in the district's annual replacement plan(s) pending approval of the City's plan for augmentation

Counselor Schwiesow reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened up the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:13 p.m.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Broyles to finally adopt Ordinance No. 21-2020. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Request for Future Agenda Items Brought Forward by Council Members

4. Request for a Motion to relieve City Staff from enforcing the health mandate to wear masks outdoors.

Mayor Coleman asked Councilor Broyles to provide the background information for this request. Councilor Broyles spoke stating the reasoning he felt that this item needed to be placed on the agenda. However, after hearing the public comments, he decided he no longer feels it necessary to place this item on the agenda.

Council further discussed this item and the concerns of mask wearing in the orders. They concurred that the enforcement would stay as is and there is no need to move this item forward on a regular agenda.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Hensley reported on the golf board meeting she attended. Councilor Daniel spoke regarding the Homeless Board Coalition meeting that was cancelled, and also asked about the vacancies for the board. She also reported on the Housing Authority Board meeting she attended.

F. Staff Announcements

None.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Broyles congratulated the new HPAC board member, Andrea Bachman on her appointment.

Councilor Hensley spoke in regards to the CML Virtual Conference she attended and wish the best of luck to student returning back to in person school.

Councilor Vigil also spoke in regards to students returning to school and gave a shout out to City employee, Daniel Montano, for being an example of what service and helping people out means.

Councilor Daniel commented on the participation in the meeting and also spoke in regards to it being Suicide Prevention month for September.

Councilor Griego asked for an update regarding the variances for the county. Councilor Carson stated the state may be doing a state level variance change soon.

Mayor Coleman also spoke in regards to Suicide Prevention Month and encouraged everyone to listen to people who come to you and be a listening ear.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor

**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2020

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
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6:30 PM - Work Session: Board Applicant Interview

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II. ROLL CALL

Present at roll call: Mayor Ty Coleman, Councilors Charles Griego, David Broyles, Liz Hensley, Kristina Daniel, Jan Vigil, and Michael Carson. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Heather Brooks, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Holly Martinez.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilor Broyles moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT

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A. Audience Comments

Brenda Chavez spoke regarding concerns of the future of Ordinance No. 19-2020 passage.

Gretchen Bianca also spoke in regards to the same concerns regarding the future of the ordinance.

B. Follow-Up

None.

V. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Introduction of Parks & Recreation Office Supervisor, Juan Lopez

Parks & Rec Director Andy Rice introduced Juan Lopez who was welcomed by Council.

B. Introduction of Communications & Project Specialist, Jasmine Husmann

City Manager Heather Brooks introduced Jasmine Husmann who was welcomed by Council.

C. 100th Anniversary of certification of the Nineteenth Amendment Proclamation

Councilor Hensley read the proclamation and Council presented it to Jan Oen, who also spoke in regards to the proclamation and thanked Council for the proclamation.

VI. 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 Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Vigil to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C.7.a. Approve Minutes of Meeting August 5, 2020

C.8.a. Receive July 2020 Monthly Reports

VII. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. ASU Presentation from Dr. Lovell and Kevin Daniel

ASU President Dr. Lovell and ASU Representative Kevin Daniel presented information on the reopening of Adams State to Council. Council thanked them for the presentation and keeping them informed.

B. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

- a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 18-2020, An Ordinance Re-Zoning Tracts 3, 5 & 6 Of The Replat Of The Paterson Subdivision Located Generally West Of Highway 285 And Bounded Between West Eighth Street And West Tenth Street As Shown On The Attached Exhibit A, In The City Of Alamosa Colorado

Deacon Aspinwall reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Coleman opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

Michael Paterson, the developer spoke regarding the reasons for his request.

Joe Madrid spoke in opposition to this ordinance stating that he lives near the apartments and his neighbors hate them.

Delzia Worley spoke in support of this ordinance stating she is in favor of working with the developer and having the city move forward with the project. She sees it from a cash flow perspective and the banks when they finance need the projects they are funding to make sense and this one does.

Aaron Miltenberger spoke stating it is important for Council to see the different perspectives sharing his personal perspective of how he is in support of the ordinance. He would like to see the Boys and Girls Club surrounded by single affordable housing and beautiful buildings.

Patty Paterson echoed her husband Michael Paterson's comments. She also stated that the Kiva development is kid friendly and dog friendly, and that they don't have a ton of college students currently living there but they do make accommodations to make the residents feel safe such as cameras up on the property and making the area feel that there is a sense of community there.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:33 p.m.

Council further discussed this ordinance.

Councilor Griego moved, seconded by Councilor Carson to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2020 with an amendment to approve rezoning Tract 3 from CB to RH, and Tract 5 from CB to MH but to leave Tract 6 as Commercial Business. Mayor Coleman asked for clarification if the developer was in agreement to this, Mr. Paterson confirmed he agreed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 16-2020, an ordinance vacating that portion of Twelfth Street between Alamosa Avenue and the platted alley bordering lots 32-35, block 100, Lakeview Subdivision.

Heather Brooks reviewed this ordinance with Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Vigil opened the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

Randy Gutierrez, the property owner of this request, spoke in support of this ordinance.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 9:18 p.m.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to finally adopt Ordinance No. 16-2020. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Fire

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 20-2020, An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental agreement with Alamosa County and the San Luis Valley Regional Airport for Mutual Aid in the Provision of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting

Services at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport

Heather Brooks provided information on this ordinance to Council.

Council Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Griego to approve the ordinance on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

3. City Manager/Legal

- a. First reading, Ordinance No. 21-2020, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with Water Activity Enterprise Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to cover the City's municipal wells in the district's annual replacement plan(s) pending approval of the City's plan for augmentation

Counselor Schwiesow provided information on this ordinance to Council.

Councilor Broyles moved, seconded by Councilor Carson to approve Ordinance No. 21-2020 on first reading and set for a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Proclamation amending the March 18, 2020 Proclamation declaring COVID-19 local disaster emergency.

Counselor Schwiesow presented information to Council on why this proclamation is being brought forward for an amendment.

Council further discussed this item and clarified how the proclamation tied to the emergency declaration.

Councilor Carson moved, seconded by Councilor Vigil to adopt the amended proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No.19-2020, an ordinance making it unlawful willfully to violate a local, state, or federal order issued for the protection of public health

Counselor Schwiesow reviewed this ordinance with Council. Police Chief Ken Anderson spoke in support of the ordinance and how it would help his department.

Mayor Pro Tem Vigil opened the public hearing at 10:02 p.m. and asked for those who wish to speak on this ordinance to do so.

Sasha Parga spoke in opposition to the ordinance stating it is a violation of rights and that masks and vaccines should be a choice to citizens. She also provided information related to what the US Surgeon General has stated on the effectiveness of masks.

Eric Gile spoke against the ordinance stating he is not anti-mask but doesn't feel

that the ordinance is needed and is an overreach.

Brad (Did not state last name) spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Dean Lee asked for clarification on what the emergency of this ordinance was. He also spoke in opposition stating that the ordinance is no longer for health and safety and feels as if it is for more government control. He also stated the appreciates all the information provided in the beginning but believes that everything changed.

Dr. Lauren Sonderegger of Valley Wide spoke in support stating that she is speaking from a note of care and positivity and that wearing a mask is asking people to care about them and is a way to protect neighbors.

Micah Jackson spoke in opposition to this ordinance and enforcement of masks. She also stated that local government is where citizens have the most say and voice and although the ordinance may have been a good intention, feels it is meddling in affairs that are counterproductive. She also spoke stating reasons of why she is in opposition to the ordinance and that Council and the City needs to focus on education and encouragement, not enforcement.

Michael Dominguez read a statement speaking in opposition to the ordinance. He stated that the background information provided in council's communication needed to be written to speak to the facts and the ordinance was originally written with amendments for emergency powers.

Larry Brown spoke in opposition to the ordinance and stated that there should be voluntary compliance.

Ruthie Brown spoke in opposition to the ordinance stating that she is scared of it and is getting tired of being told she doesn't care about others because she doesn't wear a mask. She also stated she is sad for PD because they have far more important things to worry about than masks.

Terry Hammond spoke in opposition to the ordinance providing Council with information as to why specifically that the virus is not a serious threat.

Ryan Morgan spoke and asked Council to take into consideration that the ordinance was very broad and that they'd need to think about the enforcement of the ordinance for future councils.

Barbara Schaer spoke against the ordinance and feels it's an open ended ordinance.

Donna McDonald spoke stating she appreciates Council for listening to the people as that is who they are working for. She also spoke stating that masks still allow viruses to go through and people need to look at what we're doing when wearing masks.

Lisa Cordova spoke and agreed with the previous speakers who were against the ordinance.

Wilderness Welch spoke stating he views the ordinance as dangerous and can do damage in the future.

Brenda Chavez spoke against the ordinance citing journal references and encouraged more research of the virus and masks.

Lisa Rogers spoke agreeing with all the points that were brought up and asked Council to vote no on this ordinance.

Dr. Kris Steinberg spoke in support of the ordinance and that wearing masks helps by 85% and are very effective and asked Council to vote yes on the ordinance.

Mike Brady spoke agreeing with everyone else that spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He is against masks and gave a shout out to the Rio Grande County Mayor for not enforcing masks.

Karen Morgan spoke reiterating a lot of the previous feelings that were brought up and presented and spoke against the ordinance stating she doesn't see the point and Council should leave offenses as they are.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 11:17 p.m.

Council further discussed this ordinance, coming to consensus that they believe the ordinance was done with good intent but that the emergency aspect of the ordinance caused it to muddy the waters but that the mechanism that is currently in place right now works and they'd rather use what is already in the toolbox. Council thanked everyone for all the calls, emails and text they received regarding the ordinance as they are representatives of the people and it was appreciated for them to get their insight into the ordinance.

Councilor Hensley moved, seconded by Councilor Daniel to decline to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2020 in its entirety. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports

None.

D. Staff Announcements

None.

VIII. LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR B

The Consent Calendar allows multiple actions with one motion. Consent Calendar B 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 Carson to approve Consent Calendar B as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Consideration of change of location of Juanito's Mexican Restaurant, LLC hotel/restaurant liquor license from 1019 Sixth Street to 2069 First Street.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Carson spoke in regards to how he didn't appreciate some comments made during the ordinance hearing.

Councilor Broyles spoke regarding enforcement of wearing masks and how to relieve city staff from enforcing of such during special events. Ms. Brooks responded stating Councilor Carson was planning to submit a council initiated agenda item.

Councilor Daniel stated she appreciated the comments Councilor Carson made regarding staff and that it was unfair for blanket statements to be made, and that there are ways to bring the community together.

Councilor Griego thanked staff and stated that the whole intent was just to help. Thanked Councilor Daniel for her comment on the zoning.

Mayor Coleman gave thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Vigil for helping with the running of the meeting. He also reiterated the importance of city staff.

Councilor Hensley reiterated comments about staff and stated she is proud of city council. She also wished all students all the best this year and that they'll have a good semester. She also provided a report from the Marketing Board that she did not get to present under Committee reports.

Councilor Vigil spoke in appreciation of staff and stated that there needs to be teamwork and we need to stick together and is glad they have the ability to have constructive conversations. He also stated people need to have empathy for people who don't think the same way that you do; and gave comments regarding parents and K-12 education.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk

Ty Coleman, Mayor

**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

Appointment of Andrea Bachman to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Recommended Action:

Appoint Andrea Bachman to serve on the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy with a term ending 6/1/2022.

Background:

Andrea Bachman recently applied to serve on the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC). HPAC currently has one vacancy with a term ending 6/1/2022. Ms. Bachman interviewed with Council on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to make this appointment?

Alternatives:

1. Make the appointment
2. Do not make the appointment and continue recruitment.

Fiscal Impact:

NA

Legal Opinion:

The City Attorney will be present at the meeting for questions or comments.

Conclusion:

This action helps fill the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and further Council's goal of community through citizen involvement.

**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
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Subject/Title:

Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Form 5280-1 for the Alamosa Regional Airport

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Mayor to sign Form 5280-1.

Background:

Airport Manager, Will Hickman, reached out to the City with the need to have Form 5280-1 signed. Below is information provided by Mr. Hickman.

The 5280-1 Form is the official application that an airport uses to apply for its FAA Part 139 Airport Operating Certificate. This form is necessary for both Alamosa County and the City of Alamosa to sign, since the Airport is jointly owned. In order for ALS to serve air carrier aircraft with seating above 9 passenger seats, a Part 139 Operating Certificate is required. Our 139 inspection is scheduled for September 8-10. This form must be submitted to the FAA before then.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to authorize the Mayor to sign Form 5280-1?

Alternatives:

Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the form or provide further direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact:

none

Legal Opinion:

The City Attorney will be available for any questions.

Conclusion:

This form is needed for the Alamosa Regional Airport to continue to provide service.

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Type
▯	Form 5280-1	Backup Material



U.S. Department
Of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

FAA Form 5280-1, Application for Airport Operating Certificate

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**ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Subject/Title:

Reallocate Police Department HVAC funds.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the reallocation HVAC funds to be used for a motorized operational gate.

Background:

The City has \$27,000 allocated for the replacement and repair of the Police Department HVAC system. The Police Department has seen an increase in security concerns over the last few years. With the parking lot unsecured we have had numerous encounters with individuals looking through the squad room windows and leaving items outside the patrol/squad room door. We want to reallocate \$16,000 of those funds to install an operational gate to secure the lot and protect our officers and all equipment and vehicles from unauthorized visits.

Facilities has evaluated the HVAC unit and determined that minor changes will correct the needed issues and extend the life of the unit. The cost of the repair is estimated as less than \$5,000.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to authorize the reallocation of HVAC funds.

Alternatives:

Council can decide if it wants to reallocate the unused funds for the gate, budget for gate upgrades in 2021, or provide further direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact:

If Council approves the reallocation of funds no additional funds will be needed. The remaining \$11,000 will be used for repair of one of the HVAC units with any balance returned to the general fund.

Legal Opinion:

The City Attorney will be present for comment.

Conclusion:

If Council approves staff recommendation it will help secure the Police Department and protect both officers and equipment.