

Regular Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee Held
in the Convention Center
March 22, 2021

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 21-7.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. with Chairman Roebuck presiding, Councilor Sanchez being present, Councilor Peterson being absent, and Councilor Kennard participated via GoToMeeting.

Staff Present:

Juan Fuentes, Juan Salas, Abraham Chaparro, Lorenzo Sanchez, Trent Moore, Janie Davies, Chanel Rey, Kevin Maevers, Jessica Collier, Debbie Reyer, Louis Najar, and Bernadette Lopez

Guest(s) Present:

Grace Sanchez, Larry Connolly, Ivan Hall, and Linda Gonzales participated via GoToMeeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Kennard moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Peterson being absent and Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 22, 2021:

Councilor Kennard moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Peterson being absent and Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

2. Projects Updates Discussion:

Mr. Najar discussed the update for the Hot Recycling and Nova Chip. Mr. Moore discussed the update for the Carpenter Park, Police Evidence Storage, Library Build Back, and the Library Roof Projects.

3. Landfill Unit 5-A Update:

Mr. Chaparro discussed the update for this item. Mr. Chaparro stated the Addendum for

the bids were supposed to be received today, and they were not accepted because they were incomplete. He further stated that some of the bidders were having issues procuring the liner for the cell. Mr. Chaparro handed out a Bar Graph Tonnage sheet with totals for the last four years. Chairman Roebuck asked to have the Bar Graph Tonnage sheet sent to the Committee digitally. Chairman Roebuck inquired about the urgency within the market for the materials needed for the liner. Mr. Chaparro responded, there is a shortage with HTPe resin used to build the liner and comes out of Texas; however, due to the catastrophic weather, they are having issues procuring it. Chairman Roebuck inquired about a contingency plan if the liner is not available. Mr. Najar responded, there could only be one contingency plan, either have the liner/plastic and continue with the project, or the project goes on stand-by at no fault to the contractor, and when landfill unit gets full, the only alternative would be to ship it out.

4. Mountain View Middle School Waterline:

Mr. Najar stated Chris Thweatt with the Roswell Independent School District contacted him to build a waterline for Mountain View Middle School. Mr. Najar has discussed this with City management and as soon as agreements are signed, Engineering will proceed with the design.

5. Water Billing Issues:

Ms. Davies gave a presentation on the utility issues affecting customers. Chairman Roebuck expressed his disappointment in the handling of the transition from the old to new billing system and the stress, duress, and waste of time the customers have experienced because of the lack of “better planning, leadership, and communication between departments.” Councilor Kennard inquired how the ball was dropped on this issue. Ms. Rey responded implementation began in December 2019, testing began in March 2020 forward, and they went “live” in December 2020. Ms. Rey stated there were unforeseen circumstances going live and lack of understanding the capabilities of the system and its process.

FOR THE RECORD: Mr. Najar stated while Finance was giving their presentation, he received a message from Scott McKittrick with Souder, Miller & Associates and that he contacted the State of NM Environmental Department where the possibility may exist to have an Air Space Extension Agreement in which trash can be stacked higher on closed cells.

6. Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update:

Mr. Najar stated he was contacted by members of the Parks & Rec Commission to discuss ideas for the plan. Mr. Najar informed them there was no funding for this project, but they could go after state grants for funding. Mr. Najar stated the first step is to adopt the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan as a guideline in which Mr. Najar will go before General Services Committee on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 to recommend and send to City Council.

REGULAR ITEMS (ACTION):

7. Consider Award ITB-21-004 Spring River Trail Rehabilitation:

Councilor Kennard moved to recommend approval to the full City Council, the award of ITB-21-004 (Rebid) Spring River Trail Rehabilitation Project to

Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$159,485.45 to the consent agenda on April 8, 2021. Mr. Najjar discussed this item. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting and Councilor Peterson being absent.

8. Consider Lea/Deming Change Order – Water Repair:

Councilor Kennard moved to recommend approval for ITB-20-002 Lea & Deming Bridge Repairs Project, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$63,121.34 to the consent agenda on April 8, 2021. Mr. Sanchez discussed this item. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting and Councilor Peterson being absent.

9. Consider WWTP Digester Roof Repair:

Councilor Kennard moved to recommend approval of the award of J&J Marquez Residential and Commercial Building for the WWTP Digester Roof in the amount of \$92,227.40 to the full City Council on April 8, 2021. Mr. Sanchez discussed this item. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting and Councilor Peterson being absent.

10. Consider Award RFP-21-004 General Construction Services:

Councilor Kennard moved to recommend approval of the award of RFP-21-004 (2nd Posting) General Construction Services as a multiple-source award to Facility Build, Holloway Construction, and White Sands Construction to the full City Council on April 8, 2021. Mr. Moore discussed this item. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote of 3-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Kennard participating via GoToMeeting and Councilor Peterson being absent.

OTHER BUSINESS (Non-Action):

11. Department Reports:

No discussion was held on the reports.

12. Public Comments:

Mr. Connolly commented on the water billing issues.

Linda Gonzales of 637 E. Apple St., Roswell, NM 88201, stated she's had a lot of billing problems in which she was repeatedly billed for the same amount each month when she had paid it previously. Ms. Gonzales asked what the plan was to fix the faulty system. No response was given from the Committee, nor the Finance Department staff.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is April 26, 2021.