

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy 180, Silver City, NM
March 14, 2011, 5:00 PM

Present:

James R. Marshall, Mayor
Cynthia Ann Bettison, District 1
Jamie K. Thomson, District 2
Vacant, District 3
Michael S. Morones, District 4

Also Present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager-Finance Director
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk
Mike Eley, Planner
Peter Russell, Community Development Director

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of Mission Statement – Mayor Pro Tem Bettison called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Councilor Thomson read the Mission Statement. Mayor Marshall participated during the meeting by conference telephone.

2. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2011-11: a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2011-05 expressing the commitment of the Town Council to donate six and one half acres to Jonathan Reed and Associates to support a tax credit project in the Brewer Hill Area. Mike Eley, Planner, stated that on January 25, 2011 the Town Council passed Resolution No. 2011-05 that expressed the Council's "willingness" to donate six and one half acres to Jonathan Reed and Associates for the development of 60 units of low income rentals pending approval by the Mortgage Finance Authority of a tax credit application. He said that following the initial review by the Mortgage Finance Authority, they stated that the resolution must contain wording that stated the Town was committed to donating the land and not just willing to donate it, and it must contain the legal description of the property to be donated. Mr. Eley said those changes had been made with Resolution No. 2011-11, and that the Mortgage Finance Authority had approved them. He said that all of the processes that were set in law for the Town to donate property for a development still had to be met. He said that after the tax credit application was approved then he would bring an ordinance to the Council for their approval, and the ordinance would actually cause the exchange of property to take place. Manager Brown confirmed Mr. Eley's statement and added that the normal approval processes were still required as with any other development, and that nothing would be committed or donated without the Town Council's approval of an ordinance. There was further discussion and Mayor Marshall stated that the resolution would not allow them to violate an ordinance and that he was very comfortable with the language in the resolution. He thanked Peter Russell, Community Development Director, and Manager Brown for ensuring that the language was there to allow them to work with the ordinances. He said it was important to recognize that they were not donating land to a company, but to a project that was valuable to the Town as a whole. There was further discussion. Councilor Morones made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-11. Councilor Thomson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilor Morones - aye; Councilor Bettison - aye; and Councilor Thomson - aye. Motion passed. Note for the record of the vote: the position of Councilor in District 3 was vacant on this date.

3. Adjournment – Councilor Morones made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 PM. Councilor Thomson seconded the motion as stated. All were in favor. Motion passed.

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk