

TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
June 27, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Rudy Bencomo, Councilor District 1
Nicholas Prince, Councilor District 2
Jose A. Ray, Jr., Councilor District 3
Guadalupe Cano, Councilor District 4

Others present:

James Marshall, Assist. Town Manager
Jim Reynolds, Town Attorney
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Jason Woods, Police Captain
Vickie Toney, Code Enforcement
and Animal Control Officer.
Thomas Hernandez, Code Enforcement

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Ladner called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG - Mayor Ladner invited the public to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag.

Mayor Ladner welcomed the City Administration, Law Enforcement and members of the community.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Ladner asked for a motion for approval of agenda. Councilor Bencomo motioned approval of Work Session agenda. Councilor Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Work Session Meeting on May 23, 2023. Councilor Prince moved to approve the May 23, 2023, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Ray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION:

A. Continued discussion on Town Manager search: Councilor Cano stated the list of names for each Councilor and Mayor has been complete and it is time to cut the list of names to three (3) names for each Councilor and Mayor to complete the list to a committee of fifteen (15). Councilor Cano started with her three (3) names, Jack Howell as her District four (4) Representative, Joe Saenz, and Anthony Verovich.

Councilor Prince presented his three (3) candidates, Linda Aiman-Smith as his District two (2) Representative, Dr. Barbara Mora and Mattie Eagle.

Councilor Ray presented his three (3) candidates, Wendy Phillips as his District three (3) Representative, Albert “Wico” Morales and Melinda Bartlett.

Councilor Bencomo presented his three (3) candidates, Priscilla Lucero as his District one (1) Representative, Rudy Jacquez and Mike Starr.

Mayor Lander presented his three (3) candidates, Susie Trujillo as his Representative, George Carr and Gail Stanford. Mayor Ladner asked Town Clerk Alfred Sedillo to read all the names for the record. Town Clerk Alfred Sedillo proceeded to read the fifteen (15) names of the selected Committee members starting with Mayor Ladner’s names, Susie Trujillo as Representative, George Carr and Gail Stanford. Councilor Cano, Jack Howell as District four (4) Representative, Joe Saenz and Anthony Verovich. Councilor Ray Wendy Phillips as District three (3), Albert “Wico” Morales and Melinda Bartlett. Councilor Prince, Linda Aiman-Smith as District two (2) Representative, Dr. Barbara Mora and Mattie Eagle. Councilor Bencomo, Priscilla Lucero as District one (1) Representative, Rudy Jacquez and Mike Starr.

Mayor Ladner asked if there was any discussion regarding the names on the list. Councilor Cano stated the list was an excellent list of names who are all involved in the community. Councilor Prince stated as they have met with City management over the last months and that has been good to keep the communications up with the City and the conversations with the group are ones they feel open to discuss with the committee. Councilor Bencomo asked if there was a timeline when the Committee will begin to have meetings. Councilor Cano stated it should be as soon as possible. Mayo Ladner stated Alex Brown should also be involved as well. Councilor Prince asked Town Attorney, Jim Reynolds if the Town had anything in NMSA 78 with the Municipal Code that has a starting point with the job description for the Town Manager. Mr. Reynolds stated yes. Councilor Cano stated at the MOLI Conference A. J. Forte, the Director of the Municipal League advised her for the Town Clerk to send an email to the Municipal Clerks asking for Job Descriptions in their Municipalities to get an idea of what to include in our search. Town Clerk Sedillo stated he had already contacted the Municipal League and only had two (2) municipalities respond, but would send a request again to see if he would get a different response. After the vote at the Regular Council Meeting Clerk Sedillo will get the committee contact information to send out letters to the committee members that have been appointed.

5. MAYORS COMMENTS - NONE

6. ADJOURNEMENT – Mayor Ladner stated this concluded the items on the Work Session agenda. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk