

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2011**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a special meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were; Antonio Apodaca, Amiel Curnutt, Robert Lumpkin, Jimmy Sandoval, and Jim Witcher.

City staff members present were Bobbye Rose, City Manager; Christine Dougherty, City Clerk/Purchasing Agent; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Clara Rey, Human Resources Director; Viki Riddle, Housing Authority Director; and Jessica Elebario, Senior Programs and Convention Center Director.

Mayor Witcher led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

Mayor Witcher asked that an additional Executive Session be added to the agenda and that the agenda items are re-ordered as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Consideration of Ordinance 1089
3. Executive Session regarding limited personnel matters
4. City Manager
5. Executive Session regarding limited personnel matters
6. Adjournment

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Vanderpool presented Ordinance 1089 for the final reading. Mr. Vanderpool explained that this ordinance, if passed, approves a Local Economic Development Act project for a four and one half megawatt wind turbine to be erected on City property. Mr. Vanderpool explained that the project is that of Six Shooter, LLC which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gamesa Energy USA, LLC. The project involves the transfer of a parcel of land from the City to the Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Vanderpool went on to explain that this is a 600 foot tall turbine that will be located at the Tucumcari Industrial Park. Mr. Vanderpool also stated that 80% of the turbines built by this company are sold and the existence of the turbine in Tucumcari will bring many corporate visitors to Tucumcari to view the structure.

Mayor Witcher added that five percent of the Gamesa's profits from the sale of energy produced by this turbine will be donated back to the Community. Forty percent each of the donated profits will go to the City and the EDC and twenty percent will go to Mesalands for scholarships.

Mr. Lumpkin thanked Mesalands representatives that were in the audience for their participation in this project. Mr. Witcher thanked Jim Morgan from Mesalands as well. Mr. Morgan stated that the colleges Public Relations person, Kim Hanna should be thanked also.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1089, Approving the Greater Tucumcari Economic Development Corporation project with Gamesa Energy USA, LLC and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca stated that he voted in favor as his concerns had been answered.

Executive Session

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters as provided for under New Mexico Statutes Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H (2) 1978, related to limited personnel matters, specifically the City Manager and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 9:07 a.m.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to re-convene in Regular Session after Executive Session where the only matters discussed were as provided for under New Mexico Statutes Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H(2) 1978, limited personnel matters, specifically the City Manager and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 9:19 a.m.

City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to terminate the employment of City Manager, Bobbye Rose effective immediately and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

Mayor Witcher stated that at this time the Commission will recess until further notice.

Time noted was 9:20 a.m.

At 9:35 a.m. Mayor Witcher re-convened the meeting.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters as provided for under New Mexico Statutes Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H (2) 1978, related to limited personnel matters, specifically the Interim City Manager and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 9:37 a.m.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to re-convene after Executive Session where the only matters discussed were as provided for under New Mexico Statutes Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H (2) 1978, related to limited personnel matters, specifically the Interim City Manager and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 9:44 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to appoint Mr. Doug Powers as Interim City Manager and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Adjournment

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Curnutt. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 9:45 a.m.

James L. Witcher, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Dougherty, City Clerk