

**City of Tukumcari  
City Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2012**

The Tukumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: Amiel Curnett, Jimmy Sandoval, Robert Lumpkin, Dora Salinas-McTigue, and Daniel Lopez.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk, Vicki Strand, HR Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police, Yvette Fazekas, Community Development Director, Brenda Rivale, and Scot Jaynes.

Wesley Stewart, Minister of Temple Baptist Church, led the invocation and City Manager Doug Powers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Curnutt asked the commissioners if it was okay for Ms. Salinas McTigue to vote last. Mr. Lumpkin stated that would be fine.

**Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda**

Doug Powers stated he has no changes.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the Second Amended Agenda as written and Ms. Salina-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Items from Commissioners**

Mr. Sandoval stated that one of our veterans that has been here several times and yet we have ignored. I have talked to the City Manager to help him with the problem with the City and hope we can straighten it out for him. He figured that the media would have picked up on it since he is a veteran but no one cares about the man.. I will see what I can do to help him out and the City Manager.

Mr. Lopez thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Lumpkin also thanked everyone for coming and stated that they had a quorum this week that was put on by Chamber of Commerce and the MCC and it went real well and had good attendance. The forum talked about the water in our area and the issues with the water. He thanked the Chamber and MCC for their work.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue thanked everyone for coming and also that she had been out at the Airport and was surprised. she suggested to everyone to go to the Airport and check it out.

Mayor Curnutt also thanked everyone for coming out.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the minutes as written of Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **Items from Citizens**

Mr. Warren Frost stated that he heard in the last ten (10) days from reliable sources that there is another group of individuals that are contemplating applying for the racetrack to be put in Tucumcari under separate location and they would do a separate application. He wanted to make it aware to everybody before we heard it. He wanted to bring it up because he knew that we would hear about it. He also wanted to remind us that each of the communities has an exclusivity agreement with Don Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers agreed to give Tucumcari 2% of the racetrack in exchange for an agreement that the communities, Tucumcari and Quay County, would only support his application. Mr. Frost thinks that its important that Logan, San Jon, Quay County, and Tucumcari, are contractually obligated to support Mr. Chalmers to the exclusion of everyone else.

He is meeting with the Morris's next week and he is optimistic that something can be worked out where they will agree to allow for the City to annex all of their property so there are no issues concerning county, city, etc. Mr. Frost is hoping that in the next 10 days or 2 weeks there will be a petition from the landowners, including the Morris's, to annex into the City so there are no concerns about that in the future.

Mr. Powers stated that our planning grant got held up but Yvette got has it all ironed out so we will get it rolling it for our infrastructure needs for that location.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked if that 2% to the City, income? Mr. Frost stated that there is 5% that goes to each of the entities. Tucumcari gets 2%, Logan gets 1%, San Jon gets 1% and Quay County gets 1%. AT the end of the year, if there is profit from the tracks, Tucumcari will get 2% of that. Projection shows that it will be a few \$100,000 a year. Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked if the these entities will pay their share for us to get the infrastructures there? Mr. Frost stated that Mr. Chalmers feels that it is important that each community share in the benefits of the deal. Mr. Frost anticipates that the vast majority of the cost will be Mr. Chalmers and the only thing he is asking the City if his exclusive support for 2%.

Mr. Sandoval asked about education. Mr. Frost stated that the City can do what they choose with their percentage that they want. They did not want to get in situations where they were making deals with the school systems, colleges, etc. If they want to process it and donate to the schools they can.

Mr. Naraj Patel stated that he is the property owner for the Economy Inn that is on the Resolution for the ordinances. He is here to state that there is not enough funds to remove it right now. He is working on getting it rebuilt. He has been paying taxes on it, on time, for the last ten (10) years. He has been working on cleaning it up and boarding it up. He plans on

fixing it up. Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked Mr. Patel if he could work on cleaning up the front façade of the building and the side of the building looks trashy. If they could clean it up and at least when we have tourist going on the boulevard, they don't have to look at it. We have been advised of your situation and we understand that you are working on it and we are hoping to work with you but that has to be addressed.

### **Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions**

Senator Clinton Harden Day– Mayor Curnutt reads Proclamation for Senator Clinton Harden Day.

Support Bond C Month – Mayor Curnutt reads Proclamation for Support Bond C Month.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that Bond C is an education bill. It will help the MCC. We have had bonds that can help the college. The wind training center was paid for by bonds that we voted for in NM. The College has steadily been getting bigger and bigger and helping Tukumcari. He would encourage people to vote in favor of Bond C.

Mr. Sandoval stated that this bond is very important for the City of Tukumcari and also for MCC. He has also seen growth at the College and this would help them to continue to grow and hopefully help the City of Tukumcari to grow and learn new ideas.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue stated that in her Molly classes there are candidates and elected officers from all over the state they have heard about our MCC. They have heard of Tukumcari and the College that is growing and that offers a good curriculum that is preparing our students for the future so yes she would recommend that we vote for Bond C.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 2012-38 – Mr. Dennis Dysart states that this resolution is in response to the County Managers requesting to have dispatch put into a separate fund. In 2009 dispatch was separated from the police department and was just created in a separate fund within the general fund. A lot of the costs were not then matched with that so this gives us an opportunity to put it in a separate fund as well as ensuring that we get the full cost reflected in that and that would give good accountability to the citizenship and due diligence and the commission would see the costs that are involved in that. He stated that he has included in the packet some of the authorities relating to full cost as the federal acquisition regulation and the office of management bureau circular. It comes down to direct and indirect costs. The specific ones that we are looking at are facilities and management cost which are not included and have never been included in the dispatch fund. Indirect costs are the administrative costs that should be proportioned to that fund. What he's asking in the resolution is that we create the fund and we fully cost the fund. It will not change the budget for the County or anybody at this point in time in terms of the funding. The funding for this year will be the same; the budgets are in place. The first statement that I provided it shows you what the funds would look like next year when we put in our 45/45/10. 45 is the ratio that the City and County pick up and the 10% is the ratio that the other communities pay. What he would like to do is show column 1 is identified as 318,778. That's the current budget that we have. The county is paying \$136,000 and the City would be matching that same number. The other counties have \$40,000 funding and that leaves the City as eating the \$5,000 difference. That happens because the budget is prepared by dispatch back in March and we have

our finals in July 31<sup>st</sup> so a lot of the insurance and other costs don't come in and salary decisions are made until we get into the main timeframe. One of the questions that our DFA analyst has recommended and said that we should have at the resolution and they also said that we should consider redoing the Joint agreement to include these kinds of things so there won't be questions later on because the JPA does not talk about the costing aspects of it; it does say that the City is the fiscal agent but it does not talk about where the costs come from. In the first column the City is subsidizing the \$5,000 already. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> column I have added the additional costs. He has added rent of \$10,796 and now someone has suggested the rent should be above \$1,000.00 per month. This represents about ¼ of the loan which is being paid on the building right now. The admin charge in the indirect allocation pools, talks about making pools based on the general funds would be the indirect type costs like executive, legislative, and the financial depts. over the based pool of the general fund that cost is 18%. What I am recommending is 10% which the state recognizes for a lot of the different contracts as LTB as an acceptable administrative costs. The other cost that I have is the management cost. The JPA calls for a manager and there hasn't been one. The fire chief has been taking the responsibility and some of his salary has been allocated. We have increased salary for the dispatch and we have reduced one person so to keep the budget the way it has been. There has been a deficit of \$44,000. This deficit represents what the general fund has been picking up for the dispatch program. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> column I have taken the \$44,000 and placed it in the revenue funding. Not that we would change anything but we would just transfer from the general fund as we do any other subsidy for some of the special revenue funds. If I make this the budget we would reflect the cost and we would make the sub so there will be no change to general fund and not change to the revenue provided by the other agencies. If these numbers happen to be the same next year this would be a pro forma. We are interested in making a new fund DFA requires that the commission approves the new fund before we make the change.

Mr. Powers stated that we had Chief Braziel would with Dennis to iron out the details and this was presented to the emergency management committee.

Mr. Lopez asked if the board voted on it. Mr. Dysart stated that it was not voted because there was not a change in the budget. The budget is due in March and at that time they will make their presentation to the commission and Mr. Dysart will also make a presentation and if their numbers are different the commission would see both sides and make their decision.

Mr. Curnutt stated that he felt strange here. He does not see a resolution written with the verbiage. He states that he couldn't go with this until we have more in depth and have it writing on how the contracts will be in the resolution and do it all at the same time.

Mr. Lopez stated that he will get to a question eventually. He will wait for the smoke and mirrors. It's dressed up awful pretty but it is a change. The total operating costs is now instead of \$308,000, \$318,000 and now \$368,000. The other items that he would have a question about are \$11,000 in the charge back in the human resources and rent. The only thing that has changed at the dispatch center since consolidation is the level of responsibilities incurred by the staff. The staffing levels are the same, if not less than when the PD was dispatching just for the PD. When consolidation occurred and the County and others came on board and the County graciously agreed to pay 45% of the \$303,000 that was actually to the benefit of the City, I don't think anyone argued. But again the only thing that has changed is the responsibility of the staff present and some of the equipment. They took on additional warrant entries and storage. I can't even begin to describe how unfair and how wrong I think it is to now try to bleed the County and those other agencies for something that was our responsibility to start with. We are charging \$11,000 in an admin charge back for HR purposes essentially getting \$11,000 from them to pay our own people an expense that we were going to incur whether we had consolidation or not. With that said, you have a JPA that's specifically outlines that the budget and those kind of

changes, granted, the creation a single line or single account is one thing, but a modification of the budget, first, requires the boards approval and it requires the joint approval of the county and city commission. Not only what we are considering here wrong, it might be great for us fiscally, we might be able to bleed the County out of a little money that we have been irresponsible in other areas and make up for it. But I don't think that's fair and it's the wrong thing to do. And I'm just asking you when you vote on it, just think of right or wrong. We had this expense to start with and now they are helping us with it. I will end by saying that I think it's inappropriate that we are even addressing it without first, the boards approving it and flip a coin, the County commission has to approve it and we need to approve it.

Mr. Powers stated that Mr. Primrose was at the meeting. Mr. Powers also stated that it was his understanding at the meeting that we didn't have any objections. He states that this is not going to go into effect right now. It's a projected deal for next year.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that Mr. Lopez wanted to make sure that the County and the Emergency Management Dispatch Board would be notified and run this by them before we vote on it. Mr. Lopez stated they did not vote on it. Mr. Lumpkin stated that Mayor Curnutt wants the Resolution in front of us that we would be voting on.

Mayor Curnutt thinks we need to have a work session and work this out completely because he is not comfortable with this at all.

Mr. Lopez asked Mr. Dysart what the dispatch center cost last year? Mr. Dysart stated \$303,000. Mr. Lopez stated that that amount was budgeted originally, and wanted to know the actual expenditures? Mr. Lopez answered for Mr. Dysart by stating that it was \$269,980, the fiscal year before that it was \$264,000, the year before that was \$255,000 and now were going to jump that to \$368, with an attempt to weasel our way into some additional money. He applauds Mr. Dysart in his creativity in drafting this but it is wrong.

Mr. Powers stated that when we got together we wanted to show a true picture. He thinks that everyone needs to pay their share. Mr. Powers asked if we furnishing free rent for dispatch. Mr. Powers stated that he understands that we had that expense before and we were asked to step in and take a look at it and that's what we did.

Mr. Lopez stated the County came and for a single budget for that because they gave us 45% of \$318,000 and we only spent \$264,000 and we took the excess and he doesn't know what they did with it, but not accusing criminal violation, but Layman's definition of embezzlement is when you take something of value and/or money and convert that for a use that it was not intended for. So now our justifications for this, since our embezzlement isn't working, let's extort them. Since we have them hostage at the dispatch center, let's now make them pay rent, let's now make them pay, it's wrong, it's wrong and you can dress it however you like, it's wrong.

Mr. Sandoval suggested this get tabled and work it out.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to table and work out the details for Resolution 2012-38 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Lopez	Sandoval	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution for 2012-39 Removal of Economy Inn. Mr. Frost stated that a couple of months ago there was a discussion during a work session about some of the old hotels on Rte. 66 that those were really inconsistent with what we were doing in terms of fixing things up, or painting and that we needed to take steps in the community to try to start cleaning things up. We identified 4 different potential targets and we came up with the Economy Inn and the Relax Inn. What I have done here, I have prepared two separate resolutions that calls for the destruction of those. Under

the statutes and consistent with the city ordinances that's not the end of the matter. We need to provide due process to the owners. If we pass these ordinances they would be given notice of the passage and they would have 10 days to request a hearing with the city commission to challenge the decision to have their buildings torn down. If the City proceeded with the tearing down and they were not satisfied with that decision then they could file a petition in district court to challenge the decision. He stated that he noticed that the Patel's are working on the Economy Inn although he thinks they are making progress he does not think it's enough progress yet. Mr. Frost recommended to the commission as to both properties is to pass the resolutions, provide them with notice and then if the Patel's want to work we can have a hearing in the commission or members of the city/staff, could go out and what we need is not just a little bit of effort, but maybe they can make a lot of effort. But what we need is an actual document that says that within 60 days, or whatever time limit we put on it, you are going to A, B, C, D, and E and if you do those things then we will not press on with destroying the property. He does not know what's is going on structurally at the Economy Inn, from his perspective he is not sure how it can be fixed up without tearing it down first. Maybe the Patel's it's worth taking steps to board it up appropriately, to keep the weeds cleaned off and to do certain things to do then the commission would decide that if it's maintained then the building will not get torn down. He thinks that it's important to pass both resolutions to have a hammer hanging over their head. We are sending a message to all these property owners and that the City means business and if we do enter into an agreement with the landowner and they don't follow through then we already have a resolution and we can press on from there.

Mr. Frost suggested that a committee would include Doug, Yvette and a couple of the commissioners. There aren't really any standards right now and maybe this committee will state what will be required from everyone. Once a standard has been created then we will be requiring the same from everyone. Mr. Powers asked if Mr. Frost would be willing to be on the committee.

Mr. Patel stated that the repair has already cost him \$60,000. So many people take pictures. Every year I clean and put board but this year I can't because of a heart surgery. He has already spent \$500,000 on two properties. He already cleaned up and he will keep it like that. But he can't do it like that. This is history and structurally it is okay.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked if we take that as they are not willing to work with us.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that Mr. Patel and his son Naraj want to clean it up and he had heart surgery so it got behind a little bit. It is a historical property. Mr. Lumpkin thinks that the objectives are the same. Mr. Lumpkin suggested that they are willing to do what it takes to make it look better. They are planning on cleaning it up. The crooked metal on the windows in the front are easily fixed and they are planning on doing that. We basically have the threat of a ten (10) day time period to have a hearing and as long as Mr. Lumpkin is concerned we are having the hearing right now. Mr. Lumpkin suggest that as for the Economy Inn goes that we ask the Patel's to clean it up, that we send people by and tell we would like it to look that way. He does not want to be a part of a government that makes property owners do unwilling things and they are more than willing to clean it up. If does not happen we can go to the next step. Mr. Lumpkin personally knows Naraj and he believes that his word would be very good. This will also send a message to other property owners. He would like property owners to take the responsibility rather than the City take the property and spend a quite bit of money to tear the property. If the property owner is willing to clean them up and we don't have an ordinance that mentions a committee I don't know if we need one. He thinks if they agree to tle our committee to llok at the property and say that we would like ABCD doen by a certain time limit that is exactly what we were asking, that's our objective.

Mr. Lopez states that it has been like that for a very long time. Any effort has been made, for the

most part, has not proven effective. You drive down the boulevard you see the tourists taking pictures and how critical Rte. 66 is to economic development and you have these dangerous buildings. Separate from being an eyesore, it's just not beneficiary to the community in any way.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked Mr. Lopez that they state a timeline to give an opportunity to work at this and then if they don't comply then we go ahead.

Mr. Lopez stated that that's what Mr. Lumpkin was going by. Mr. Lopez asked if in that 10 day window and that hearing comes around is there some sort of mediation we can then embark on that process of establishing deadlines.

Mr. Frost stated that after 10 days of giving notice they have to respond that they want a hearing. It does not need to take place within the 10 days. If they do that and it takes us 6 weeks for the group to get together to decide what we are going to require and then we can do an agreement between the City and the Patel's that says that the City will agree to they will not pursue the details of this resolution and the Patel's will do ABCD. Mr. Frost does not know what's responsibility that's what the committee will talk about. We are a long ways from tearing them down. After we pass the resolution we can proceed with meeting as a group and meeting with them.

Mr. Lopez stated that his fear if we don't pass the resolution we will wind up right where we are right now. Mr. Lopez's assumption that code enforcement has cited the owners that's essentially what we will be doing if we don't approve it tonight.

Mr. Lumpkin wants to make it clear that we are not aggressively take the property. What we will do is have a hearing. We are going to ask that they have a hearing and sit down and talke about what it would take to fix it up and agree to certain points of fixing it up.

A motion was made by Mr. Lopez to approve Resolution 2012-39 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin . Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Curnutt,	Sandoval	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes

Resolution 2012-40 –Removal of Relax Inn. Mr. Lumpkin stated that this was brought to his attention a couple of years ago. There were people going in and out at night. Candles were lit and the owners of the properties in that area were very concerned that if that building would catch on fire that there is two businesses that would be damaged in that area. Mr. Lumpkin started asking that we would do something about that. We found out that there is an expense and a process to do that. Mr. Lumpkin would agree to pass this resolution with the understanding that costs incurred we will have to find out if we can afford that cost. It was considered dangerous. He does not believe it is worth saving. He would move to pass this motion with the agreement that we would only do what we can afford. There will have to be some juggling if there is large expense for it.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Resolution 2012-40 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Frost asked if it was appropriate for Doug, Yvette, and himself to get together as a groupe to decide what the standards will be. He would like to have a couple of commissioners in that

group. He asked that the Mayor identify that we they can get busy with it. Mr. Sandoval and Chief Braziel both stated that they would like to be on this committee.

### **Bids and Contracts**

Brenda Rivale, stated that a Professional Services Agreement With Dr. George Evetts as our medical director for EMS. This is a contract for renewal.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the Agreement and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Dennis Dysart stated that this contract is for office equipment that we use to mail out our invoices. It is a state agreement and we have a good competitive rate.

Mr. Powers stated that Mr. Dysart was able to negotiate this down from \$347.55 to \$290.00.

Mr. Dysart stated that there are two types of government contracts which are GSA contract which has non-appropriation costs. I informed them that the commission would prefer to have multi year contracts and the state agreement does allow us to terminate at the end of each fiscal year. That's why have the hire price than GSA contracts because you can't terminate.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Pitney Bowes Invoice/Folder Stuff and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Security Grant Program – Scot Jaynes stated that sometimes the time extension of the 2010 state homeland grant program extending the performance period to the end of this year. It is only an extension. Mr. Powers stated that we went to a time span where we didn't have a project manager and that's was the cause of this extension.

Mr. Jaynes stated that most of the \$100,000 is for upgrading the repeater radios that are law enforcement, and EMS. By the end of this year federal communications are mandated narrowband transmission so we have to replace some equipment. WE would have to submit applications and licenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Lopez	Sandoval	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

2011 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant Program – Mr. Jaynes states that his a new grant. It provides funding for 3 responders to a Hotzone Conference. It will train responders on how to respond to instances on hazardous materials. This grant will be pay conference fee and hotel lodging. This grant will pay for the conference fee, and registration fee plus all the travel and including expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve 2011 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant Program and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Sandoval	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **Old Business**

Acknowledgement of Regular Minutes for Planning & Development along with Cemetery Advisory Minutes.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that they discussed different ways and procedures to get things done. In the last few years we have had a drought. It has taken a lot of time to clean things up and he is very pleased with their work.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Minutes for Planning & Development along with Cemetery Advisory Minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **New Business**

Vicki Watson from Mesalands Community College wanted to clarify that SBA is the federal agency that works with small businesses and provides funding. The office at MCC and 20 other sites across New Mexico is the Small Business Development Center. That is authorized and supervised by SBA and they get funding from them. SBDC's system in New Mexico is almost all funded by the state legislature and through the higher education department. Ms. Watson stated that there are a lot of things that are accomplished through SBDC in working with small businesses or non-profits. She finds that the thing she does most in working with businesses or any entities is reminding us of what we already know. She has 3 points she wants to make. #1 community growth is composed of a lot of different elements even the word growth means different things to different people. It's the strategic capacity that increases our ability to do things. We have the responsibility to become a self sufficient development where we are generating enough in our community that we can maintain our budget and look for growth in different ways and not always looking for external help. One of the elements is that each community must identify and act to create conditions that are fertile ground for businesses to operate success and grow. She has become aware of a situation where we are not doing that. The process the City has in regards to contracts and RFP's. Mr. Powers and Mr. Sandoval have allowed her to do some research on their behalf and bring in some experts that are part of the SBDC family. We had a meeting to explore these questions and two people that attended with us are procurement experts, one with the veterans group in Albuquerque and one from Clovis. They gave us information and advice. We would like to pursue some possible solutions. We discovered that once funding come to the community through the manager's efforts that the all grants are available to us are taken advantage of and with those projects you approve the contracts and RFP's are issued. There seem to be some bottlenecks that you are forced in your capacity in as commissioners to allow those contracts, repeatedly, to go to out of town vendors. That means that we through the work of gathering this funding are subsidizing other communities and all that funding that was coming is going to support other people's efforts.

There are 3 key areas. The first one is just the process to give notification. We also need to look to the process for responding to RFP's. In our conversations with these two advisors we came up with some opportunities to help us in the future. The first that was recommended is that we do a very in depth survey and create an inventory of available skills and services that our community is fully prepared to offer. We know there are a lot of business that could be instrumental in completing the project. We would like to offer some educational situations where we can invite those businesses to come and learn about the actual process and to better understand that the process is not something that can be shortcut. We think that is something we can do in a very straight forward manner about bonding and certification. When a contract is issued, within the wording of that contract it is possible to say, that a certain percentage of the monies that are in that contract must be awarded to local vendors. With that she is pleased to be engaged in this. This was an initial meeting to look at the problem and possible answers. To proceed we would like to ask for additional support and ask for city employee's times to get these implemented.

Mr. Sandoval stated that he has been working on this for little awhile. He asked Mr. Powers to help him with this to start getting business people to our meetings to learn how to do this, through education. He hopes he has meetings with city businesses to hand out more contracts to them and to start building our community up. This will help businesses surface a little bit and be more visible and help the City with the issues on trying to complete contracts and projects.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked if these people are licensed or do you help with the process to get licensed? Ms. Watson stated all businesses are encouraged to complete all licensing, identifications and processes, we make that a priority.

RFP Recommendation for Landfill – Yvette Fazekas stated that selection committee rated and grade 4 engineering the land fill services. In the handout Gordon Environmental was rated the highest.

Mr. Lumpkin asked for a motion to accept the RFP Recommendation for Landfill and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **Items from Commissioners**

Mr. Lumpkin would like to thank everyone for coming. He stated that one of the problem with one of the hotel in the area is that there is vandalism going and maybe we can all help and spread the word. He appreciates the police department for helping with that. In addition, the SBA and Vicki Watson is a great program. We have tried to get local vendors, and once we get all the addresses and contacts that we could start their process and that would be great.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue thanked everyone for coming and listening.

Mr. Sandoval thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Lopez stated that local vendor's participation for Gordon. Many months we talked about grading criteria and what participation we would have at least a voice in. These things are brought to us based on criteria that I personally have a problem with. He also thanks Vicki Watson for coming.

Mr. Curnutt thanked everyone for coming tonight and he thanks Vicki Watson.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Lumpkin asked for a motion to adjourn and Ms. Salinas-McTigue made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent

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Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

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Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk