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TOWN OF SILVER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 27, 2021, 6:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NM OPEN MEETINGS ACT

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA**
- 3. CEREMONIES**
- 4. PROCLAMATIONS**
- 5. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021.
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT**
- 8. REPORTS**
 - A. Senator Hemphill- 2021 Legislative Update- Regular and Special Session State and District Legislative Impact.
 - B. Staff Reports.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Budget discussion and Council Direction for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
 - B. Appointments to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Silver City Council Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected Position</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Ken Ladner	Mayor	534-6346	03/2018 - 03/2022
Cynthia Ann Bettison	Councilor, District 1	597-7031	03/2020 - 03/2024
Lynda D. Aiman-Smith	Councilor, District 2	597-7032	03/2018 - 03/2022
Jose A. Ray, Jr.	Councilor, District 3	313-4944	03/2020 - 03/2024
Guadalupe Cano	Councilor, District 4	597-7034	03/2018 - 03/2022

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Silver City is the hub of an inclusive community settled within a small town that through guided growth, honors and preserves its historical, cultural, and natural heritage while facilitating jobs, health, and education resources such that the residents and visitors may enjoy and protect the recreational opportunities of the area and high quality of life.

Approved by the Town Council on May 25, 2010.

The Council may call an EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) for the following reasons:

1. meetings pertaining to **issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license**, except that a hearing at which evidence is offered or rebutted shall be open;
2. **limited personnel matters** which means the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee;
3. deliberations by a public body in connection with an **administrative adjudicatory proceeding**;
4. meetings for the **discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations** between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present;
5. that portion of meetings at which a decision concerning **purchases in an amount exceeding \$2,500 that can be made only from one source** and that portion of meetings at which the **contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code (13-1-28 NMSA 1978) are discussed during the contract negotiation process**. The actual approval of purchase of the item or final action regarding the selection of a contractor shall be made in an open meeting;
6. meetings subject to the **attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation** in which the public body is or may become a participant;
7. meetings for the **discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights** by the public body.

Note: NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) Exceptions (4) relating to students, (9) relating to public hospitals, and (10) relating to the gaming control board were not listed above since they do not apply to the Town of Silver City.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
REMOTE MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NM OPEN MEETINGS ACT
April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Cynthia Ann Bettison, District 1
Lynda D. Aiman-Smith, District 2
Jose A. Ray, Jr., District 3
Guadalupe E. Cano, District 4

Also, present:

Alex C. Brown, Town Manager
James Reynolds, Town Attorney
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk
Milo Lambert, Fire Chief
Freddie Portillo, Police Chief
Anita Norero, Finance Director
Robert Higgins, Information Technology Director

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Ladner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Clerk Mackie did a roll call of the Mayor, Councilors and staff.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – Mayor Ladner said Mike Stone, Certified Public Accountant, would like to be moved up on the agenda so he could go back to his office and work on tax matters. He asked if any of the Councilors wanted to accommodate Mr. Stones' request. Councilor Bettison moved to move New Business Item 11. A. before Item 6. Approval of Minutes, and after Council Comments. Councilor Cano seconded. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion passed.

3. CEREMONIES – None.

4. PROCLAMATIONS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Aiman-Smith expressed her concerns about the extreme to extraordinary drought conditions for Silver City and Grant County, and she encouraged everyone to look at the fire restriction information on the New Mexico Fire Info website and InciWeb website for wildfires. Mayor Ladner and Councilors Cano, Ray and Bettison congratulated Clerk Mackie on her upcoming retirement and expressed their appreciation for her years of service, etc. Councilor Ray discussed the COVID-19 vaccines and how it was up to the individual to take them. He said they needed to start living like Americans and start opening up a few businesses with very strict controls. He said people were tired of being locked up, being home, and not doing anything; that small businesses were suffering very much and everybody knew it. He said hopefully the Governor would put them in the green category.

The next item was moved up on the agenda. See Changes to Agenda above.

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2021-06: Acceptance and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit.

Manager Brown said every year the audit was a result of some very hard work of the staff of the Town; not just Finance staff, but also the department heads and supervisors. He said the hard work was very much appreciated, and he was very proud of them. Mike Stone, Certified Public Accountant with Stone, McGee and Company, stated the Town had a really good audit with an unmodified opinion on the financial statements which was the highest opinion an auditor could give. He said it had an unmodified opinion on compliance with federal regulations, which was the highest he could give. He said there was one very small minor comment that related more to the bank than it did to the Town of Silver City because banks were required to post fifty percent of the deposits. He said they were required to post security against that, but at the end of the year the Town got some substantial money in and the bank did not catch up until July. He said other than that, everything was just great. He commended Town staff and said they were in good shape; that the audit was approved, and they were good to go. He asked that they vote yes. Mayor Ladner asked for a motion. Councilor Bettison thanked all of the Town staff for all the work they did, and for the incredible CPAs that worked well with the staff. She said

without the incredible staff, the Town Council could not make the decisions they had to make. Councilor Bettison moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-06: Acceptance and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit. Councilor Ray seconded. Mayor Ladner said it was a privilege to sit in on the exit interview with Mr. Brown and Mr. Stone and hear him tell us what a great job the administration was doing. He expressed his appreciation for all of those involved, and that it was not easy with so many funds coming in from so many different directions. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting on March 23, 2021 – Mayor Ladner asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City of March 23, 2021. Councilor Ray seconded. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. He asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion passed.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Mayor Ladner asked Clerk Mackie if any public input was received. Clerk Mackie said no public input was received.

8. REPORTS –

A. Presentation of Community Partnership for Children’s celebration of “Week of the Young Child” and the program’s impact in Grant County for young children and their families. Terry Anderson said it was the “Week of the Child”, and that it was a national celebration that they always celebrated in Grant County. She said Community Partnership for Children was a non-profit organization whose mission was to promote excellence in the care and development for infants and young children. She discussed their local partnerships and how they wanted to make sure children had opportunities to be ready socially, educationally, nutritionally, and emotionally, so they could succeed and thrive in school. She stated they provided essential services for young children in the community and supported the working families who were so vital to the local economic growth. She said childcare was an economic impact to all communities. She said they had been around since 2003 and their goal was to implement quality standards for all the programs serving young children in the community. She provided further details and answered questions from the Council.

B. Staff Reports. Manager Brown had no reports. He said they would bring budget information to the next Council meeting. He said there would be a lot of funding opportunities in the next couple of years so having good audits and knowing they were being fiscally responsible with the funds they were bringing in was good. He said they wanted to take advantage of every opportunity in the next couple of years.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Approval / Disapproval of Resolution No. 2021-06: Acceptance and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit. This item was moved and placed after Item 5. above.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Ladner concluded the meeting. He thanked the press, staff, and Council for all the wonderful things they did, especially during the challenging pandemic-times to make Silver City better than it already was. Councilor Aiman-Smith moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., and Councilor Ray seconded. Mayor Ladner asked for a roll call vote. Councilor Bettison voted aye; Councilor Aiman-Smith voted aye; Councilor Ray voted aye; and Councilor Cano voted aye. Motion passed.

Ken Ladner, Mayor
Attest:

Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Silver City Council will hold a remote Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held remotely via GoToMeeting and in compliance with the NM Open Meetings Act. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Silver City Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MST).

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You can also dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 712-546-917

Public input must be submitted by email by 4:00 PM on April 26, 2021 to the Town Clerk at townclerk@silvercitynm.gov. Please enter "Public Input" in the subject line of the email. The comments will be distributed to the Mayor and Council and be entered into the record of the Council Meeting. The action items on the agenda include:

Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

New Business:

A. Budget discussion and Council Direction for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

B. Appointments to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

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