



Agenda

Finance Committee Meeting
October 1, 2007 – 5:15 pm
City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 9/28/07 TIME 11:05am

SERVED BY Uplanda Green

RECEIVED BY J. F. Carr

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

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Approved [amended] 10-15

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
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1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Karen Heldmeyer, at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, October 1, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
Councilor Matthew Ortiz
Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Kathryn Raveling, Finance Director
Yolanda Green, Finance Division
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packets for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Finance Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Heldmeyer explained that amendments to the Living Wage Ordinance will not be discussed tonight. There will be a short report on the BBER analysis of the Living Wage and then a discussion by the Committee. She said amendments to the Ordinance will appear before this Committee on October 15, 2007.

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzburger, to approve the Agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Calvert and Councilor Heldmeyer asked to be added to Item #21 as cosponsors.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve the following Consent Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Councilor Ortiz].

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

MOTION: Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2007, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote. Ortiz absent.

INFORMATION AGENDA

6. REPORT ON BOOKINGS AND MARKETING PLANS FOR CIVIC CENTER (KEITH TOLER)

A copy of Resolution No. 2004-33, with attached copy of the minutes at which the Resolution was adopted, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Keith Toler presented information from the Committee packet.

Mr. Toler said currently contracts are signed with the Dual Language Association for November 12-16, 2008, 1500 delegates; the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws in 2009, 300 delegates; the American Academy of Pediatrics in December 2009, 350 delegates; Society of Rheology, October 2010, 250 delegates; Rocky Mountain Mineral Law, 2011, 900 delegates. He said there are many other contracts pending, and many leads to pursue closing.

Councilor Calvert said he is a bigger fan of results versus activity, noting Items #2, #3 and #4 seem more results oriented, while the others measure activity, commenting that activity isn't results.

Mr. Toler agreed, saying he didn't say they would be weighted equally, and they are measuring against the results. He thinks it is important to look at the activity level to see if we need to be more active, or if we can do the same thing by attending fewer trade shows with less budget.

Councilor Ortiz asked how many of the current bookings came from new leads, and how many were old contacts/old contracts signed prior to demolition of Sweeney.

Mr. Toler said all contracts issued prior to the demolition of Sweeney were canceled and those deposits were returned. He said the only ones which are repeat business are the American Pediatrics and Rocky Mountain Mineral Law.

Councilor Ortiz asked with regard to the sales staff which has been or will be hired, if he will have a commitment from them for a fulfillment rate to pay for their salaries.

Mr. Toler said he will be tracking this, along with Chris Madden, Sales Director, who will be overseeing the sales staff, and we will be developing a sales plan for each person who comes on board. He said no one has been hired at this time, so each will be given a sales plan with goals and objectives which they agree to, and we will measure their success against those goals and ensure that the revenue

they are generating covers their salary at a minimum, and makes money for the City as well.

Councilor Ortiz noted he has heard whispers that there will be a push to privatize customer service, and asked Mr. Toler if it is his intention to privatize any part of the operation in any function at the Civic Center.

Mr. Toler said, "At this point, no. It is not my intention to recommend to the Council that we privatize any portion of that. We have operations crew that are trained and ready to go, and they have the experience necessary. In fact, I am investing in additional training for three of our operational crew. They are going to be learning how to certify the hanging of lights and things like that that go on in the Center."

Councilor Ortiz said when we demolished Sweeney, we had very good employees doing operations at the Civic Center, and because we wanted to keep those employees, we spread them out. He asked Mr. Toler if there is a commitment to the City to reconstitute the team, to recognize these positive aspects to the City, instead of looking for new talent or posting of positions from outside.

Mr. Toler said he has received commitments from the people who have been outplaced into other departments during construction, of who wants to come back and who doesn't. He has letters from them saying their intention is to come back, so he knows he has these positions already filled. This gives him confidence going forward that these positions are filled and he will be ready to open the doors. However, this center will be very different from the Sweeney Center, and additional positions will be required to operate it effectively, noting additional positions were approved in the budget.

Councilor Ortiz noted there is a consultant who is looking at expanding the opportunities to selling the new Civic Center, and asked if that Study will consider the fact that Buffalo Thunder will open before we do, and the impact of that destination resort/convention center will have on the City's efforts to attract people to our new center.

Mr. Toler said this is beyond the scope of that contract, and the consultant was looking strictly at the booking policies, contracts and such of other centers, and didn't consider competitive situations. He said it will be left to him and the team to come up with those answers, responding that it is on his radar screen and part of the competitive analysis. He said Buffalo Thunder will be very stiff competition for the City, noting it has Hilton's National Sales Team behind them.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked the date of the first international conference in Santa Fe for Creative Cities.

Mr. Toler said it is September 29 through October 2 [20??], and the first big event at the Convention Center, and it is hoped there will be 300 delegates for that event.

Chair Heldmeyer said different groups want different things, and not every group will be right for the Convention Center or for our economic bottom line. She said we should look for groups which will be happy here and will spend their money in Santa Fe. She said a self-contained place such as Buffalo Thunder may appeal to different kinds of conventions than those we want to attract.

Chair Heldmeyer said she was concerned to hear Mr. Toler talk about local people and say, "Well the convention center is yours too." She said it is theirs first. She said Resolution 2004-33, says that, and provides that a super majority of the Council has to approve, "(9) Changes in use that will reduce long term community use to a lower level than that which occurs in the present Center." She asked Mr. Toler if we are following this policy.

Mr. Toler said he hasn't seen the Resolution, and the first he's heard about this.

Chair Heldmeyer said she will provide a copy to him. This Resolution provides that we should have at least as much local use in the new Center as we had in the Sweeney Center. To change that policy, it will be necessary to get a super majority of the Council to agree to that. She is glad we are looking for meetings and conventions, but she hopes the emphasis is on those times of the year where we don't have intense local use of the Center. She said, for example, we don't need a convention here during Indian Market week.

Chair Heldmeyer said this isn't a convention center, sitting in the middle of "nowhere," designed only for conventions and your job is to stuff it as full as possible. This is supposed to be a Civic Center which continues to serve those local uses which Sweeney served over the years, and said Mr. Toler has to understand this in marketing and booking the Civic Center.

Mr. Toler said he will be marketing it, but he doesn't know what was the volume of business for local events versus other events. He said because we have such a different facility, we are getting a lot more interest from out of market events – people looking to host events here who couldn't do those previously at Sweeney – it will be a first time for them. He said there is a lot of down time between events which would be perfect for local events to fill in.

Chair Heldmeyer reiterated that local events are to be maintained at the same level, and there are records on this, and would suggest he look at those records.

Councilor Wurzbarger agreed with Councilor Heldmeyer and said she supported the Resolution as adopted. However, there is plenty of room in this facility for everyone, and she discussed the importance of local activity with Mr. Toler when he came here.

Chair Heldmeyer said she is hearing rumblings in the community as well as Councilor Ortiz. She said this is different from some places in that you report to a group of elected officials, rather than to an industry-led group. She said what the industry-led group may or may not want or think is not as important as this Resolution.

Mr. Toler said he has turned away no local groups at this point.

8. REPORT ON CITY POPULATION AND HOUSING TRENDS. (REED LIMING)

Reed Liming presented information from his Memorandum in the Committee packet, noting the City population should be 72,056.

CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

15. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT UNDER STATE PRICE AGREEMENT – DISASTER RECOVERY BACKUP SYSTEM FOR ITT DIVISION; J & J TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. (THOMAS WILLIAMS)

Councilor Calvert asked if "catastrophic failure" could be anything from a total system failure, to a natural disaster, to a terrorist event, and such.

William Smith, ITT Division, said it could accommodate any of these. He said basically, they want to take all of the City's data from all of the remote sites, and consolidate it to the City Hall server room, and then replicate that data to a backup center which probably will be located at the Police Department.

Councilor Calvert noted this has been funded already, but there is a CIP request for a radio type backup center for disaster as well.

Mr. Smith said he's not involved with that and couldn't speak to it. He is certain that staff will be speaking to the Committee in the future about the AS 400 backup needs, noting there are multiple layers of communication and systems.

Councilor Calvert noted these are for disasters, and asked to what extent we are pursuing federal funding for these kinds of things – FEMA, homeland security and such.

Mr. Smith said staff can look at this regarding the radio type backup system. This particular system goes beyond the scope of disaster recovery, and accommodates the City's natural growth and to appropriately safeguard all of the City's information assets. He said it is much less likely it would have to be used for an emergency purpose such as a disaster, than simply that someone deleted a file and needed the one from last Thursday.

Councilor Calvert commented that a system crash would be considered as a disaster. He suggested that we pursue federal funding if it would be appropriate to assist the City to better use its available dollars in other ways.

Mr. Smith will convey this to Mr. Williams and Mr. Rodarte to see what can be done.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

16. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT UNDER ARIZONA STATE PRICE AGREEMENT – FIVE (5) MOTORCYCLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT; NORTH VALLEY HONDA. (ROBERT RODARTE)

Councilor Calvert noted the costs of the motorcycles are as much as some of the police cars.

Mr. Rodarte agreed, noting that there is a State Price Agreement, but it is only for BMW motorcycles, so we decided to bid it ourselves. He noted that the 8% local preference kicked the price up to \$19,000. He said all of the warranties and such are covered locally. It is a good bid, because the organization out of Arizona is like the "Auto Nation" of the motorcycle world and is huge.

Councilor Calvert asked if the motorcycles are fully equipped on deliver, or do we have to add stuff after we get them.

Mr. Rodarte said the only things which had to be added-on were the crash bars, and the motorcycles are ready to roll the minute we receive them.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to approve this request.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Councilors Dominguez and Ortiz].

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR DISCUSSION

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

7. UPDATE ON THE MESSAGE SIGN FOR GCCC ENTRANCE. (LIZ ROYBAL)

Liz Roybal presented information to the Committee from her memorandum which is in the Council packet.

Ms. Roybal distributed photographs of existing signage on Rodeo Road, but did not enter a copy for the record.

Councilor Dominguez asked where the sign is to be located on the aerial map.

Ms. Roybal said, on the aerial map, it will be 15 ft. from the right-of-way entering the Chavez Center. Responding to Councilor Dominguez, Ms. Roybal said, from the existing sign, it is further east to the vacant land right off the right-of-way, turning into the Chavez Center. She demonstrated the location on the photographs which were not entered for the record.

Councilor Dominguez asked if the sign will require relocation of power poles.

Ms. Roybal said to her knowledge, there will be no relocation, and they will be pulling power from that site, but there is no problem with the existing power poles.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Ms. Roybal said she is working with the company which has proposed the signage to LANB, and she is confident that the illumination will be much more reasonable than the parking lights when first installed.

Councilor Heldmeyer said the bank is underwriting part of the cost of the sign. She has heard an objection that the bank advertisement is almost as large as the part of the sign for the GCCC. She asked if there has been discussion about eliminating the bank part, and the City picking up the cost. She asked how much the bank advertisement adds to the cost. She said when people say it looks commercial, they are saying this isn't just a sign for a City facility, it also will have another piece advertising a commercial establishment.

Ms. Roybal said there have been numerous discussions with Fidel Gutierrez, VP of LANB, who has been very gracious and is very willing to work with the City as a partner in reducing the LANB logo and/or considering eliminating it, although there currently is an LANB ATM which was part of the purpose of advertising LANB for customer convenience to have the service there. She believes LANB would be more than willing to work with the City per direction from the Committee.

Councilor Ortiz said he learned a long time ago not to attend ENN. He got advice from a former City Attorney that there could be a potential problem. Also, when he attended ENN meetings, the presentation suddenly switched to discussion with a City Councilor, and a different way of dealing with the issues arose. He said he understands in this ENN meeting, people were there in favor of the placement of the sign, two of which live in his district, but most were regular users of the Center. He knows there has been opposition to this sign, and asked if there was a full contact of the neighborhoods which would be impacted by this sign – Vista del Prado and Pueblos del Rodeo.

Ms. Roybal said yes, within the requirement of the 200 ft. list, 50 letters were sent out to those citizens. She serves on the Vista del Prado Neighborhood Association, and she sent letters to the President and everyone in that area, as well as the Rodeo Association and other groups which might have interest in the sign in order to get the message to as many people as possible in the vicinity.

Councilor Ortiz noted the size has been reduced from the initial proposal, but we are still asking for a variance on the signage. He asked why we don't just comply with the rules that we impose on others as a City, and why would we ask for a variance.

Ms. Roybal said she is working closely with Land Use, and some of these questions are on the table with the permitting staff, and Lou Baker who has been assigned to work with her on this project. She said she doesn't have an answer for him.

Councilor Ortiz said the other issue is our policy on advertising. He asked if thought has been given to changing the outward appearance of the sign. He said it feels that we are getting a coequal appearance in that the Bank logo is the same size as the center sign, and this concern was raised prior to the ENN. He asked Ms. Roybal if she is still working on that issue with staff.

Ms. Roybal said the Bank has been very amenable to whatever it would take to partner with us as a community service, so we can go back to the drawing board. We have discussed all of the requirements, and she believes they would be willing to talk about the size of the logo, font, whatever is suggested.

Councilor Ortiz asked if there is a timeline on the proposal.

Ms. Roybal said someone hit the sign tonight with an automobile. She said this is a project with which she has been very involved and would like to see done. She has commitment to closure on this, and in answer to the question, "the sooner, the better."

Councilor Ortiz asked if the sign has to be approved by the full Council.

Chair Heldmeyer said this is an informational item, so if Ms. Roybal wanted approval from the Committee, it would have to come back as an action item.

Councilor Ortiz proposed that Ms. Roybal continue to work with the Land Use staff, and get the ideas to this Committee to see if we want further public comment. He would like the ideas posted at GCCC so people can see the different alternatives. When he receives his copy, he will ensure they are distributed to the neighborhood associations and individuals in the neighborhoods in an effort to get their input.

It was the consensus among the Committee to have this as an action item at the first meeting in November 2007.

Ms. Roybal clarified that the Committee is requesting that she solicit various ideas from the marketing company for various designs for view by the public at the Center, and additionally a mail out.

Councilor Ortiz said there should be a mail-out, and everything within the paradigm we discussed, of working with City staff to determine whether we actually need a variance, and the esthetics of the advertisement which will be placed on the sign.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she likes the idea of three options, but given the flexibility of the bank and the issues with respect to our moving into this "new area," to make it as small as possible and still offer the opportunity. We are not advertising the bank just the ATM, and asked if we need to have the Bank logo, or can we have just have the name of the Bank and the ATM. She would like a sign which fits our current requirements, if not, she wants to hear a good argument from the Planning Staff.

DISCUSSION

26. PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT – INSTALLATION OF SHARE THE ROAD BICYCLE SYMBOLS (SHARROWS) ON SELECTED STREETS; HIGHWAY SUPPLY, LLC. (RICK DEVINE)

Councilor Wurzbarger said if Mr. Devine is giving a presentation, she is particularly interested in learning some of the empirical information as to the effectiveness of these and why these are being proposed in terms of the empirical evidence.

Mr. Devine said staff has collected no empirical data on whether Sharrows are or are not effective. [Further remarks here are inaudible, because Mr. Devine was away from the microphone.]

Mr. Devine said the bicycle community perceives the share the road symbols as increasing their safety and effectiveness.

Councilor Wurzbarger said the empirical data for her would be actual, safer conditions, as opposed to perceptions.

Mr. Devine said it is just a perception, and they have no safety data from anywhere in the country. He said the majority of the motorists didn't know what these were, and that study recommended that public information should be presented to clear up "the ambiguity of what they are."

Public Hearing

Chair Heldmeyer gave all those speaking one minute to make their point.

Dan Baker, Bicycle Coalition of America, said he rides the streets every day, and he has some fascinating empirical evidence. He said sharrows are, not empirically, our chance to hit the headlines as a creative City, and to participate in a "hot trend," to have visible proof that we are trying to be bicycle friendly. He said tourists have asked for signs to be bicycle friendly. He said the consultants which were hired and gave reports, said lots and lots of tourists felt they wanted to ride around but it didn't look friendly. This is one way to make things look friendly. He said this is an incredibly low cost investment, as opposed to trails or widening streets. We are talking about only paint, for a low-cost investment in a visible improvement in the City. He said for proven results, you would have to look empirically if crash rates were lowered, which is hard to prove. He said empirically, what is fascinating is that the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices recently did adopt this "whole sharrows thing," and it will be working its way through the MUTCD and will become part of the repertoire for cities and municipalities.

Chair Heldmeyer noted there are three levels of acceptance in the National, and what is the level of acceptance.

Mr. Banker said National just put it before the feds, and then it has to work its way back down.

Chair Heldmeyer said the three levels are: it is required, it can be done if you want, and it is available.

Mr. Baker said it is available. He said there are a lot of qualifications with whether or not the street deserves it: is it less than 35 mph, is it narrow, does it have cyclists. He said this particular bid is for a set of streets and sharrows which was analyzed "to death" by BTAC, and it is working with approved CIP

funding. He said Public Works has done a good job in getting a good deal on materials. He said we are running out of warm weather to do it. He urged that additional funds for PSAs may improve the education, but for now the installation should continue as a low cost, visible improvement. He provided a copy of the National Committee Uniform Traffic Control Device Study.

Jim Harrington, member of the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee, and its on-road subcommittee, said the San Francisco study contains very concrete and specific data that these sharrows improve bicycle safety. The study consisted of video as well as surveys of bicyclists and motorists, and there was a marked decrease in wrong-way riding, sidewalk riding and riding too close to parked cars. He said, "That was absolutely established statistically." He said car speeds were lowered, and cars gave more clearance to bicyclists, and all of this appear in the study. He said this is in contrast to, for example, bicycle lanes which never have been proved to improve bicycle safety.

Sagemaya Dandi, 1492 upper Canyon Road, said this is the only thing he has ever seen the body politic do which has improved things for bicyclists since he has lived here. He said the laws are ambiguous, and mean different things to different bicyclists. He said this system will not improve unless there are three types of education: hands-on education of the bicyclists who drive different speeds; public service announcements; and education of police officers as to what laws to enforce against bicyclists and motorists. He said there are many sand or gravel driveways on the east side which intersect the roadway. The sharrows are effective if put in correctly, and are coupled with an education program. He stands firmly behind Mr. Baker and said there should be more sharrows on the roadway.

Nate Downey, 1104 Don Gaspar said sharrows are cheaper than other things, and are also very popular and there seems to be widespread support among those with whom he has spoken about this. Sharrows are safer because you are more visible, and you are out of the way of opening doors of parked cars or cars coming out of driveways, and there is less chance of being squeezed against the curb, driven off the road or hit from the side. He said the newspaper article said the majority of accidents are not from behind with regard to bicycling in general, but are at intersections. He said this would be consistent with our desire to be sustainable Santa Fe, to put symbols on the street, backed up with education to be consistent with wanting to be bicycle friendly so we can save gasoline and be a safer community.

Steve Hield, 1304 Calle Huella, said he is a bicycling commuter. In addition, he rides twice weekly to Atalaya Elementary School with his children, noting there are sharrows on that road. Those were installed 1½ years ago, and he has noticed he is treated with more respect as a cyclist – people give him more room and don't pass him on a blind curve. He believes sharrows work because they tell the motorists they can expect to encounter a cyclist on this road. He believes the City should continue funding the sharrows and believes it makes Santa Fe a safer, more bicycle-friendly community.

Brian Brypolcher, 1204 San Jose Avenue, serves on BTAC, said the sharrows are a good idea and believes there should be more. There are a number of streets downtown and a number of new streets at the Railyard which are quite narrow, where cars shouldn't be going faster than bicycles. He believes it is getting cars to slow down to accommodate bicycle traffic, it is getting cars to slow down to make Santa Fe more pedestrian safe, especially in areas like downtown or the Railyard. He said BTAC is starting to talk

about a public information campaign, and combining sharrows with that would make motorists more aware of cyclists, and the cyclists and pedestrians will be safer.

Gary Shipmore, 924 Osage Avenue, said he commutes by bicycle to work every day down Baca which has sharrows. Since the sharrows went in, cars give him more room, and "psychologically the drivers feel like it is more legitimate for me to take the lane, which I always do now, and I get honked at and swore at a lot less frequently, maybe only once every 2-3 weeks." He believes sharrows are the best bang for the buck in terms of bicycle safety.

The public hearing was closed

Councilor Wurzbarger asked why staff hasn't come forward previously with a public information campaign. She has heard from constituents that they don't know what these are for and it is confusing, which is reinforced by the study. She isn't denying that it can be an effective tool. However, you have said, only in conjunction with education. She asked why we have done only the capital improvements and not the public education, noting she has not had a request in the five years on the Finance Committee, to do a public education component to make this work.

Mr. Devine said he doesn't have an answer, and would have to defer to BTAC.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked staff the plan for making the two go together.

Mr. Devine said the plan is that BTAC needs to put this to the public for public awareness, the San Francisco Study found that people didn't understand what the sharrows are.

Councilor Wurzbarger said her constituents don't understand why we are doing this, nor what to do with the sharrows, and she is concerned about the education component.

Robert Romero said this wasn't as well set out as traffic calming, and there wasn't an initial push for education. However, the Committee set aside dollars for on-street projects, and they are coming forward with \$40,000 to do an education component. He said at the next Committee meeting, Laura Banish and Joe Abeyta will present information with a request to move forward with this component.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked, if we want to increase bicyclists on the streets, and we allocate \$92,000 and give away bicycles and helmets, how many could we buy. NOTE: Unidentified person said 100 bicycles.

Councilor Wurzbarger said someone said an analysis was done to pick the streets for the sharrows.

Mr. Devine said that was a recommendation from the On-Street Committee of BTAC.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked, from the analysis, how many riders are using these streets.

Mr. Devine said he doesn't know, but this is something we should start doing, and come up with some criteria based on those numbers.

Councilor Wurzbarger said if we want more bicycles, it isn't just trying to make it safe, and reiterated the City should purchase 100 bicycles and make those free and put them all over the City. She is concerned because she doesn't see the match between the education and the physical part of the program.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, to approve this request, with direction to staff to work with the City Manager's staff, Joe Abeyta and Laura Banish in public information, and the utility billing staff to do public notification and education.

Friendly amendment: Councilor Wurzbarger said since it is too late to do the painting, to use the winter as the time period to do the public education program and in the spring do the implementation of the additional sharrows.

Discussion on the friendly amendment: Councilor Calvert asked what is the Implementation schedule for the sharrows.

Mr. Devine said they would like to be installing them by this time. He said the time frame depends on the availability of the contract, but we are running out of time, noting we need 50 degrees and rising temperatures on the pavement to put these down.

Council Calvert asked how long it will take to install this number of signage on the road.

Mr. Devine said if the contractor can get here every day, it should take two weeks to a month.

Mr. Devine said these aren't painted sharrows, but it is a special material manufactured by 3M Corporation and we use this material for all of our crosswalks, arrows, and such for the pavement symbols, because it lasts ten times as long. We use paint on the long line painting where cars are running parallel with the long line stripe.

Councilor Wurzbarger said the sharrows will last until we resurface the road.

Councilor Calvert said safety dictates getting these in as quickly as possible. He appreciates and shares Councilor Wurzbarger's concerns about public education, but believes we can proceed with that simultaneously as we're installing these.

The amendment was not friendly to the maker.

Friendly Amendment: Councilor Wurzbarger asked that the recommendation and requirement from staff to be made specific, rather than saying that sometime in the future the staff will come forward with the education program. **The amendment was friendly to the maker, and there were no objections by the other members of the Committee.**

Friendly amendment: Chair Heldmeyer said the Committee could ask that staff have a time specific by the time it comes to Council. **The amendment was friendly to the maker and second, and there were no objections by the other members of the Committee.**

Robert Romero said this will be discussed with Laura and Joe at the BTAC meeting on October 25, 2007, and at that time we will know a realistic date for roll out.

Councilor Calvert said we can use the utility bills to get word out, noting there is plenty of space to show some of these diagrams, although he doesn't know if it is compatible with the billing system, if not, then do an insert. He said let's just leave it that staff will have a time specific timeline by the time it comes to Council.

Chair Heldmeyer said, with regard to the things which were handed to us by Dan, although these aren't the final recommendations, there are recommendations as to where sharrows shouldn't be used. She said the streets were picked by BTAC, and asked if we have compared that list with the recommendations from National.

Mr. Romero said that hasn't been done, but he can look at this. He said he heard recently that the MUTCD is going to put these in its next guide.

Chair Heldmeyer wants that checked against the existing list, and said we should err on the side of caution.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

27. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF SANTA FE PURCHASING MANUAL. (ROBERT RODARTE)

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Dominguez, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Responding to Councilor Calvert, Mr. Rodarte said staff is trying to merge it all.

Friendly Amendment: Chair Heldmeyer said the change she wants, and didn't see, is to include explicit language in the Purchasing Manual that the person who writes the RFP cannot bid on the RFP. **The amendment was friendly to the maker and second, and there were no objections by the other members of the Committee.**

VOTE: The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

28. UPDATE ON BBER REPORT RELATED TO MINIMUM WAGE IMPACTS. (KATHY McCORMICK)

A copy of "The Economic Impacts of the City of Santa Fe's \$9.50 Living Wage, Preliminary Results Based on Secondary Data," dated October 1, 2007, prepared by Lee A. Reynis, PhD and Nicholas Potter, MA, of the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Councilor Wurzbarger asked Dr. Reynis to spend a few minutes clarifying the information and findings concerning youth, particularly concerning drop out and the youth employment – she would like that section of the report highlighted, noting she has heard the presentation.

Ms. Lee Reynis introduced Nicholas Potter, and then presented information on Exhibit "2" via power point.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked if she could make an inference from the data, that the youth population hasn't been hurt.

Dr. Reynis said she would argue that there has been not much effect at all. The Santa Fe economy is doing very well, relative to other areas, and youth seem to be gaining as well.

Councilor Wurzbarger said a more accurate statement might be that, for the youth population, it has not at least been hurt.

Dr. Reynis said it seems like they haven't, noting she wants to look at the underlying population and what is happening to rates of employment relative to the underlying population. She said, "At least from the appearances, it seems that youth have not been hurt by this, that they have some expanding job opportunities in the summer that if there was a restriction of those, it happened well before these particular minimum wages went into effect."

Councilor Wurzbarger asked about the question of drop out rate, and asked Dr. Reynis to discuss this.

Dr. Reynis said one of the problems in discussing drop out rates, is that we have not had the kind of longitudinal data on students which really enables "us" to look at what happens to students, noting we can't even see what happens to them over their high school career. We don't know if Santa Fe schools see a decline in enrollment, whether the kids have gone elsewhere, or private schools, or dropped out. This is a problem statewide, that we don't track our students in a way which would enable us to answer this question clearly. She said the Santa Fe Public Schools apparently have done some surveying which school districts around the state are required to do, and the number of students who indicated they dropped out for employment opportunities was five out of 200 who were asked. We know this isn't a new problem. She noted that sometimes when kids drop out of school, if they are able to make enough money on the job, they may be able to put away some money and come back, and she's seen this happen. She said there are quite a lot of possibilities, but rather slim data upon which to make inferences about what has happened.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked, given that the data isn't collected by the schools, if the City felt it was a priority for us to know the impact more specifically of the impact of this ordinance on youth, we could develop a study to do that.

Dr. Reynis said it would require the schools to be willing to share data, because the only way to do this, she believes, is if you can track individual students over time, and this would clearly require the cooperation of the School District to do this.

Councilor Wurzbarger said then we could track whatever intern programs which are existing or those we created to look at the City impact on this issue. *[The response was inaudible]*

Councilor Dominguez said he has been concerned about this issue for some time, but without the data, it is just someone's opinion. He thanked Dr. Reynis for taking some of these things into consideration.

Councilor Dominguez said, with regard to tracking why some students are dropping out of school, one of the things Dr. Reynis said was that there were five who dropped out as the result of the living wage/employment. However, that information is depending on students giving a truthful answer. The reality is that while we have this data from the Public Schools or any other entity, it is reliant on students telling the truth. He said there are students who would give an indication otherwise because they are proud people or for other reasons. He said Dr. Reynis said the data is questionable, and asked if the data is questionable, if the sample large enough for that data to be accurate or reliable, or if it is the results which are questionable based on that data.

Dr. Reynis said probably both. She said "we" did not actually review the survey, so she doesn't know the response rates, nor how people answered those questions. She said the last time we did this study, we did attempt to look at the results of a similar survey and found it to be pretty inclusive about what was happening. She would really have to study the results.

Councilor Dominguez said kids dropping out of school to go to work has been around for a long time, and will work full time just to be able to have things.

Councilor Dominguez asked if there is a correlation with the increase in employment for youth to the drop out rate – are more students going to work because they are dropping out.

Dr. Reynis reiterated that her problem is that she doesn't have data on drop out rates which she would consider to be reliable.

Councilor Dominguez said, "Then you couldn't come up with a statement that says the living wage has no effect or has any effect."

Dr. Reynis said no, it is inconclusive, because we simply do not have good enough data to evaluate and to test a hypothesis.

Councilor Dominguez said in the report you talk about an increase in construction, yet we get a memorandum from Reed Liming which says there is a 12% reduction in permits. He asked if this is primarily commercial construction.

Dr. Reynis said the data which is specifically referenced is looking at growth and the number of jobs from 2005 to 2006, and you can see by that measure, construction has the largest increase among the sectors, with realistic rental and leasing coming in second to rather related activities. She said if we want to look at this more, this is the data on housing permits from the City, looking at the yellow or single family permits, the maroon are multi-family permits. Although there may be an overall decline, you can see the overall level has held up pretty well. By comparison, we are looking at losses of 40% use changes year over year in Albuquerque, and statewide we similarly are seeing very substantial reductions, particularly in single family permits which are being issued, noting this is a national trend. She said we have a housing slump, and we have seen substantial reductions in housing starts, and most analysts are saying that housing slump will be more protracted and the falloff in housing will be deeper than what we have been looking at, because of the problems in financial markets in obtaining credit and refinancing. She said the changes in Santa Fe she has studied seem down, but relatively small compared to many other areas.

Dr. Reynis said she looked at what had happened in the region, in terms of existing home sales, and through the second quarter there were declines year over year of 25-30%. She asked the Committee to look at what happens with non-residential construction, noting the permits are in the graph on the bottom of the page, and there is a real surge in the City, and the reason she believes the construction employment is up.

Councilor Dominguez asked about the Graph relative to Table 5.1 in the report.

Dr. Reynis said she redid this today, because she wanted to look at what was happening seasonally, and not just what was happening overall in terms of averages. She thinks it is a real issue – are these jobs all-year jobs, or are we talking about seasonal employment and there is a clear difference between those in the 14-18 age group which is largely a seasonal employment. Whereas, as you get older, there are many more people in the work force all year.

Councilor Dominguez said there still is a relationship in terms of the path of the chart between those who are 14-18 and those 22-24, but you would think the spikes would be in different locations with regard to these two age groups.

Dr. Reynis said this is because college students are included, students who are pursuing more advanced, and there also will be seasonality in the data because these are raw numbers, and Santa Fe clearly has a lot of seasonality. She reiterated these figures are only for the City and don't include the County. Those in 5.1 are also for the City. Responding to Councilor Dominguez, she said she hasn't looked at the State numbers on youth employment, and all of these would need to be looked at, which she hasn't done. She knows there is interest in this, and she wanted more detail for this evening, but this is something which probably would require more analysis, and she would be happy to look at what is happening in New Mexico.

Councilor Dominguez understands there are families and young people who have to be able to have these jobs to provide for their families. However, he doesn't want to make it easier for kids to drop out of school, because education is key in eliminating poverty. If we are just spinning our wheels, that is something which is of interest to him.

Chair Heldmeyer said In two weeks at the Finance Committee, there will be a discussion of the proposed amendments to the Living Wage Ordinance. Responding to Dr. Reynis, Chair Heldmeyer said it is not necessary for Dr. Reynis to attend that meeting.

Chair Heldmeyer noted two Committee members are laboring under duress. She asked if the CIP Bond Issues, the revenue initiatives and the Parks Master Plan, need to be fully considered at this Committee this evening, or can these be moved to the October 15th meeting. If so, these will be placed first on the agenda.

Councilor Ortiz asked if this can be done, and still be okay in getting ballot issues on the March Election ballot.

Ms. Raveling said there are no time constraints on the CIP.

Councilor Ortiz asked about the Mayor's Bridge fund and the Parks Master Plan initiative.

Mr. Buller said this has to be done by the end of the month, and it will be okay, as long as it gets resolved on October 15, 2007.

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to postpone items 29, 30 and 31 to the next Finance Committee meeting, and asked that these be placed on the Discussion Agenda in the opposite order.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

29. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2008 CIP BOND ISSUE PROJECTS. (ROBERT ROMERO)

This item was postponed to the meeting of October 15, 2007.

30. POTENTIAL REVENUE INITIATIVES TO BE ON THE MARCH 2008 ELECTION BALLOT.

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR STREETS, BRIDGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED.

1) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE BRIDGE,

**STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN A GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND TO BE PROPOSED TO THE VOTERS IN THE MARCH
2008 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (MAYOR COSS). (ROBERT ROMERO)**

This item was postponed to the meeting of October 15, 2007.

31. UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN. (FABIAN CHAVEZ)

- A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED.**

This item was postponed to the meeting of October 15, 2007.

32. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.- PLAN, DESIGN AND IMPROVE LAND AND FACILITIES LOCATED ADJACENT TO PROPOSED TRAIN STOPS WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE, ATKIN, OLSHIN, SCHADE ARCHITECTS (RFP NO. 07/50/P. (KATHERINE MORTIMER)

Councilor Ortiz said there was a discussion with the State Department of Transportation on the Railrunner project, and the proposed Resolution which is before us, and because of representations made at that meeting by State officials, he would like to postpone this item.

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Wurzbarger, to postpone this agenda item, with the request that we get a presentation from the staff as to what exactly the staff has been telling the DOT, in terms of this particular contract, and in terms of the efforts in particular regarding station location.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Ortiz said this Committee needs this information in order to deliberate on this particular request. He asked Ms. Raveling or Mark to contact the Chair to fully set out what they need to be expecting.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

33. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Ms. Raveling said last meeting it was asked whether we could do Parks, Trails and Open Space in one ballot question, and distributed an example prepared by the Bond Attorney, who believes it can be one question. A copy of this document is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

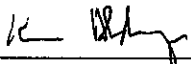
34. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Calvert said he has a concern with regard to Human Resources and the amount of time it takes to fill positions. He has talked with different departments whose biggest complaint is they have vacant positions, but can't get them filled quickly. He would like Human Resources to present information at a future meeting with regard to the reasons it takes so much time to fill positions.

Chair Heldmeyer would like, additionally, to hear plans Human Resources has to fill these positions faster and better in the future. She said this could be on the agenda at the first meeting in November 2007.

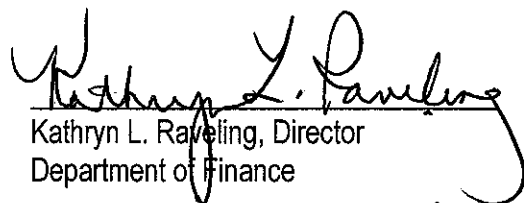
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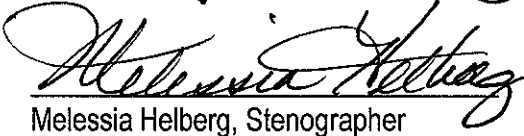
There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its Agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Karen Heldmeyer, Chair

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