

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
GOVERNING BODY, REGULAR MEETING
123 DOWNS DRIVE, RUIDOSO DOWNS, NEW MEXICO 88346
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

The City of Ruidoso Downs Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Miller to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell

Municipal Employees Present:

Robert Knight, Deputy Police Chief
Selena Chavez, Deputy City Clerk
Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director
Jennet Recendez, Planning Services Director
Roy Burkham, Fire Chief
Nick Malone, Police Officer

Guests Present: 8

Municipal Employees Present by Phone:

John Underwood, City Attorney

Municipal Employees Present by Zoom:

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director

Guests Present by Zoom:

Crystal Sifuentes, Lodgers' Tax Chairperson
Joe Hardin, Zia Therapy Center
Sharon Gilsdorf, Zia Therapy Center

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item A under Public Hearing. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of all in favor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters listed under Item 5 will be enacted by one motion.)

- A. *Approval of Amendment to Capital Outlay Agreements to change from Monthly Reporting to Quarterly Reporting.
- B. *Approval of Proposal between MGS Refrigeration Htg. and the City of Ruidoso Downs in the amount of \$6,880.15 including NMGRT for the installation of a new A/C unit at public works.
- C. *APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY MINUTES
*September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes



D. *APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

- *Public Works August Report
- *Municipal Court August Report
- *Police Department August Report
- *Planning & Zoning August Report

E. *COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Lodger's Tax Committee August Report
- *Planning and Zoning Commission August Report
- *Greentree Solid Waste Authority Committee August Report
- *Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board August Report

Councilor Walker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of all in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Terry Proctor made comments.

Bonnie Richardson made comments.

COUNCILORS COMMENTS

Councilor Lacewell made comments.

Councilor Miller made comments.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Holman had no comments.

The Fire Chief presented on the operations of the Fire Department for the month of August.

The Public Works Director presented on the operations of the Public Works Department for the month of August.

The Planning Services Director presented on the operations of the Planning & Zoning Department for the month of August.

The Deputy Police Chief presented on the operations of the Police Department for the month of August.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee Amended By-Laws.

Councilor Miller presented on the Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee Amended By-Laws and requested for approval.

Councilor Lacewell moved to approve the Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee Amended By-Laws. The motion was seconded and failed upon a roll call vote of the following. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell. Nay: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker, Mayor Holman.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Funds for Toys for Tots Lincoln County/Mescalero a Non Profit Organization Presentation by Victor Montes.

Councilor Walker moved to postpone the Approval of Funds for Toys for Tots Lincoln County/Mescalero a Non Profit Organization Presentation by Victor Montes to the next Regular Meeting on October 10, 2023. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of the following. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Letter of Financial Commitment to Zia Therapy Center for Fiscal Year 2024 to Provide Public Transportation within the City of Ruidoso Downs in the amount of \$84,429.27.

The Lodgers' Tax Chairperson presented the Letter of Financial Commitment to Zia Therapy Center for Fiscal Year 2024 to Provide Public Transportation within the City of Ruidoso Downs in the amount of \$84,429.27 and requested for approval.

The Finance Director presented the increase in rates per week based on the proposal.

Councilor Miller explained the citizens' need for the Transit.

The City Clerk explained the Lodgers' Tax Committee's recommendation was contingent upon the Village of Ruidoso's decision to also approve an increase in their letter of financial commitment to the Zia Therapy Center. The letter could be amended.

Councilor Lacewell moved to approve the Letter of Financial Commitment to Zia Therapy Center for Fiscal Year 2024 to Provide Public Transportation within the City of Ruidoso Downs in the amount of \$84,429.27 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll



call vote of the following. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Mayor Holman. Nay: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval Proposal between White Sands Construction's and the City of Ruidoso Downs through NM Statewide Price Agreement for water leak damages repairs at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in the amount of \$87,062.99 including NM GRT.

The Public Works Director presented the Proposal from White Sands Construction's through NM Statewide Price Agreement for water leak damages repairs at the Hubbard Museum of the American West and requested for approval.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Proposal between White Sands Construction's and the City of Ruidoso Downs through NM Statewide Price Agreement for water leak damages repairs at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in the amount of \$87,062.99 including NM GRT as presented. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of all in favor.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Acceptance of Appropriation #23-ZH5050-18 in the amount of \$37,500.00 to cover the City's match on CDBG Project 22-C-RS-I-01-G-09.

The Public Works Director presented Appropriation #23-ZH5050-18 in the amount of \$37,500.00 to cover the City's match on CDBG Project 22-C-RS-I-01-G-09 and requested for approval.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Appropriation #23-ZH5050-18 in the amount of \$37,500.00 to cover the City's match on CDBG Project 22-C-RS-I-01-G-09 as presented. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of all in favor.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement between the Department of Finance and Administration State of NM and the City of Ruidoso Downs for Capital Outlay Appropriation 23-H3063 in the amount of \$670,500.00 for the New City Hall Construction.

The Public Works Director presented the Agreement between the Department of Finance and Administration State of NM and the City of Ruidoso Downs for Capital Outlay Appropriation 23-H3063 in the amount of \$670,500.00 for the New City Hall Construction and requested for approval.

Councilor Lacewell moved to approve the Agreement between the Department of Finance and



Administration State of NM and the City of Ruidoso Downs for Capital Outlay Appropriation 23-H3063 in the amount of \$670,500.00 for the New City Hall Construction as presented. The motion was seconded and approved upon a roll call vote of all in favor.

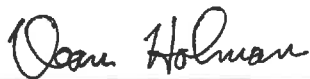
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Holman adjourned the regular meeting at 3:43 p.m.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:


Passed and Approved on this 10th day of October 2023.

APPROVED:



Dean Holman, Mayor




Alejandra L. Giron, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

