

MINUTES
Village of Los Ranchos
6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 30, 2002- 5:30 p.m.

Present:

John Hooker, Mayor
Don Lopez, Trustee
Pablo Rael, Trustee

Annabelle Silvas, Clerk
Hank Rosoff, Administrator
Cyndie Tidwell, Planner
Allen Leatherwood, Treasurer

Absent:

Penny Rembe, *Mayor Pro Tem*
David Siegel, Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Los Ranchos Governing Body held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, in the Warren J. Gray Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the agenda. **Trustee Rael** seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3. FINANCIAL

A. Cash Report - June

Treasurer Leatherwood presented the cash report and reported that the receipts for the month were \$149,450 and disbursements were \$486.807. He also reported that the largest expenditure was \$321,000 for the purchase of the new fire truck.

Motion: Trustee Rael moved approval of the cash report and payment of all bills. **Trustee Lopez** seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

B. 4th Quarter Financial Report

Treasurer Leatherwood reported that this report is sent to the Department of Finance and is a recap of three months of activity.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item under page 5, capital projects parks & recreation of \$171,064 and asked what this was for.

Administrator Rosoff stated that is referring to a grant for the community center that could not be spent, because the last legislature had strictly appropriated this for construction. The use has now been changed over and have re-budgeted some of those funds in this fiscal year but was not been able to spend any of it.

Motion: Trustee Lopez moved approval of the quarterly report. **Trustee Rael** seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

C. **Resolution No. 2002-7-1 - Final Budget for Fiscal Yr 2002/2003**

Trustee Lopez noted the Executive Summary described \$2,000 for Board of Trustees travel in state and asked what if there is out of state travel.

Administrator Rosoff stated that this could be used anywhere.

Trustee Rael questioned the \$5,000 amount for fire hydrants and asked if this includes the fire hydrant by the Fruit Basket, previously discussed.

Administrator Rosoff stated that it did.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item under Open Space Fund of \$100,000 for the Anderson Fields.

Administrator Rosoff stated that this was funding that was approved as part of the original purchase and spent and there are no further expenditures in this fiscal year or future.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item on page 7, under APS field maintenance of \$4,500 for Taft Middle School, but does not include Taylor Middle School.

Administrator Rosoff stated that in his discussion with APS they felt the Village was not really using Taylor fields, but that better use could be made out of Taft Middle School. This was budgeted in anticipation that an agreement will be negotiated with APS for the current year for Taft Middle School. Currently, the agreements that are now in place have expired and don't have any actual liability in this fiscal year.

Trustee Lopez questioned the budgeted item for Turf care.

Administrator Rosoff stated that this item is for the Village Park for professional maintenance to help with weed control and fertilization.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item under Capital Equipment on page 8, of \$12,000 for zoning software and laptop.

Administrator Rosoff stated that this laptop plus the serial bus and software is just under \$2,000, which includes a docking station to the Lan. The remainder is for zone pro software and any other capital equipment that may be needed for the department.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item under General Administration on page 9, of \$5,000 for Pavement Upgrade and asked if this amount was enough and what pavement this is for.

Administrator Rosoff stated that this item is for rehabilitation of pavement around the Village building.

Trustee Lopez questioned the item under Recreational Facilities Fund on page 21, of \$30,000 for bike trails. He said he feels that there should be a bike trail along Rio Grande Blvd.

Mayor Hooker stated that this needs to be discussed with the Village Engineer (ASCG) to see what it would take to get to that point. He said the biggest problem is the survey of the right-of-way.

Trustee Lopez stated there was a bike trail that was put on Rio Grande, but was not suitable as one. He said it seems like a shoulder could be added to the existing right-of-way to get the bike's off the driving lane, and if there is \$30,000 for this, there is a need.

Administrator Rosoff stated that in past minutes there were many objections to that, but can definitely be done.

Trustee Lopez stated that the safety aspect is important and if the color of the asphalt can be changed, it will improve visibility of the park.

Mayor Hooker stated that he used to be opposed to widening of Rio Grande and adding trails, because it would encourage the cars to go faster. He said he has come to realize that there are bicyclists that are road warriors, and you have some that are not. With other traffic calming steps, there can be steps to keep cars from going too fast.

Trustee Lopez stated that he would like to see the Village head in that direction, and \$30,000 is a large sum. If the Village shows an initiative, there could be more funding.

Administrator Rosoff stated that the other possibility with ASCG is getting a bridge over the clear channel to be able to get to the existing path.

Trustee Lopez stated that there is \$105,000 spent in the last fiscal year for engineering.

Administrator Rosoff stated that he would bring to the Board a listing of the engineering expenses at the next meeting.

Trustee Lopez stated that the AMAFCA French drain grant of \$100,000 funds are still included and have not been spent.

Administrator Rosoff stated that these funds have not been spent, and a project is ready to go out for bid. This \$100,000 was envisioned by AMAFCA for Garduno Road. The issue that has to be resolved is that Garduno Road is not a public right-of-way and makes it difficult to spend public money. There are legal issues involved in trying to spend this.

Mayor Hooker stated that one of the problems on Garduno Road from a public safety standard is that it is not to our standards for width and turning radius of the cul-de-sac.

Motion: Trustee Rael moved approval of Resolution No. 2002-7-1. **Trustee Lopez** seconded the motion.

Vote: Lopez-aye; Rael-aye. The motion carried.

4. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Lopez asked if there has been any further discussion on times of the mediation of 4th Street.

Mayor Hooker stated that a letter was received from Stephen LittleJohn asking that a committee be set up to meet with the opponents of the project and negotiate the terms of negotiation. Mr. Mathews was to get in touch with Mr. Little john today.

Trustee Rael asked when the list would be received.

Mayor Hooker stated that there is a draft list and will put this list in the Boards boxes. He said this could be added to the August 14th agenda.

Administrator Rosoff stated that direction has been received from the Federal Highway Administration that an open house should be held to inform the public of the exact state of the project where everything stands at this point. The open house will be held on Saturday, August 17th at the North Valley Command Center on 4th Street. He said this will also be included in the Village Newsletter and will be published twice in the newspaper.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Trustee Rael moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. **Trustee Lopez** seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this _____ day of _____, 2002.

ATTEST:

Annabelle Silvas, Clerk

