

**Minutes
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 425 Tenth Street. The Honorable Mayor Uribe called the meeting to order and Council Member Grijalva led the invocation after the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR, ROBERT URIBE	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DONALD HUIISH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, CESAR SOTO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, JERENE WATSON	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, JUAN PABLO FLORES	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
ACTING CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

Mayor Uribe read the Rules of Conduct.

5. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Tanya Duarte of 2001 9th Street, commented on the following:

- Budget discussions and fiscal responsibility

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

A. PROCLAMATION: First Female Mayor, the Honorable Elizabeth W. Ames

Mayor Uribe requested a moment of silence to pay respect to the following individuals that passed and were pillars of the Douglas community: Elizabeth W. Ames, Everett J. Jones Jr., Xavier Herrera, and Emilia Arzate.

Council Member Shelton added Mrs. Selchow as she also passed.

Mayor Uribe proceeded to read the Proclamation to the First Female Mayor, the Honorable Elizabeth W. Ames.

“WHEREAS, the Hon. Elizabeth W. Ames served the City of Douglas as Mayor from June 1990 to June 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Elizabeth W. Ames energetically served the community of Douglas with decades of passionate service and innovation as a civic leader and Douglas as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, her lifelong commitment to Douglas made a remarkable difference in the lives of many through her diverse civic leadership, friendship, and voluntarism; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Elizabeth Ames inspired many to follow her precepts of integrity, and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Former Mayor Elizabeth W. Ames was admirably the First Female Mayor of Douglas, Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Robert Uribe, Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of Douglas, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the Hon. Elizabeth W. Ames as the First Female Mayor of Douglas, Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 7th day of February, 2020.”

B. Certificate of Recognition to the winners of the Loretto Catholic School Spelling Bee held on January 22, 2020.

- **Dana Camila Nunez**
- **Reginna Vazquez**
- **Michelle Parra**

Council Member Grijalva commented that on January 22, 2020, he was invited along with Ms. Xenia Gonzalez, and Decan Gomez to Judge the Loretto Catholic School Spelling Bee contest.

Council Member Grijalva added that he was proud of the winners.

C. Certificate of Recognition for his hard work and dedication to the City of Douglas:

- **Elberto M. Acosta**

Council Member Grijalva commented that he would present Elberto Acosta and the Utilities department with certificates of recognition at the next council meeting as Mr. Acosta was not able to make it to the meeting.

D. Certificate of Recognition to local businesses for their years of service in the Douglas Community.

Council Member Morales recognized the following businesses:

<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>
Cilantros	Koral Haircut	Family Dollar #25965	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Barbara's Boutique
Chikn'Go		Dollar General #6780		

Mayor Uribe thanked Council Member Morales for recognizing businesses.

E. Certificate of Recognition to Douglas Scouts Troop 430

Council Member Shelton stated he wanted to recognized the Douglas Scouts Troop 430, and commented that Mr. Chambers was in charge of the team and that among other skills, the scouts learned to respect the country and the flag.

Mr. Chambers commented that the group was across the world, and had learned skills to become future leaders.

Council Member Shelton stated that Mr. Chambers took the group to Rucker Canyon to experience nature.

7. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **Expenditures for the month of January 2020, totaling \$2,208,444.41.**
- B. **Approval of the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes.**

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Lindemann to approve the consent agenda items.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

8. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of THIRD READING of Ordinance No. 19-1115, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, amending Ordinances 718, 837 and 10-987, and 19-1109 ADJUSTING FEES for the VISITOR CENTER FACILITY and PROGRAMS in order to recover operating costs, establishing severability of components of Ordinance, and establishing an effective date thereof.

Luis Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Lindemann, **second** by Council Member Shelton, to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 19-1115.

Council Member Grijalva inquired on the nonprofit exemption language.

Luis Pedroza responded that non-profits were exempt, and that the only fee that would apply to nonprofits would be the cleaning fee.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

9. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1394, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, authorizing the City of Douglas to SUBMIT A FORM 2740-1 APPLICATION to the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR MORE PERMANENT LEASEHOLD RIGHTS of a section of land known as the SHOOTING RANGE in Douglas, Arizona.

Juan Pablo Flores provided background information and introduced Mr. Bill Wendt, President of the Douglas Rifle and Pistol Club.

Juan Pablo Flores commented that in moving the project forward for a permanent leasehold for the shooting range, there was a need to file an application with BLM for leasehold for 30 to 40 years.

Juan Pablo Flores added that the City of Douglas initially had acquired the leasehold rights to the shooting range in 1986. Moreover, Juan Pablo Flores commented that the City of Douglas began the partnership with the Douglas Rifle and Pistol club in 1991, and during the partnership the Douglas Rifle and Pistol Club managed a fantastic shooting range and provided resources to the public and various law enforcement agencies such as Border Patrol, CBP, Sheriff's Department, and Douglas Police Dept.

Juan Pablo Flores stated they were looking for council's support in order to submit the application to acquire the leasehold rights.

Additionally, Juan Pablo Flores commented that the City of Douglas along with the Douglas Rifle and Pistol Club would continue partnership for maintenance of various infrastructure changes for local shooters. Moreover, Juan Pablo Flores added that there was a great safety record and that there have not been any liability incidents.

Bill Wendt commented that he had been involved for many years since the original agreement in 1988. Moreover, Bill Wendt stated that the Arizona National Guard wanted to be removed from the books, and in 2001 Bill Wendt personally was able to obtain support letters to keep the shooting range from Arizona Department of Corrections, Border Patrol, Nogales Port of Entry, ICE, Douglas Police Department, Arizona Game and Fish, Sheriff's Office, Department of the Army, U.S. Army Intelligence, and Department of Homeland Security.

Furthermore, Bill Wendt stated that the official request for transfer was submitted December 2001 in which the Army National Guard agreed to request legislation transfer to the City of Douglas in order to ensure continuance availability of the shooting range.

Motion by Council Member Huish, **second** by Council Member Shelton to approve Resolution No. 20-1394 and instruct staff to place it on fast track.

Council Member Grijalva stated he was a law enforcement supporter.

Mayor Uribe commented that he met with Mr. Dion Ethel and stated that council did not oppose to collaborating with the Douglas Rifle and Pistol Club. Furthermore, Mayor Uribe thanked Mr. Wendt for his leadership.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

10. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1395, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, RATIFYING AND GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT to ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY for installation and maintenance of electric lines, together with appurtenant facilities and fixtures at or near COPPER KING STADIUM as part of parcel number 410-14-001K and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Luis Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Huish, **second** by Council Member Lindemann to approve Resolution No. 20-1395.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

11. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution 20-1396, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, APPROVING the City of Douglas DOWNTOWN DOUGLAS G AVENUE STREETScape DESIGN.

Peter Gardner provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Huish, **second** by Council Member Morales to approve Resolution No. 20-1396.

Council Member Lindemann inquired on what council was voting on whether it was at the vision presented or a specific choice.

Peter Gardner responded that it was on the overall vision, on the presented guide, but not on a specific item.

Council Member Lindemann further asked pertaining to page 1 in which a total of twenty-seven individuals surveyed the proposal, and thirty seven percent selected design A. Additionally, Council Member Lindemann stated he received complaints from people that attended parades and that benches were not installed correctly as people was unable to see the parade.

Peter Gardner commented that the guidelines were an overall notion as oppose to focus on contemporary or other benches.

Council Member Lindemann stated he did not want to vote on something that council would be held accountable on, if it was the final design.

Peter Gardner responded that the proposal was an overall guide and for specific capital large items, they would come back to council for final design approval.

Council Member Lindemann stated that in reference to drawing intersections, the city's were already set for wheelchair appropriate and would not be in favor of changing it.

Peter Gardener responded that the crosswalks would remain the same, and that there would not be any physical changes, as safety would come first.

Council Member Lindemann expressed that his major concern was council's accountability.

Council Member Huish asked in reference to the need for maintenance on some of the items listed.

Peter Gardner stated that it would need to be budgeted for any maintenance replacements needs.

Council Member Lindemann stated that twenty-seven people surveyed the design and did not want to vote for a small sample size, and thought it was not viable.

Peter Gardner commented that he understood and stated that it was a document to follow on the overall street coherent feel.

Mayor Uribe inquired if there was public participation on the project.

Peter Gardner stated that there were multiple meetings.

Council Member Grijalva stated council was nervous about changes that might arise and requested notice before changes occur.

Peter Gardner responded that council would be informed of changes.

Council Member Lindemann asked when installing Christmas lights that if other lights would have to come down, and if there would be any maintenance cost.

Peter Gardner stated that if things needed to be replaced than the city would follow the concept design.

Mayor Uribe commented that it was exciting to take steps to revitalize G Avenue, and thanked Mr. Gardner for the presentation.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

12. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1397, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between THE CITY OF DOUGLAS TRANSIT DIVISION and COPPER QUEEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (CQCH) to ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES to the public within Cochise County and beyond, for the City of Douglas, Arizona.

Council Member Morales recused herself at 6:50 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest as she is employed by Copper Queen Community Hospital, and returned after the roll call at 6:56 p.m.

Luis Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Huish, **second** by Council Member Shelton to approve Resolution No. 20-1397.

Council Member Huish inquired if the city reached to all healthcare community.

Luis Pedroza responded they did and added that the door was open for any healthcare providers.

Council Member Shelton stated it was a great idea to partner with Copper Queen.

Council Member Grijalva commented that his constituents did not know about the program and suggested notice to the public in English and Spanish for community awareness.

Juan Pablo Flores commented to reflect the record that Council Member Morales recused herself on a potential conflict of interest as she was employed by Copper Queen.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

13. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1398, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, UPDATING VARIOUS JOB DESCRIPTIONS for Fire, Housing, Library, and Leisure Services; establishing severability of components.

Rocio Garcia Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Huish, **second** by Council Member Shelton to approve Resolution No. 20-1398.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

14. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1399, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council, Cochise County, Arizona, in response to the League of Arizona Cities & Towns request to show support of pending Legislation moving as House Bill (HB)2705 regarding ABSENTEE LANDLORDS OF VACANT AND ABANDONED BUILDINGS; and AUTHORIZING the EXECUTION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Peter Gardner provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Lindemann, **second** by Council Member Morales to approve Resolution No. 20-1399.

Council Member Morales inquired if vacant buildings would need insurance.

Peter Gardner responded that depended if the city would move forward with the House Bill. Moreover, Peter Gardner added that the city could require them to have insurance on vacant buildings.

Council Member Morales stated that she was aware that insurance companies would not write on vacant property insurance.

Mayor Uribe commented he attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Committee meeting, and that the House Bill was precisely to help municipalities in order to hold landlords accountable.

Additionally, Mayor Uribe stated that landlords would have to keep buildings up to code, and further commented that G Avenue building's appearance cannot continue the way they were.

Council Member Grijalva added that the same topic was discussed at the Benson Mayor/Manager's Luncheon and stated it was a great idea to hold landlords accountable.

Furthermore, Council Member Grijalva encouraged administration to invite Mr. Tom Belshe, League of Cities and Towns Executive Director to the City of Douglas to address the House Bill.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

15. DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1400, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF TWO-YEAR GRANT APPLICATION to the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION encompassing the October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 time frame for SECTION 5311 RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS to continue to provide public transportation services via the Douglas Rides Program.

Luis Pedroza provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, **second** by Council Member Grijalva to approve Resolution No. 20-1400.

Council Member Shelton requested clarification if the application would cost the city any money.

Luis Pedroza stated that not at the moment, and it had for the past 4 years.

Mayor Uribe and Luis Pedroza expressed gratitude and thanked the sponsors such as, Freeport McMoran, Seago, Act Call Center, Cochise College, and the Legacy Foundation, as they provided matching funds.

Roll call: Voted in Favor: Mayor Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva. **Voted against:** None.

16. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS.

Council Member Lindemann commented that the Douglas school system moved their regular meetings to 5:00 p.m., and suggested for council regular meetings to move to 5:00 p.m. as well.

Council Member Huish added a clarification pertaining to agenda item 11 for public awareness that the Streetcape design for Downtown G Avenue was to give staff direction for design development, and not that the designed was approved. Moreover, Council Member Huish stated that staff would come up with a plan for public review and for council approval.

Council Member Shelton commented that he along with Council Members Morales and Huish held a Town Hall which was well attended, and that the community members had several questions. Furthermore, Council Member Shelton stated they provided community members with ongoing projects and especially the port of entry.

Council Member Grijalva thanked Bruce Whetten for the front-page ad on G Avenue parking. Moreover, Council Member Grijalva thanked his constituents, and stated that he had a Town Hall at the Coronado Courts and constituents were pleased.

Additionally, Council Member Grijalva commented that Coronado Courts offered their building for city's needs and at the same time to have a Census office for community sign ups.

Lastly, Council Member Grijalva added that Coronado Courts had a complain regarding their alley and right away, and stated that since the city's garbage trucks traveled through alleyways, that the city should have responsibility as well.

Jerene Watson shared the new budget format as it was user friendly which was online and that each director would have a copy. Additionally, Jerene Watson commented that the city was going to have a Public Budget Workshop in the near future.

Mayor Uribe commented that he along with Council Member Soto held a Taco Tuesday night in which the public was invited at El Pato Restaurant, and that it was well attended with over thirty-two individuals. Furthermore, Mayor Uribe stated that constituents' questions were answered, provided port of entry progress, and was happy to

announce that in collaboration with council projects were moving forward. Additionally, Mayor Uribe stated that constituents talked about jobs in the community, and added that was excited about the roadmap approval for G Avenue.

Furthermore, Mayor Uribe thanked council for their collaboration as without council it would be impossible to move forward.

As a final comment, Mayor Uribe would like for council and staff to consider for the March council meeting a discussion to cap buildings rent at a certain rate in the downtown area, especially for local entrepreneurs that try to open their businesses.

Council Member Grijalva commented that on the Taco Tuesday was a special event and commanded Council Member Soto. Council Member Grijalva added that he wanted to direct administration to talk to downtown businesses and find out how the city can help them.

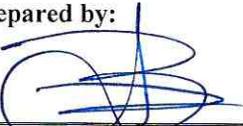
Jerene Watson stated that the city would start small business development workshops at the Government Center in March, and added that the Small Business Development Center would take place on a monthly basis to prove resources to businesses.

Mayor Uribe inquired if it was open to the public. Jerene Watson responded it was.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Grijalva to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Prepared by:



Alma Andrade, Acting City Clerk