

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2023, 6 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield City Council was held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 915 N. First Street, Bloomfield, NM. The meeting was in full conformity with the laws and rules of the Municipality.

In attendance were Mayor Cynthia Atencio, Councilor Scott Eckstein, Councilor Tony Herrera, Councilor Kelly Burkholder, and Councilor Dale Walls.

Also present were City Manager George Duncan, Deputy City Clerk Catherine Galvan, Police Chief Phillip Francisco, Lieutenant Caleb Coate, Project Coordinator Prudence Brady, Finance Director Kimberly Simpson, Parks Director Melinda Gomez, MOC Superintendent Curtis Lynch, Melanie Lovato, Water Plant Supervisor Dale Brightman, Senior Center Director Jessica Polatty, Library Director Corey Bard, Water Reclamation Facility Supervisor Dave Sonnenberg, Fire Chief David Vega and John Gilbert.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

*Mayor Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm*

**2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*City Manager George Duncan offered the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: With Changes**

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to approve moving Item 7, Closed Session, to Item 5, New Business. Councilor Herrera moved to approve the agenda with changes. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2023**

*Councilor Herrera moved to approve Council Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2023. Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

**B. Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2023**

*Councilor Herrera moved to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2023. Councilor Walls seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

5. **CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council may go into closed executive session pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1 (H) to discuss pending/threatened litigation. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve moving into closed session.

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to go into closed session at 6:11 pm. Councilor Herrera moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Councilor Eckstein, Councilor Burkholder, and Councilor Herrera were in favor of moving into closed session. Councilor Walls was opposed. Motion passed.*

*Mayor Atencio called for a motion to return to the regular meeting at 7:07 pm stating that nothing was discussed other than what is permitted pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15- 1(H). Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Walls second. Approval was unanimous.*

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Discussion Department Budget Presentations Finance Director Kimberly Simpson**

*Discussions were held and presentations were made by each department head.*

- B. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a MOU with the Four Corners Youth Soccer League Parks Director Melinda Gomez**

*Council Walls moved to approve the MOU. Councilor Herrera seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Lodgers Tax Janet Mackey.**

*Janet Mackey discussed hiring a Humpty Dumpty hot air balloon for this year's balloon rally. Councilor Burkholder moved to approve Lodgers Tax. Councilor Eckstein seconded. Approval was unanimous.*

7. **PUBLIC INPUT (Limited to five [5] minutes per person):**

- A. **Comments from the Public**

*Janet Mackey invited all to the Chamber luncheon that is being held on April 19, 2023, and you must RSVP.*

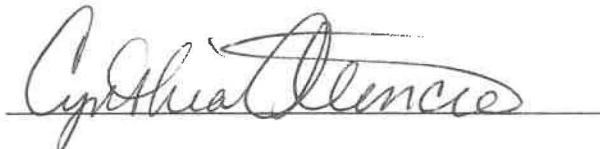
**Comments** from Department Heads and/or Council

*None*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

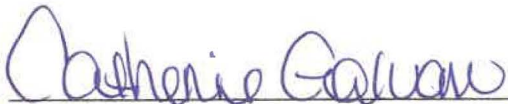
Mayor Atencio called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Councilor Eckstein moved to approve. Councilor Burkholder seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**ATTENTION TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk's office at 632-6300 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.



Cynthia Atencio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Galvan, Deputy City Clerk

