



Pueblo West Metropolitan District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING PUEBLO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 – 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of The Pueblo West Metropolitan District met at the Pueblo County Commissioners' Chambers in Pueblo, Colorado, on February 15, 2017; at the hour of 2:00 P.M. Commissioner Terry Hart called the joint meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

President Leonard called the roll: Director Barbara Bernard, Director Mark Carmel, Director Mike French, Director Terry Zupan, and President Judy Leonard were present. Commissioner Terry Hart, Commissioner Garrison Ortiz, and Commissioner Sal Pace were present.

Also present was District Manager Darrin Tangeman; Harley Gifford, Legal Counsel; Laura Savage, Administrative Clerk; Jay-Michael Baker, Community Engagement Manager; Dan Centa, Public Works Director; Greg Styduhar; Pueblo County Attorney; Aimee Tihonovich, Pueblo County Finance Director; Paris Carmichael; Pueblo County PIO; and 8 residents.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. AMENDING ROAD IGA DISCUSSION

Director Leonard stated the need to discuss the possibility of amending the current IGA, which was last reviewed in 2002. Director Carmel stated the Metro Board would like to possibly negotiate the Road IGA, and is in support of majority of BOD. Commissioner Hart stated the BOCC is open to negotiations and suggestions. Director Zupan stated a 200% increase of construction commodities have occurred, yet percentage of PC funds to Pueblo West has not increased. Discussion between Commissioner Hart and Director Zupan included PC's current funding priority policy and needs, pooling processes, grant funded items and balancing needs of the entire county. It was noted that friction has occurred between both governments four years ago, and major efforts have been made to improve relations. Director French requested a more formalized agreement is desired to alleviate annual proposals, much like what occurred with the Road Task Force. It was the consensus of both boards to utilize the Task Road Force to hammer out the details of amending the Road IGA as well as set a regular schedule; a meeting will be scheduled and a quarterly schedule was recommended. Discussion ensued regarding the County's 1% sales tax.

2. PUEBLO COUNTY MARIJUANA SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Ms. Tihonovich noted 45% of the RMJ sales tax received is from Pueblo West. Commissioner Pace discussed an IGA regarding sales tax collected being utilized in the Pueblo West community. Discussion included share back fund designation consistent with the City of Pueblo, and funding recommendations. Current expenditures include Pueblo West's \$200,000 for chipseal and capital improvements at the county jail. Director French recommended directing staff to draft an IGA. Commissioner Pace recommended a percentage of revenue collected be designated to Pueblo West. Staff was directed to begin drafting an IGA immediately.

3. 1A FUNDS FOR PUEBLO WEST RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Pace stated a consultant has begun work on the financing piece for 1A to see quick projects all though funds will not begin to roll in for four years. Pueblo West should recommend how funds should be spent in the community. TABOR issues should be kept in mind. A global approach should be taken, yet teams should help with planning. Commissioner Ortiz noted financing is the largest hurdle at this time. Financial institutions are more apt to help with smaller projects compared to an entire project in order to keep costs low. A partnership will be necessary between both entities. Discussion ensued regarding projects above and beyond as funds are available, Joe Martinez Blvd extension planning through Honor Farm property, and future commercial and recreational opportunities.

4. AQUATIC CENTER AND POOL FUNDING

Director French inquired if the commissioners were still committed to providing funds to the future community aquatic center. The commissioners discussed recreational opportunities county-wide and with financing could potentially match future Pueblo West grants. A center would draw from all over the county as well as outside the community.

5. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Commissioner Ortiz discussed the need to improve intergovernmental cooperation, such as purchasing, and recommended more frequent joint meetings, perhaps twice a year, to foster improved relations. Director Zupan stated it would assist with reducing duplication of efforts. Commissioner Hart agreed, and recommended scheduling meetings throughout the year. Meeting locations can be rotated. Commissioner

Pace discussed adding another Pueblo West seat to the PACOG board and subcommittees; Director Zupan expressed interest in filling the seat.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hart discussed the importance of evolving economic development countywide, and is concerned with joint interests in mind to grow business and industrial environments in Pueblo West. Revenues would be available for Pueblo West to incorporate in the future. Director Carmel discussed energy and electrical rates in the Pueblo West community. Director Zupan shared the need of Pueblo West to overcome the perceived stigma of the community known as the marijuana capital of Colorado, yet Sheriff Taylor reported in a previous presentation that crime has decreased in Pueblo West.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Leonard adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2017, at the hour of 6:00 P.M., presently set for the boardroom of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

Secretary

Approved 3/14/2017