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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
September 29, 2016
5:00 p.m.
Andres Z. Silva Conference Center

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Regional Collaboration for the New Mexico Highway 11, 36-mile Truck By-pass Study
2. Adjourn Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 29, 2016

Council Present: Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
Dr. Victor Cruz, Mayor Pro Tem
Joe "Butter" Milo, Councilor
David L. Sanchez, Councilor

Council/Staff Absent: Roxana Rincon, Councilor

Staff Present: Aaron Sera, City Administrator
Jim Massengill, Public Works Director
Bryan Reedy, Community Svcs. Director
Jim Foy, City Attorney
Bobby Orosco, Police Chief
Laura Holguin, Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Lila Jasso, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Regional Collaboration for the New Mexico Highway 11, 36-mile Truck By-Pass Study

Mrs. Juarez, Assistant County Manager, welcomed all the attendees and thanked each entity for their participation. She requested each entity to call their meeting to order.

Mayor Jasso called the City of Deming Council meeting to order.

County Commissioner Diaz called the County meeting to order via roll call, with quorum present.

Village of Columbus Mayor Skinner called the Village meeting to order via roll call, with quorum present.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman of the Deming Public Schools Board called the School Board meeting to order via roll call, with quorum present.

Mayor Skinner of the Village of Columbus called for a motion to approve their agenda. Motioned, seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Mayor Skinner presented resolution 2016-25, declaring regional support by the Village of Columbus for NM Highway 11, 36-mile corridor study. Mayor Skinner asked for a brief explanation about the request. Mr. Sera gave information regarding how the funding process works through the Regional Transportation Division. Mr. Sera stated that the City of Deming will be the lead, and there will not be any additional funding requested from other entities.

There was a question as to whether the resolution had anything to do with the by-pass at this time. Mr. Sera clarified that the resolution is in support of a study that is needed for a transportation by-pass from the border to Hwy 26 for alternate routes.

Motion to approve the resolution was motioned, seconded and approved.

Mayor Skinner commented that each entity has the same the Memorandum of Understanding, and read it into record. Mayor Skinner stated that the entities had been meeting for some time regarding this issue and have now come together in support.

Mayor Jasso asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

Councilor Cruz moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Diaz from Luna County called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion, second and approval were obtained.

Mayor Skinner from the Village of Columbus called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion, second and approval were obtained.

There was discussion about concerns from Deming business owners regarding traffic being diverted and hurt their business. The concern for Columbus was the health and safety, as the trucks run through the city. There was a request for the Engineer to clarify how these issues would be addressed. Mr. Juarez from Wilson & Company stated that there are strict guidelines mandated by the Highway and Safety Administration that trickles down to the NM Department of Transportation. He stated that each entity will be present at the time of planning, where each of these issues will be addressed.

There was comment that there should be a balance between economics and health and safety. Mr. Juarez informed that there is a public comment section during the process.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman for the Deming Public Schools Board, called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion, second and approval were obtained. There were no public comments presented.

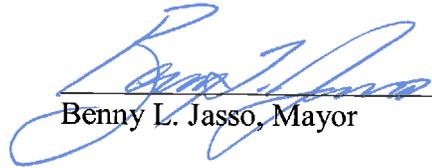
There was comment about this being a historic moment in having all these entities coming together in one place, and working to begin this proposed corridor study.

2. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m. All other entities adjourned, as well.



CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
SUPPORTING A 36-MILE CORRIDOR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Regional Collaboration Group, which consists of representatives from the governing bodies of the Village of Columbus Trustees, City of Deming Council, Deming Public Schools Board of Education, and the Luna County Board of Commissioners, all political subdivisions of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, increased commercial truck traffic movement through Luna County, Columbus and the City of Deming, as a result of the new port of entry expansion, may have significant effects on infrastructure, economics, health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Collaboration Group agree to work collaboratively towards a regional plan identifying potential actions needed to support the increased commercial truck traffic movement through a detailed corridor study; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Collaboration Group agrees to seek funds from all available Federal and State agencies to fund the corridor study.

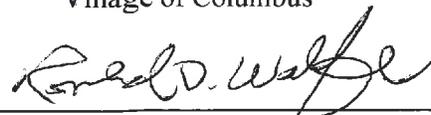
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNDERSTOOD BY THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION GROUP,

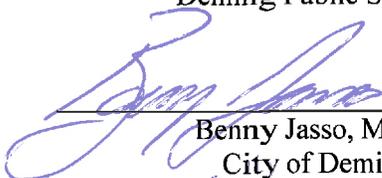
1. The Regional Collaboration Group recommends this Memorandum of Understanding to stand evidence, of the regional collaboration and importance of the New Mexico Highway 11, 36-mile corridor study, to the constituents of the Regional Collaboration Group.
2. All acts and resolutions in conflict with this Memorandum of Understanding are hereby rescinded, annulled, and repealed.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

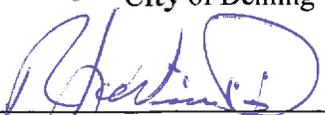
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2016.




Philip Skinner, Mayor
Village of Columbus


Ron Wolfe, Board President
Deming Public Schools


Benny Jasso, Mayor
City of Deming


R. Javier Diaz, Chairman
Luna County Board of Commissioners