

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Minutes of the Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Alamosa City Council was called to order on the above date by Mayor Kathy Rogers at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at roll call: Mayor Rogers, Councilors Greg Gillaspie, Charles Griego, Rusty Johnson, and Marcia Tuggle. Councilors Josef Lucero and Leland Romero previously requested to be excused. A quorum was declared. Also present: City Manager Nathan Cherpeski, City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, and City Clerk Judy Egbert.

AGENDA APPROVAL. It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie to approve the agenda as presented and to excuse Councilors Lucero and Romero. On the roll call the vote was ayes five, nays none. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT

A. Audience Comments

Lance Cheslock told Council of La Puente's CDBG grant application that is due April 2, and asked Council's agreement to submit the application. Mr. Cherpeski added that the grant acceptance will be presented to Council if approved. Council voiced no objection to submitting the grant application. This is an annual application, and the turnaround time is such that it makes it difficult to get this on Council's agenda formally.

Ruth Brown asked if Sydney had been sent a thank-you card. (referring to her comment at the last meeting). She voiced concern about landscaping practices.

Cynthia Tanaka spoke in opposition to the Stadium vacation request, citing traffic and parking.

Leon Moyer complained about the condition of streets, and suggested using independent contractors to do the needed work.

Dan McCann spoke about the national economy, and the success of the Adams State College women's basketball team.

Farris Bervig displayed the photo of Cole Park during the Early Iron Festival, saying that there will be no change to the park itself with the proposed City complex construction.

B. Follow-Up

Mr. Cherpeski:

- Stated that there was a professional landscape firm hired, and work is underway.
- The request regarding naming at the Ranch should begin with the Ranch Board in accordance with Council's policy.
- The statement that the skate park is moving to the baseball court at Cole Park is untrue. A location on the south side of the City is being considered. More information will be presented when available.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. Introduction of New Employees

- Dixie Diltz, Administrative Assistant, Public Works
- Jessica Jolly, Recreation Specialist, Recreation

Mr. Koskelin introduced Dixie Diltz, and Mr. Bergann introduced Jessica Jolly. Council welcomed these two new employees.

B. Proclamation – National Red Cross Month

Mayor Rogers read the proclamation and presented it to Adeline Lee, who spoke about the mission of the Red Cross.

CONSENT CALENDAR A. It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Consent Calendar A as presented. On the roll call the vote was ayes five, nays none. The motion carried. Items:

- Request from Ranch Board to apply for Marketing District Grant
- February 2010 Report of Expenditures
- Minutes of Special Meeting March 1, 2010
- Minutes of Regular Meeting March 3, 2010
- February 2010 Monthly Reports
- Resolution No. 5, 2010 – A Resolution Approving the 3 Mile Annexation Plan For The City of Alamosa, Colorado.
- Accept Planning Commission's recommendation to deny request for change of zoning from Residential Medium (RM) to Residential High Density (RH). Property affected is described generally as north of the high school and west of the storm water detention area

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Presentations from Outside Agencies

1. Trinidad State Junior College Introductions

Interim President Felix Lopez, Dean of Student Services David Pearse, and Dean of Instruction and Academic Programs Marta Shoman introduced themselves, and were welcomed by Council.

B. Board/Commission Business

1. Tree Board Update

Marilyn Loser presented a written report. She encouraged citizen input at the April levee forum, and told of Arbor Week activities.

C. Business Brought Forward by City Staff

1. Public Works

a. Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 3, 2010, An Ordinance Vacating that Portion of Stadium Avenue Adjacent to and West of the College Subdivision and That Portion of Richardson Avenue Adjacent to and West of Block 3, Groenings Subdivision

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

Leon Moyer objected to Richardson changes, but did not object to Stadium.

Brian Brownell requested that Richardson Avenue remain as it is, citing traffic and parking issues.

Pat Gilmore said that the Richardson changes would not have a negative impact.

Dan McCann said that ASC has been very flexible in developing these plans, and supported the ordinance.

Gail Woodke asked if there would be a road between the softball field and Stadium.

David Svaldi, ASC President, described four neighborhood meetings to discuss the plans with citizens. Parking concerns were heard, and improvements developed. There will be a street that will curve north gradually into Stadium Drive so there will still be access.

Eric Van de Boogaard, ASC, responded to a question, saying that there will be 130 parking spaces in the Richardson lot, and 140 in the area. In addition, there will be 140 spaces in the new lot near Coronado, 80 to 85 spaces in the new lot that will replace the Rex lot, and another 26 to 30 spaces in the new lot east of Plachy Hall. There is not a lot of parking on the area proposed for vacation.

Bill Mansheim, ASC, added that the handicapped parking will be expanded and improve the conflict point on First Street.

David Svaldi said that there were still issues to be decided. Students will be required to have a parking pass, but may not be charged for it. Also there is the possibility of establishing parking zones on campus and/or neighborhood parking zones.

Ericha Loosbrock, Grizzly Club member and former Chair of the Planning Commission, stated that the change to Stadium Drive is much needed, and is a safety issue. Plans for Richardson have been done effectively and would improve the community. She supported the ordinance.

Bill Brinton spoke in concern about the Lutheran School, suggesting speed limit enforcement as an alternative. He suggested that the parking could be improved by having non-commuters walk or ride a bike on campus.

Eric Van de Booggard reported that ASC had met with the Lutheran school, and the school was very supportive. Residents have also expressed support after working together through the collaborative planning sessions.

Bill Mansheim added that a land swap with the Lutheran school was considered, but instead decided to donate land to the north to be used for playground, with the land on the south of the school changed to parking.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Mansheim said that a one-way option for the school was not part of this request.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 8:04 p.m.

Council thanked ASC for the extensive collaborative efforts made on this project.

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Tuggle that Ordinance No. 3, 2010 be finally adopted. On the roll call the vote was ayes five, nays none. The motion carried.

d. Golf Pump Station Bid Award

Three bids were received for this project, with Rainbird Corporation as the low bidder. The pump is part of the project to move water from the wetlands area to the east off the golf course for irrigation purposes. The water will originate from the Independent Ditch to the wetlands, which will function as a reservoir. This change in use has been initiated through water court.

It was moved by Councilor Gillaspie and seconded by Councilor Griego to award the bid for the pump station to Rainbird Corporation in the amount of \$74,555.00. On the roll call the vote was ayes five, nays none. The motion carried.

8. City Manager/Legal

a. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 4, 2010 – Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase and Sublease Agreement and Other Documents and Actions in Connection with Financing the City's Municipal Complex Project

Mr. Cherpeski introduced the issue by saying that when he was first hired, Council asked him to make this project a priority. The original City Hall had been on the same site, so the location had been established for a long time. When Farris Bervig ran for mayor 25 years ago, the issue was in the forefront then. There are plans that were done in 1999 for a facility at that time, but never completed. The need has existed for a long time.

History:

- City Hall was built in 1960 to replace the existing building.
- By 1985, the City was looking to expand or replace this facility.
- Lack of space and technology changes make the current building inadequate.

Evolution of Plan:

- The plan developed in 1999 included significantly more building footprint than the proposed plan.

Issues to be addressed:

- Lack of permanent home for Police Department
- Inadequate Fire Station
- Overcrowded Library
- Overcrowded City Hall
- Completely inadequate Public Works building
- Technology shortcomings
- Customer service issues with multiple locations
- ADA issues – accessibility, bathrooms, door widths, signage, etc...

Assumptions:

- The project needs to address the issues.
- We should seek a long term solution, not a temporary fix.
- Do not fix one department's needs at the expense of the others.
- Keep it downtown if possible.
- Develop the most economical approach.
 - Use property we own
 - Building should be functional and durable without being over done.

Process:

- City Council appointed a citizen task force to examine all City facilities. This task force indicated that the City should seek to replace or remodel/expand City Hall and the library and demolish the existing public works building. Fire needs were also discussed as pressing. This group did not select a site, but indicated that changes needed to happen.
- Staff examined numerous alternatives, involving existing buildings and other properties over the last 3 ½ years.

Finances:

- While not cheap, it is the most economical solution to all of the problems.
- All financial decisions in the City are reviewed for their impact on the City's long term financial health.
- Staff has planned for this expenditure in the long range plan
- Even with this project, streets and infrastructure will still be priority items.

What is a COP?

- Certificate of Participation – Financing in which an individual buys a share of the lease revenues of an agreement made by a municipal or governmental entity, rather than the bond being secured by those revenues. It is essentially a lease purchase.
- It is one of the only ways to proceed without asking for a tax increase. This project will not change any tax rates.
- The COP will be with ACLC, a registered not-for-profit corporation, created by the City for the Recreation Center project and now proposed to be used for this project. The original board was appointed by Council. The current board fills own vacancies. Two representatives from Council serve on the board. All board members and officers serve without compensation.

Why now?

- The construction market is very competitive. There were 37 companies represented at the walk-through, with 14 being general contractors
- Interest rates are near all time lows
- We have made the changes to our budget that would allow this project.
- Ignoring the need won't make it go away.

The Centers for Disabilities are waiting to see what the City does. Using the Recreation Center is not a viable option. This would involve eliminating the potential for paying customers, moving court staff to the Center, and having prisoners in handcuffs escorted past the public. It could be used on a temporary basis, but would not be a long term solution.

Mayor Rogers opened the hearing at 8:31 p.m. and asked for those wishing to speak on this ordinance.

Dan McCann, City resident:

- The time is right for this project to go to bid. It has never been better.
- As a former Marine, he has strong feelings about the need to be in ADA compliance.
- To those who say that there has been no opportunity to discuss this, he says "Where have you been?" It has been talked about extensively for a long time. City staff has been responsive to inquiries.
- All the departments will be in one location. This makes sense from an IT standpoint, as well as customer service.
- Cole Park will be barely affected. He participated in the site walk-through. To those who think Cole Park is coming to an end, he says "you don't know what you're talking about".
- He would like to see the park even bigger, but the City will not get rid of Cole Park.
- After this project is done, the levee should be the next priority.
- Don't delay action on this project.

Susan Robinson, County resident and schoolteacher:

- She expressed concern about having all the fire equipment on the north side of town, leaving the new school, airport, Boys & Girls Club, County administration, Recreation Center, all on the other side of the tracks. All the new growth is heading to the south. The railroad business is increasing and may cause long delays in crossing tracks.

Judith Gritz, County resident:

- She asked how many local contractors can bid a project this large. Contractors must be bonded and come up with 5% in cash. She would like to see the project broken up into smaller pieces so that local contractors could bid more competitively. It doesn't make sense to send millions of dollars outside the Valley.
- The City's 2010 budget summary shows a projected revenue of \$15,945,440 and expenses of \$16,765,165, with even more just spent on a pump. The City should explain where the money is coming from.
- She asked why the ACLC is needed, then went on to say that the City can't borrow this much money.
- She admitted not knowing a lot about it except that it has to do with TABOR.
- When the Recreation Center was voted down, Council organized the ACLC to borrow the money and lease the building to the City. This is a legal loophole so that it doesn't have to go to the voters.
- She requested that Council reconsider, defeat, or table this ordinance.

Council asked Mr. Schwiesow to describe the role of the ACLC. The use of this structure is integral to the Certificate of Participation mechanism. While the end result can be accomplished using other mechanisms, the Certificate of Participation is the most appropriate for this project. Alternate mechanisms could include a straight lease-purchase, which would not involve the ACLC, or a General Obligation Bond that does require a vote. The issue in using that is the complexity of the situation and a potentially higher interest rate, as well as the vote requirement.

Rich Loosbrock, Library Board President and City resident:

- The Library Board supports this project as proposed. There is a true need due to increase in library use.
- The issues as they relate to ADA compliance, getting the Police Department out of a rented space, and the need to expand the Fire Department are real.
- He agreed that this has been a long time in coming. Three years ago the need was urgent. There may be the potential of forced ADA compliance. This has been more than a decade in the works, and Mr. Cherpeski described this as starting 25 years ago. This has been long and deliberate, with much involvement.

- The price now is better than it will ever be. Act now, and don't delay the inevitable. It will cost more later.

Kris Steinberg, Friends of the Library and County resident:

- The need for library expansion has been addressed by other speakers; she won't belabor the point.
- The location will help preserve downtown and centralize services. Alamosa is becoming more suburbanized with growth, and having a vibrant downtown is an asset for all businesses.
- She sees the project as an asset to Cole Park, with the ability to visit both the park and the library at the same time.
- This is also a good location for employees to work.
- She encouraged Council to continue to be forward-thinking.

Charlotte Frederick, City resident:

- The plans are beautiful, but it would be better if it had been taken to a vote.

Jim Woodke, City resident:

- There is a recession going on.
- PERA has frozen raises. There are lots of elderly retired people with a frozen income.
- Federal taxes were raised in January.
- There is an Xcel rate increase coming.
- There are three buildings that will be vacant.
- The ACLC was formed to circumvent voters.

Robert Frederick, City resident:

- He formerly served on the Planning Commission, and feels that the Planning Commission was bypassed on this project.
- No traffic studies have been done.
- The City is signing a death warrant for Cole Park. How much money does it bring to the community? The park should be larger for Early Iron. It is one of the best parks in the state and there is no room for future expansion.
- IT is not a need. He has friends in Russia that he can dial on the phone. The City doesn't need IT next door.
- This will make more traffic and will not make the park more usable.
- There are other places to build.
- Do you need it right now with the economy the way it is?
- Why would you want to spend millions of dollars without public input?
- He asked Council to table it or take it to a vote.
- He knows that it will be turned down if taken to a vote.
- He was on the Planning Commission when the Recreation Center was built, and the Planning Commission was bypassed on that project.
- He was told that the Recreation Center would support itself. This is not true.
- The City is also paying for the Golf Course.
- There is a lawsuit coming, and the City is not adequately insured.
- When the Rialto burned down, the City was not adequately insured.

Ruth Brown, County resident and City business owner:

- She presented a petition two weeks ago when she didn't know there was going to be a public hearing. The petition contains 710 signatures.
- The petition asked not to build on Cole Park property

- In 1973, Cole Park started where the city sign is.
- She is not against the library expansion, Police Department, or improving the Fire Department. She is not against ADA compliance.
- She would like more community input.
- She knew when she started the petition that it wasn't a legal document, but rather to show that there are a large number of people not in favor.
- Signers were not coerced, bribed, or bullied into signing.
- Signers are from all walks of life. One friend told her that it had been said that only college students had signed it. So what? Can't college students have an opinion?
- Her customers talk to her about bills and taxes. The economy is not good. Do you think it will get better? She didn't think so.
- She would like to see why there was no traffic study, and this area is already congested.
- If the current facility has been working for 25 years or 10 years or 3 ½ years, why not take it to a vote?
- She asked if Council could promise her that no one ever talked about it at a meeting and decided that it would not pass at a vote?
- She was at a meeting when the Recreation Center failed, and it was said that it was because the school issue was on the same ballot. Council spoke of the need to educate people. Later the corporation was formed, and that is still being paid off.
- The Recreation Center came in under budget, and the upstairs walking track is not ADA compliant.
- She has not talked to anyone who is 100% in favor of this project.
- She hopes that if it passes, that Council will promise that no services will be cut for the next 20 years while the project is being paid off, and that taxes will not be raised, and that other services such as the Recreation Center will be improved.
- If Council accepts Mr. Cherpeski's answer to her landscaping questions, she feels sorry for the City.

Leon Moyer, County resident:

- He thanked Council for the time and effort put into this project
- This is a good plan.
- Some feel that this is the wrong time, that it costs too much, that locals won't get to bid.
- Empty buildings could be used for the fire station, then remodel this building into a new City Hall.
- Council seems to be reactive, such as was the case with the water contamination.
- What are you doing on a regular basis to replace water pipes?
- City employees live better than people paying taxes. The Police Department gets new cars before citizens do. Citizens don't build a new house because theirs is 40 or 50 years old. When IT needs change, a new building does not go up.
- He asked Council to table this or to not pass it.
- What are you cutting to make the payments? Revenues won't go up enough to make the payments.
- He wants to see if it is worth suffering the cuts.

Mike Gibson, City resident:

- He was on the committee that looked at the facilities and recommended that there was need and action should be taken. He doesn't question the needs, including ADA, police, fire, and library.
- He is not questioning the motive. He is questioning the timing and location.

- He doesn't like the Cole Park infringement. The park starts right here at the door and goes out all the way.
- The levee is a more important issue. In December 2008 the City received information about the unacceptable condition of the levee. The first action taken was a work session in January 2010.
- How many of you have read the report? Council relies on Nathan and Don regarding findings. He recommended that Council read the report.
- At a recent meeting, Councilor Johnson asked Mr. Cherpeski if there was money to fix the levee and build the city facility. The reply was no. He argues that Council has a greater moral and legal obligation to the community to fix the levee with the funds available. There is more responsibility here than for a new building.
- He suggested using the County Commissioners building for meetings. There are alternatives without moving forward at this time.
- Council should be concentrating efforts and money on fixing the levee.
- There was a water study done prior to the salmonella contamination that pointed out problems, but staff was busy working on something else.

Christine Jones-Daboll, County resident:

- This looks like a cheap shopping mall. It will look like the Harleez building. It's an abomination.
- She agreed with many of the points stated.
- A long term need isn't a reason to move forward.
- This is not being done in the best interest of citizens.
- Meetings could be held elsewhere.
- Multiple locations are not a problem.
- This would destroy the look and feel of Cole Park. It will be shut off and not as welcoming.
- Future encroachment is likely.
- She agreed with the need to fix the levee.
- Fire protection should be located on the south side.
- Smaller and more incremental projects would be better for local contractors.
- She has been on the school committee, and the new school project has been difficult for locals.
- She asked what the payments and interest would be, as she did not see that information in the materials presented.
- A large concern is the lack of a vote. True democracy should allow for a vote.
- She asked Council that Council defeat or table this ordinance.

Dick Wueste, City resident.

- Nobody studies philosophy or logic anymore. The question determines the answer, and we have been asking the wrong question.
- Years ago it was decided it is best to put all the services in one place. This is not necessarily true. Alternate ways can be considered that spread it out and make it work.
- He liked the Police Department where it is.
- The Fire Department needs to be able to respond quickly to the south or the west.
- He requested that Council return to ground zero and reconsider the needs.
- The process should address all possibilities and locations.
- Timing and perception is an issue. This is the worst time for politicians to be building a building that they are going to be working in.

- This is the biggest thing that has happened in Alamosa in long time. Citizens get to vote for taxes on everything else, why not this? If Council truly believes it will pass, take it to the voters.

Farris Bervig, City resident:

- He said that he has listened with interest to all the comments, and appreciates how government works.
- He was part of six elections in the City. Every four years citizens have the opportunity to elect Council members. One year the election was cancelled because no one would run.
- He has looked at this need for as long as he can remember. Council has been elected to do a job.
- If the bids come in high or the interest rate is wrong, the project will not move forward.
- Council is in a spot that is not fun to be in, but must do what is right. There are 700 signatures on a petition, but there are 7,000 in the silent majority.
- The City does have other issues, such as the levee. The Army Corps of Engineers is taking a strong approach because of Hurricane Katrina. Our existing levee has trees that have been already approved by a five-star general who said that the levee design would protect residents. The City could have a 100-year or 500 year flood. In 1985 or 87 with 800+ inches of snowfall, we had high water but did not flood. The City has invested \$1 million, and the Corps \$7 million. Later the City spent \$250,000 to repair the levee, and the Corps has not yet reimbursed the City.
- Council has the role of making decision for the community. He encouraged Council to make that decision tonight.

Richard Gritz:

- Said that Farris Bervig's statements implied a great deal of arrogance.
- The silent majority are those that are here.
- Council's decision will have consequences.
- He asked that Council table action or defeat the ordinance.

Ruth Brown

- Asked Council to table or dismiss.

Terry Smith:

- The State legislature is considering a law to stop the COP option.
- At the national level they don't care what people are saying and they do it anyway. Citizens have a right to say how tax dollars are spent. Citizens have good ideas and want them to be considered.
- Everyone knows if this went to vote tomorrow it wouldn't happen. City Council has said this.
- Council needs to consider the south side of town for the fire station.
- The project is already removing the skate park, said Council said that Cole Park wouldn't be touched.
- Let people have a say.

There being no one further wishing to speak, the hearing closed at 9:23 p.m.

Mr. Cherpeski reminded Council that this is a parameters ordinance representing the worst case scenario. If the bids or interest rate are outside the parameters, he will recommend not moving forward. Right now the interest rate is more than one point below worst case. Contracts are

coming in very competitively. The plans did not anticipate savings, and if savings are recognized it will make the project even more attractive.

Counselor Schwiesow added that Section 3 of the ordinance specifies the maximums. The interest rate used in the calculation is 5.75%.

Bids are due April 8. The opening will be public and bids read out loud. The building is steel, which has remained low even though lumber prices are up.

Councilor Griego stated that Council represents 7,000 to 8,000 people, and has a duty to represent those that don't come to the meetings. The majority of people he has talked to are in favor of the project. He recognized that there are people in opposition, but felt that most are in favor. His position is based on the people that he has listed to. He equated this to his position on the school, saying that the reason he supported it is because citizens did. To say that Council doesn't listen is wrong. He has been on Council 26 years, and remembers it being talked about it back then. It doesn't make sense to keep spending money patching this building. The reason this is not going to a vote is that there is no tax increase requested.

Mr. Cherpeski clarified that the bid bond is not required to be cash. The performance bond is required to ensure that a contractor doesn't walk off the job before it is finished. As of yesterday there were 18 confirmed bidders from all over the state, including one local firm. There has been interest expressed from additional locals as well. With the Adams State project, many local contractors were chosen as subcontractors, and there are no bond requirements for subs. If the bid is awarded to a non-local general contractor, they will be strongly encouraged to use local subcontractors, although it can't be a requirement.

Councilor Tuggle added that she saw this process as very fair to locals. There are three or four contractors qualified to bid if they choose to, in addition to the open opportunity for subcontractors. The Recreation Center bid went to a Colorado Springs firm, but that firm used 7 local subcontractors out of the 10 used. On the flip side, if a non-local contractor is hired, the local economy will benefit from the influx of workers staying in motels and spending money here. She added that there was no intent to raise taxes or increase expenses to the public. Some of the concerns expressed such as vehicle license increases, and federal tax increases are outside the control of the City, and the City receives no benefit from these increases.

Councilor Gillaspie noted that while he respects the opinion of those tonight, he believes that this is the right time, the right location, and the right design. ASC is investing millions right now because of the good bidding market.

Councilor Johnson noted that he will continue to learn more on the levee issue. He asked citizens if they were able to vote on the issue without attaching a tax, would they vote yes?

Mayor Rogers thanked citizens for taking the time to express their opinion. She summed up the discussion by saying that this isn't a new issue; it has been dealt with for a very long time. Council does not take its job lightly, and sometimes the decisions are tough. As was previously brought out, Council represents a broader spectrum of citizens than are here tonight. She described having received phone calls from those supporting the project. She told of Don Wuckert telling how they went through a very similar situation when the decision to build was made for the current building. She believed that this is the right thing to do. Sometimes the worst of times are the best of times, and it was right to take advantage of a situation that will create a good first impression. Regarding fire issues, the Fire Department has been involved and is very much behind the project. Combining the services does make sense. These are the considerations dealt with for a very long time. Council must do the job it was elected to do.

It was moved by Councilor Griego and seconded by Councilor Gillaspie that Ordinance No. 4, 2010 be finally adopted. On the roll call the vote was ayes five, nays none. The motion carried.

E. Committee Reports

Councilor Johnson:

- Presented correspondence from the Ranch Board with criteria they want to see during board applicant interviews.
- The Tree Board met today, and is submitting an alternate list of trees to be used in the City complex design. This change will be included in an addendum.

F. Staff Announcements

Mr. Cherpeski:

- Reported that the levee forum has been scheduled April 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Army Corps of Engineers staff have been invited, but no response has been received. The rules continue to change, with variances set out in the Federal Register. The width of the right-of-way is at issue.
- Announced that there will be a funeral Monday in Pueblo for National Guard Staff Sgt. Orta.
- In response to a question from Council, Mr. Cherpeski said that the levee is as safe as the day it was built. It is the maintenance standards that have changed. There are some issues related to maintenance, not design, that the City is addressing. Council assured citizens that this is an issue that the City has been actively been working on and not neglecting as implied earlier. There are more issues than simply the cost of the project, such as homes, rights-of-way and private property.

Ms. Egbert noted that the breakfast meeting with Alamosa County has been scheduled for 7:00 a.m. May 24 at SLV Pizza.

Counselor Schwiesow told Council he would be on vacation during the next meeting. He will have one of his associates at the meeting.

LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIONS

A. Consent Calendar B

It was moved by Councilor Tuggle and seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Consent Calendar B as presented. On the roll call the vote was ayes four, nays none. Councilor Griego abstained as the spouse of a liquor license holder. Items:

- Special Events Permits (2), Knights of Columbus 4/24/10 5/29/10

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Gillaspie asked that Golf Board concerns be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilor Tuggle asked the status of the ramadas at the ranch. Council Johnson said that it was in progress, but delayed with weather.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Judy A. Egbert, City Clerk

Kathleen J. Rogers, Mayor