



# **TOWN OF IGNACIO**

## **Town Board of Trustees Agenda**

### **Special Meeting**

**6:30 p.m. – Monday, July 23, 2018**

**Abel F. Atencio Municipal Complex, 570 Goddard Avenue, Ignacio, CO**

#### **I. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER: ROLL CALL**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:32pm by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Trustee Tom Atencio (arrived at 6:55pm), Trustee Sharon Craig, Trustee Sandra Maez, Trustee Dixie Melton

Absent: Trustee Edward Box III

Guests: Ron Dunavant, Antwan Whitehead with TDL Recycling, Gabe Preston with RPI Consulting

#### **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Ignacio School District DOLA EIAF Grant Application**

Mr. Garcia has been working with the school district on various issues such as irrigation easement, property ownership of the Town Shop property, Becker Street crosswalk, etc. Indian Affairs meets in Ignacio regularly and, at a recent meeting, Dr. Fuschetto spoke with Irv Halter, Director of DOLA and Patrick Rondinelli, our Regional Manager regarding funding for the school through Energy Impact Assistance Funds. The Town has to be the lead agency for any energy grants; however, the school district is eligible to receive funds if the Town sponsors them. The proposed grant is for infrastructure (gas, water, sewer, electricity) for about 20 lots up on Candelaria, west of Becker Street, and the Town will put the utility lines in (except for electricity; LPEA would do this). \$736,000 infrastructure needs, not including tap fees to the Tribe. Town Board has to give approval to apply for the grant (August 1 submittal deadline) – Dr. Fuschetto would like to apply for a 50/50 matching grant. Mr. Garcia believes it is a good project, allowing the school district to improve those lots and provide future housing that will serve as rentals for teachers (or others if not enough teachers need the housing). ISD will have to do all the work of writing the grants, as well as carrying the cost of building the houses. Want to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the ISD Board that

outlines that all responsibilities lie on the school board, including management of the funds, quarterly reporting, etc. Trustee Melton asked if the school will provide the matching funds; Mr. Garcia said yes. The only things that Mr. Garcia believes will be required of the Town staff are to help with a couple of pages of the grant and then possibly go with Rocco when he presents his grant request to DOLA. Mr. Garcia stated that this is Mr. Halter's last year with DOLA; he has been very supportive and understanding of Ignacio's needs and Dr. Fuschetto would like to have this application submitted while Mr. Halter is still with DOLA.

Trustee Melton moved to approve to support the ISD in the DOLA EIAF Grant Application. Mayor Pro Tem deKay seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **B. Town Board/Tribal Council Meeting Discussion**

July 31 joint meeting – Town Board needs to come up with 3 agenda items; the Tribal Council will come up with 3 as well. Mr. Garcia stated that Rate Analysis should not be included because the consultants have stated they will not be ready by this meeting; Mayor Pro Tem deKay stated that she does not want to ignore it, even if all that is said is that we are excited to be working through this and look forward to it being completed by October 1. Trustee Melton mentioned jurisdictional quagmire at Shoshone Park; Mr. Garcia stated that this came up in his meeting with Chairman Sage and she sent him a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding; Chief has a copy for review and it will also be reviewed by our Attorney. Mr. Garcia offered to send a copy to the Board members for their review. Trustee Melton asked if Irrigation Easement should be a topic; Mr. Garcia stated that this is currently in water court and the Tribe's court. Mayor Pro Tem deKay asked if housing should be on the agenda; Mr. Garcia stated that a new Tribal Planner (Doug MacDonald) has been hired and housing is a high priority for him as well.

Menu was discussed; Mayor Cox stated that, due to family issues, Connie will not be able to provide the dinner as previously planned. Trustee Craig suggested frito pie. Trustee Maez stated she would bring chili; Mayor Pro Tem deKay will create a Google Document for sign-ups.

## **C. Town Managers Report**

Mr. Garcia stated that his written report has been submitted and opened it up for discussion. Trustee Craig asked about the time frame for the crosswalk at Becker and Hwy 172. Mr. Garcia stated that CDOT has said they will work with us to get this installed and operating by the beginning of the school year. He is also working with CDOT to do some crosswalk counts and we may be able to install temporary signs at crosswalks that straddle the middle line of the road; these will only be up during heavy use seasons (not during the winter when plowing is taking place). Mr. Garcia asked for permission to attend the Small Communities Housing – focus on Rock Creek and/or the school project with the lots up on the hill. Board agreed by consensus. Mr. Garcia talked about a development proposal that will be coming in; this will require some variances in building coverage ratio, parking requirements, etc. We currently do not

have a Board of Adjustment as the terms have all expired. This is a five member board, one shall be from the Planning Commission; the other four are appointed by the Town Board. Amanda Rockwell has submitted an application. Mr. Garcia will attempt to find candidates for the Board of Adjustment.

**D. Other Business**

Trustee Craig asked about the timeline for the crosswalk at Becker; Mr. Garcia stated that he hoped it would happen before the end of the summer so that it is ready for the school year. \$17,000 estimate; Mr. Garcia is approaching school district for assistance with this expense.

Mr. Atencio asked if he could bring up the ISD Grant again. Mayor Cox agreed. Mr. Atencio asked if the proposal was accepted; it was. Mr. Atencio then stated he had several questions to ask. He asked why the school is getting into the rental business. They are using tax dollars for the infrastructure; this takes away from the open enterprise of rentals in this town. Also, if he is proposing to build on the lots and sell them to the community, Mr. Atencio believes that the Town needs to stipulate that they need to be low income housing. Several people in the community have rentals as income; the school should not get into rentals. If they will be dedicated to teachers, Mr. Atencio stated that he has no problem with that; if it is cutting into the community's income sources, he believes that the school should not be allowed to do it. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the proposal. Mr. Garcia stated that he had attempted to contact DOLA regarding any potential restrictions on the funding, but Mr. Rondinelli is out this week; Dr. Fuschetto was not aware of any restrictions. Mr. Garcia will press into finding this information for Mr. Atencio.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:14p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Room at 570 Goddard Avenue.

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**Stella Cox, Mayor**

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**Date**

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Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk