



**MINUTES OF THE RATON CITY COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Segotta called the special meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:** Answering roll call was: Mayor Neil Segotta, Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster, Commissioners: Lori Chatterley, Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry and Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci.
- III. **ACTION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/ RESOULTIONS/ CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- The City Commission may discuss and/or take actions on the following agenda items:**
  - A. **PUBLIC HEARING/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – FY23 DRAFT INTERIM BUDGET**

City Manager Berry explained that this year's budget is being looked at very differently. He noted that revenues are showing stability which will give the City of Raton the ability to cover the additional positions budgeted and address significant building and equipment improvements. He further noted that personnel costs are the largest chunk of the budget with emergency services consisting of 60%. City Manager Berry stated that the City of Raton is trying to offer competitive wages but still is seeing a high turnover rate in the police and fire departments which makes it extremely difficult to staff those services 24/7. He also reported that the City of Raton is proposing a 2.5% increase for full-time non-union positions and will increase all union wages per the individual contracts. He also reported that RPS and RWW are proposing 3% for their staff. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci reviewed the draft Interim Budget and highlighted the slight increase in the revenue projection for FY23 due to the increase in revenue from online sales and the numerous projects being planned for the fiscal year totaling close to \$7.1 million after the RPS Photovoltaic project is added to the list. She also summarized the budgeted non-recurring capital expenditures that would be made utilizing General Fund reserves in the amount of \$207,800. It was also discussed that additional expenses in the amount of \$75,000 would be added for the Brownfield Program Services contract and abatement expenses. She also discussed concerns and challenges expressed regarding a possible decrease in Small Cities Assistance distribution, inflation and supply chain delays. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci stated that the proposed General Fund Budget is \$5,472,448 with a required 1/12<sup>th</sup> reserve of \$456,037 and the estimated ending cash balance as of June 30 2023 is \$2,901,840 which provides almost 5 times the required coverage. The total proposed budget for all funds is \$23,751,743. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci stated that a final interim budget would be presented to the City Commission for approval on May 24<sup>th</sup> with a listing of any changes made. She also noted that the final interim budget must be submitted to DFA by June 1<sup>st</sup>. A brief discussion followed regarding broadband needs and the USDA Broadband ReConnect program. City Manager Berry announced that there will be 2 important meetings next week for the NMDOT 64/87 Interchange Project with

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an estimated cost of \$48 million which would bring significant windfall GRT to the City of Raton in the future. City Manager Berry encouraged everyone to participate in the meetings. There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**ATTEST**

  
Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor