

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Contact Through Zoom

1. The workshop was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by virtual contact through ZOOM. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Karen Sheek, Mayor Pro-Tem Orly Lucero, Sue Betts, Ty Keel, Mike Lavey, and Gary Noyes. Council-elect Rachel Medina, Arlina Yazzie, David Rainey, and Amy Huckins were also in attendance. Staff members present were Director of Public Works Phil Johnson, IT Support Technician Bill Kuhn, Director of Finance Ben Burkett, Interim Chief of Police Andy Brock, City Manager John Dougherty, City Clerk Linda Smith, and City Attorney Mike Green. There were eleven people signed up as participants.

2. Director of Finance Burkett spoke about the clean-up of the 2016 audit and noted that the City is continuing to work with the Auditor to move the process forward. Discussion was held on a possible time line on when the audits would be completed. Director of Finance Burkett stated that his team is working on the 2017-2019 audits and will be prepared to move forward when the 2016 audit is complete. Director of Finance Burkett reviewed the financial statements that were included in the packet noting the concern with the impact from COVID-19 on the City's revenues. He spoke about the sales tax information that has been received through March noting his concern for the decline in sales tax expected for April. City Manager Dougherty spoke about the benchmark that is being used to estimate City finances for 2020/2021 and commented that staff has been working on reducing their budget to meet the estimated downfall. Discussion was held on the changes that would need to be applied to Mesa Verde Country funding due to the lodger's tax decrease. Director of Finance Burkett reviewed the March 2020 Finance Report and commented that staff will provide a report each month so Council is kept in the loop as mandated by the City Charter. He reviewed the various graphs included in the report and how they compare with previous years as well as year-to-date. Council thanked Director of Finance Burkett and his team for their work.

The virtual meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.