

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

1. The workshop began at 5:30 p.m., with dinner being served. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Karen Sheek, Mayor Pro-tem Orly Lucero, Jill Carlson, Sue Betts, Ty Keel, Mike Lavey, and Gary Noyes. Staff members present were Management Intern Peyton Heitzman, Manager of Marketing and Events Jon Brooks, Director of Planning and Building Sam Proffer, Finance Director Ben Burkett, City Engineer Chad Hill, Patrol Lieutenant Andy Brock, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Attorney Mike Green, and City Manager John Dougherty. There were eight people present in the audience.
2. City Attorney Green reviewed the Gun Club information that was included in the Council packet. He noted that the City has always owned the property and research does not show that the property was ever deeded to the Gun Club and then back to the City. He stated that the property has been dedicated for a public purpose and would require an election if the property were to be sold. It was noted that the City Police Department is allowed to practice shooting in the building. He stated that the latest lease with the Gun Club was approved in 2006 for 50 years. Staff was asked to notify the Gun Club that Council would like to continue with the lease.
3. Manager of Marketing and Events Brooks commented that the decision to have Mesa Verde Country take over management of the Welcome Center has gone really well and Kelly Kirkpatrick has done a great job. He spoke about the marketing that has been done for the golf course over the past couple of years and gave Council copies of the marketing material that has been distributed at many different locations. He stated that the advertising dollars have been increased thanks to the support of Mesa Verde Country and Cortez Retail Enhancement Association (CREA). He also spoke about the way the course is run and the condition of the course which is accredited to Golf Superintendent Tom Kramlich and Golf Pro Micah Rudosky. He spoke about the line 'Where Mesa Verde Meets the Greens' that has been used in the golf course advertising. Discussion was held about the 'gem' that Conquistador Golf Course is and that the marketing seems to be working. Manager of Marketing and Events Brooks shared stickers that were created for Phil's World and everyone agreed Phil's World has become a well known biking destination.
4. Interviews were held with the three candidates that had applied for the at-large position on the Golf Advisory Board. Sam Jarvis, Nicci Crowley, and Bill Lewis each spoke to Council about their goals for the golf course and what they would bring to the board should they be chosen to serve. Appointment of the representative to the board was made in the regular Council meeting (item 6a).
5. Director of Planning and Building Proffer spoke about information that has been discussed at the recent Convention Center Committee meetings. He stated that nothing official has been brought to Council regarding a Convention Center; however a series of meetings have been held by a sub-committee (members: Don Haley, Montezuma County Planning Director; James Dietrich, Montezuma County Natural Resources Planning and Public Lands

Coordinator; Brian Bartlett, Baymont Inn and Suites General Manager; Mark Drudge, Executive Director Cortez Retail Enhancement Association; and Sam Proffer, Director of Planning and Building with the City of Cortez) to research and discuss steps to move forward with the idea. He reviewed the nine steps that have been recommended to move the process forward including a feasibility study. He spoke about the cost for a feasibility study and the possibility of the City (Chris Burkett) writing a grant to receive funding for the study which is estimated to cost approximately \$25,000. Discussion was held on the proposed three locations (fairgrounds, old Wal-Mart, a piece of property owned by the County) for the Convention Center. Council noted they would like more information on how the County Commissioners feel about the Convention Center.

6. Council adjourned to Executive Session for a conference with the City Attorney for purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding sales tax, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

No decisions were made in Executive Session and Council adjourned from the workshop at 7:25 p.m.