

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2010

The Monte Vista City Council met in recessed session of their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 4 Chico Camino, Monte Vista, CO.

Call to Order

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Median led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present were Mayor Jose "Art" Medina, Councilor Debbie Garcia, Councilor Lynn Sandusky, and Councilor Jay Almquist. Record to indicate a quorum was present.

Others present were City Manager Don Van Wormer, Finance Director Debbie Phillips, Public Works Director Randy Martinez, City Attorney Eugene Farish, Chief of Police Rick Needham, City Clerk Rhonda Valdez and guests.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Sandusky seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The Consent Agenda consisted of the April 1, 2010 Council Minutes and Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments /Special Presentations

Mayor Medina thanked Joseph "Indio" Samora for 30 years of service to the City of Monte Vista and he was awarded with a certificate of appreciation.

Reports

Don Van Wormer – The Governor, in partnership with DOLA, is preparing to launch the Colorado Sustainable Main Street Initiative. Four communities in the State have been identified by DOLA and the Governor as being prime candidates. They are Fowler, Rifle, the Five Points Neighborhood in Denver, and Monte Vista. The Executive Director of DOLA Susan Kirpatrick will be at the Information Center on April 21, 2010 at 8:30 AM to explain this program a little more. The Governor will do a formal launch of this program on April 28th, and he would like representatives from each entity. I will be in Denver on that day for a board meeting so I can attend the meeting. CML Spring Outreach will be in Monte Vista, held in the Council Chambers on May 17, 11:00 – 2:00 PM. On the 20th, I will be up in Denver for a Downtown Colorado Board Meeting. I have scheduled a meeting to talk with Senator Schwartz, in reference to being opposed to some of the legislative issues. Randy and I met with the gentleman who brought up the issues with Marsh Park. We identified a few projects and Randy will put that on the schedule and get to that as soon as he can. CDOT has completed their traffic study and this summer the speed limit will change from

25 to 30 from Acequia / North Broadway going north on North Broadway. The Monte Vista Community Development Corporation is working on bringing in economic development to our area. They have requested a letter of support.

Councilor Almquist made a motion and Councilor Sandusky seconded, to give a letter of support to the Monte Vista Community Development Corporation. Councilor Garcia abstained. Motion carried.

Van Wormer - You have a memo from Debbie Phillips, Finance Director, that clarifies the miscellaneous field on the city's financials. The Colorado Water Conservation Board will meet on May 18 and 19 to discuss financing requests. We have submitted our request and they have asked that I be there in case they have any questions about our application. If they do approved our request, it would be between 30 to 90 days before a contract is executed.

Mike Wisdom with DRG, they have invited the elected officials to attend a work session on April 26, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Inn of the Rio Grande. The idea of this workshop is to work out details, bylaws regarding the formation of a Council of Government. Our Xpress Bill Pay was officially kicked off today. I would like to give kudos to Jay Cochran in reference to the Kids Connection, she did a good job giving a speech at Rotary Club and there was some good question and answers; she did a really good job.

Martinez - The street crew is trying to hit the dirt streets once a week with the water truck. The Clearview project should be done by the end of May first part of June.

Phillips -The auditors are almost done with 2009 audit and they will present the 2009 financial statements on May 6th at 6:00 P.M. at a Work Session.

Needham - The City requested a street light at 160 and Chico Camino CDOT said there is not enough traffic to justify a traffic light. Our tickets are up over 1/3 over last year and accidents are down. We are testing for a new officer on Tuesday.

Farish - This land swap is still alive with the School; we will have the cost of the election \$5,000 to \$7,000 plus appraisals for both properties, plus replacement of the memorial sign that is placed on the baseball field. We are looking at about 2 months for the special election and one month for the ordinance so a total of 3 months. Van Wormer - We will be looking at closing costs, appraisal costs. The last election we had combined with the county cost us \$11,000. Mayor Medina - We can pay for our appraisal, but I think they should pay for the election. Councilor Garcia - I believe that is part of the City's Master Plan to have that property as a gateway to the City. Van Wormer - We could take the temperature of the community to see if they are supportive of the land swap.

Councilor Almquist - I attended the Art Council last night; it was a pleasure to be there. I spoke with them about the Valley Publishing Building and they were very excited about

using that as a studio space. We will tour the building Saturday May 8th at 3 PM. On November 20, they will be doing the Full Monte Art Festival.

Councilor Garcia – The School Board is meeting tonight to see if they are going to a four-day school week next year. The Monte’s Kids Club is averaging in the high 20’s in participation. If they go to a four-day week, we will see an increase in participation especially on Fridays. The public hearing on the chicken issue is on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00 PM. This Friday and Saturday is the 9 Health Fair and I think it is the largest in the State of Colorado. The 30th of April is the fourth incentive drive for the Rally, we are counting down. In less than two months, we will have Ride the Rockies coming through that same weekend as the Rally in the Valley. We will have a couple thousand motorcycles and a couple thousand bicyclists in town. Van Wormer – I don’t think the city would have any problems opening up whatever will be necessary to help house them.

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Almquist seconded, to go into executive session for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e);to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(4a). Motion carried unanimously.

Upon adjournment from Executive Session

Councilor Garcia made a motion and Councilor Almquist seconded, to return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

No further business meeting adjourned.

Mayor Medina

City Clerk