



**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Bruton

Please turn off cell phones or set to silent mode

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bruton led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

JO	X	MA	X	MW	X	YG	X
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Hallie Brown, Clerk
 Rita Rivera, Senior Center Manager
 Bill Zarr, Village Attorney
 Louisa Gonzales, Resident
 Cynthia Armenta, Resident
 Wilma Garcia, Resident
 Teresa Armenta, Resident
 Matt Armenta, Resident
 Will Voyles, Community Member
 Gregorita Garcia, Resident
 Jake Armenta, Resident
 Phil Roberts, Resident
 Shannon Torres, Resident

Nicolas Kennedy, Deputy Clerk
 Audrey Jaramillo, JAG
 Victor Gonzales, Resident
 Eden Jinzo, Resident
 Daniel Dunn, Community Member
 Marcus Armenta, Resident
 Marley Voyles, Community Member
 Shawn Berget, Resident
 Felipe Garcia, Resident
 Dennis Garcia, Resident
 Jon Schreiner, Community Member
 Gabby Bruton, Resident
 Belinda Griego, Resident

David Wilson, Resident	Monica Garcia, Resident
Vicente Griego, Resident	Julie Trujillo, Resident
Marie Trujillo, Resident	Diana Garcia, Resident
Jose Trujillo, Resident	Lora Lopez, Resident
Robert Schick, Community Member	Alan Haskins, P&Z/Resident
Jovan Garcia, Resident	Joe Patron, Resident
Rena Baros, Resident	Linda Armenta, Resident
Sandra Lee, Resident	Marie Wilson, Resident
Sterling Beeson, Community Member	Jim Chavez, Resident
Michael Keleher, Community Member	Anne Keleher, Community Member
Peggy Keleher, Community Member	Patty Wilber, Community Member
Jim Wilber, Community Member	Cindy Schreiner, Community Member
Sharon McMahan, Community Member	John Beach, Community Member
Ernie Barnes, P&Z/Resident	Tim Struckman, Community Member
Augustine Montoya, Community Member	Kyla Proctor, Resident
Jordan Ortiz, Resident	Maria Pauline Madrid, Community Member
Tomasita Swick, Community Member	Jimmy Chavez, Resident
Ramon Garcia, P&Z/Resident	Phillip Ortiz, Resident

5. **Public Comment**

Public comments for this meeting have been transcribed verbatim with the name of the speaker indicated before the text of the comment.

Wilma Garcia: “Can everyone hear me? Thank you. I want to thank everyone—of course, the Mayor, the Councilors, the residents, and all the visitors. My name is Wilma Garcia. I’ve lived here for almost 30 years. My late husband, Clarence Garcia, was a Councilor here. The picture of Patricio Garcia, was the first mayor, and he was my father-in-law. I feel, as a resident of Tijeras, that we... Well, let me say me... I feel that change is good. However, I am not in favor of the annexing of the Rincon Loop. I was told during the running of the Councilors last year that we were running out of water. So if we’re running out of water, my question to everyone here is how can we support more people and more water? So, my say is I’m against it. And that’s all I’ve got to say.”

Daniel Dunn: “I’m neither for, not against, the annexation. Although, yes, the annexation is a good thing. As far as water goes, to answer your question, the annexation can take in the water that we currently use on the well system. It’s not a bad deal. We’ve got good water. Everybody thinks the water in the estates up there is lousy water. Some of it, some of it isn’t. Where our well was put in many years ago, it’s good water. It’s hard, but then mountain water is. As far as how much water you all have coming in on your three wells now, if you add a fourth one, not a bad gig for you. To be honest with you, one of the reasons I don’t like the idea, and this

is my personal, but I also read what you have on the wall up here. The future. That tank sits on my property. I'm the one that's gonna lose the most. Everyone else will gain, water wise. You'll get more water. The people up on top, up above me, that don't get any water from our system, they'll benefit when you do put water up there. Off of that tank. That tank is great. Not necessarily size-wise, or anything, but the positioning of it. It is the highest point in the Village. You get a whole lot more pressure, a lot less energy to pump water around. That's all I have on that."

Victor Gonzales: "Mayor... I am totally against this annexation. Like Wilma was saying, I worry about the availability of water in the future. I think we should focus on our own issues here within the community, especially our water issues. Like, Mr. Mayor, you know, in the past I've confronted you several times about the PRV, or PVR. Pressure... I don't know, it seems like every time you give me a different answer. The first time you told me maybe two weeks. I just feel like you've been telling me what I want to hear. So I think we should just concentrate on the issues here. I think with the PRV issue, I think we seem to have a lack of communication. I don't get much information. Yeah, you told me now we would have PRVs. You've been telling me that from the beginning. Like I say, there's a lack of communication. I'm against the annexation."

Teresa Armenta: "Hi, I'm Teresa Armenta. I've lived up here for over 35 years. My husband is one of the original council members that annexed the Village of Tijeras. I just wanted to go on record that me, my husband, my son are against this annexation. I think we really do need to preserve our water. I feel bad for the people of Rincon Loop, that they have bad water. We need to take care of the people that are here, the residents, like Mr. Gonzales was saying. There are a lot of issues that have been not been addressed. We have to take care, first and foremost, take care of our people first. In the future, if it allows this, then annexation could be a possibility. For now I think it should be tabled."

Vicente Griego: "I've been a resident here for about 40 years. I've lived here in Tijeras. Honestly, for this water rights and everything else that is happening in Tijeras. It's going dry. We can't afford Rincon Loop. I'm against it. And I think, honestly, with all the issues that we're having here in Tijeras, I think we need to concentrate more on fixing our community up and fixing like what's going on here before we start adding other places, other houses, and other big facilities. I think all of us can stand for that. We need to fix the water right for sure. The wells are going dry. Unless you guys can come up with another situation for bringing in a water system, a pipeline, to preserve water lines, then yeah. It could be good for the future. But for right now, we need to fix our city, our little town. Thank you."

Phil Roberts: "I'd like to pass."

Cindy Schreiner: “Good evening, folks. I want to thank everyone for considering this annexation of the Rincon Loop area. After six months of door-knocking, phone calls, emails, and Zoom meetings, I feel confident saying the majority of the Rincon Loop neighborhood feels the annexation would be positive for not only Rincon Loop, but the Village and the community as a whole. We are in the same aquifer; we are using all your things. Why don't we pay you with our tax dollars to do that? For those of that vote yes to move this discussion forward to Bernalillo County, we thank you. We realize this doesn't mean annexation will take place automatically. We realize that much more research and much more discussion has to take place. This needs to be a positive thing for the Village and Rincon Loop. So we do realize that. The Village needs to make sure it works for everyone, and it is a positive endeavor. More research does need to be done. We need to investigate the well. For those of you that vote no, it is my hope that you feel confident that due diligence was done. It is my hope that you research the facts and present these facts to the majority of all 450+ residents. It is my hope that you feel confident that this no vote is in the best interest of the whole Village. The community as a whole, and the Tijeras residents of generations to come. Thanks again for your time.”

Joe Patron: “My name is Joseph Patron. I live on the last house, up at 37 Primera Agua. For right now, the water that we have is great. My thing is, I just finished building a house, the fire hydrants have been declared unsatisfactory. They've all been red tagged, from the bottom of the hill. There's no pressure at my place. To put out my house. If my house goes up in flames, there's not enough water to put it out. They say that this new pump is coming in, that's fine and dandy until I see it. I also heard that this new annexation and everything, there's some people that have some acres that they want to develop. Let's take care of our own right here before we start taking care of everybody else. I'd like to see our area, that one little street, be taken care of, especially with the water pressure. Down here is fine. You go up there, there's nothing. This new well. I want to see when that new well comes in if I get that water pressure. My insurance—I'm even afraid to go and ask them. They're going to ask me: how's your water? Why is that red tagged? And I have to have an explanation for that. And I'll tell 'em, well go talk to my Mayor. Why haven't they done anything about the water? So I'll refer them to you, when they come to me and they ask me. I'll ask them, well, maybe my Mayor wants to pay my insurance for that. I don't want to have that responsibility. Let's take care of our own before we start taking care of everyone else.”

Linda Armenta: “I'm Linda Armenta. I've been a resident here for over 40 years. My husband built two houses here in the Village, with two wells. Maxine Wilson lives at one house and I live in the house with my husband he built, the last one. Her well, they had to re-drill their well. There's lots of wells that went dry within the Village. There's a lot of wells within the East Mountains that have gone dry. Our water table is going down every year. We're in a drought. We have to preserve our water. That's our most precious resource. We need our water for our Village residents, and for our children's children. Let's keep it here. Let's preserve it.

The taxes is not that much that we get. The services that will, that they will need for their annexation out there will overload the taxes because the taxes is only like 3%. I contacted the County Assessor's office and they said somebody that's paying \$2,600 of their residential area of an acre and a half, the Village gets \$57.67. So the taxes are not much. The services that are rendered out here will just be more expensive than that. So I am against the annexation. Thank you."

Jimmy Chavez: "Thank you. My name is Jimmy Chavez. I've been a resident here all my life. I've been also a councilor, city council before, and the zoning. So I've been very much involved in the community efforts that we have provided, and this goes back years, over 40 years it's taken us to get where we have now. When we incorporated, we incorporated to stay small so that we could be independent from the County. By staying small, we can take better care of our current residents. It's said that there are... there is a lot of surplus on road funds. Well, we need to have a lot of road construction be done in the valley... in the mountains. There is a drought going on now. It doesn't matter if we get two or three more wells. There's still a drought. They all sip off of one to another. Whichever has got the flow will get the most water. The current residents, if necessary put a mandatorium [sic] on any annexation for at least two years, that we can have enough time to find out exactly what these wells are doing. It's never been heard of some municipality going there and annexing a whole neighborhood with no assets coming to it. This is a whole neighborhood with no tax revenues of any commercial of any kind. Like Ms. Armenta said, only 3% of the property taxes, not much. Don't let the County come in and want to take over, you know? Because the County will raise our taxes up, because if they have to come in, and then... You know the County has already taken over our elections. It's already being run by the County. That was one of the major things that we did when we annexed was we need to run our own elections, we know the people..."

Jim Wilber: "Thank you Mayor, Council members. My wife and I have lived in Rincon Loop for 25 years. We raised our kids here, our kids went to school here. This is the community we feel part of. We've got a well, and it does okay. We've got decent water, decent volumes. So I guess for us the water isn't as big of a driver. It always is a key here, I know. Just keying off of the last meeting a little bit, I know we talked about a phased approach, or a delay, or waiting. From our perspective, the Village has started that. You know, we have the front part of the loop, on the east side, that's been annexed a bit ago. Maybe 20 years ago, 15 years ago. With good success. I think we've started that phased approach. We always hoped, when we moved here 25 years ago, that the Village would continue that and look to hopefully bring in the rest of the loop as part of the community. To that end, I do feel that, we feel personally that we'd like to have whatever tax dollars we have go local. That would make us feel better. On the water front, as folks have said, it's a unique geology, but it is still overall a shared aquifer. What we're pumping, along with the folks in the front part of the loop that are part of Tijeras, and share those resources. I think that with the City of Tijeras having a little more control over

the broader aquifer in Rincon Loop, and being able to regulate and manage that aquifer as one unit, it could be a plus, long term. Just a few thoughts to consider.”

Sharon McMahan: “Good evening. I’m Sharon McMahan. I’ve been, I can’t say a resident. But I’ve lived here for 23 plus years. I consider myself part of the Village of Tijeras. Apparently, we’re not. Listening to everybody this evening and throughout this entire annexation process, it reminds me of a news report I watched earlier. Neighbors, brothers, sisters fighting neighbors, brothers, sisters. Where misinformation can actually be led to the truth. I live daily with the threat that my two sons, who serve in the U.S. military, could be deployed at any moment. So I would say to the Council and everybody here, whatever your decision is, I hope it was made based on dedication to your job, reviewing everything, comprehensively. Fully. Talking with everybody in this community, resident and non-resident. Making sure your information is vetted. Because your right to do that and your freedom to do that is paid for by many over many years. Thank you.”

John Beach: “Thank you, Jake. Thank you Council. My wife and I have lived here for 28 years up on the north side of Rincon Loop. Fifteen years ago, thereabouts, we tried to get annexed at that time for different motivations. We wanted to stay out of the county. The city, county... The city and county were talking about coming together. We tried to get annexed and the Village Council was not in favor of it. But I think, sometimes... Suppose it were approved back then. What would our Village look like today? What would we have here that we don’t have now? And going forward, if it is approved tonight or goes through this, the next process, to the county and gets approved, what will this community be like fifteen years from now? Might we have a park in Rincon Loop? Might we have walking paths between Rincon Loop and the Village of Tijeras, so, say, a school kid can ride his bicycle over to Roosevelt Middle School, which I wanted 20 years ago. Together, we can build a better community. It can be a better central community. More resources, personnel resources, people who can run for office and people who can volunteer for the various things that need to be done as part of the Village government. We have water. My well is at 500 feet. I have 300 feet of water on top of that. I’m good for the next 100 years. My neighbor behind me has water. My neighbor to the other side has water. The other neighbor hauls water and is putting in a rain catchment system. He is not complaining at all, he is looking forward to having it. He will not be affected one way or another. But he is in favor of the Village, even though he’s not going to be part of the water system. So, the other advantage, credibility of a larger community to the county and state. Instead of 500 people it would be more like 1,000. Going forward...”

Mike Keleher: “I want to show you this plaque. It’s been on my wall at home. And it says here ‘Michael L. Keleher, Margaret Rose Keleher, in recognition of your generous property donation. Mayor Juan Griego. Councilor Ernestina King. Councilor George Munoz Sr. Gloria Chavez. Maxine Wilson. Maxine is still hanging in here. Councilor Don Johnson. December

1999. Well, I understand that there's, that we donated this property. A little history of it is, my father's cousins lived here. They had a cabin. Going back to the turn of the century, 1905 or something. These two ladies' mother bought Whitcomb Springs, which is now Carlito Springs up there. When they died, when they passed on, I was given that property. It didn't seem to me what to do with it. I gave it to the Village. The Village, they decided that it would be better put to use if it would be public use. So, apparently, Jonathan, before he was on the city Council, made an offer to buy it. The Council approved that he could buy it and put it to public use. Possibly even a restaurant or something. It would be part. My own thought is that you have a beautiful Village and all, city. To have the city center, which you have there..."

Cindy Armenta: "Well, actually, I've been a resident for 66 years. My family and friends have pretty much said it all. We are very worried, as you can see our arroyo is going dry. Jonathan, when he was a little boy, loved playing down there and catching tadpoles and frogs. All that is gone. It's so sad, it makes me want to cry. The well... So there is a lot of fear, because water is the most precious resource we have right now. Without water, it doesn't matter if we have all these taxes or whatever. So I think right now we need to focus on our Village, see what is going to happen with this drought. The whole world doesn't know what is going to happen with this drought. This drought is affecting the whole world, not just Tijeras. So thank you, Mayor."

Rena Baros: "My name is Rena. I own a piece of property up on Primera Agua. I grew up here. I haven't lived here in a long time, but I was fortunate to come back home and I've lived here for two years. I feel water is our most precious natural resource. It's up to us to conserve it. Since I've moved back, I've been dismayed to... the arroyo, like Cindy just referenced, is going dry. I think money would be better spent in cutting out the elm trees that are drinking up the water. Maybe maintaining what we do have, like lampposts that don't have lightbulbs, weeds that don't get cut, maintaining potholes, that kind of thing. I think we should focus our resources on preserving what the Village is today so that they can have things in our future. I'm against the annexation for those reasons."

Marley Voyles: "My name is Marley. I'm a resident of Rincon Loop. We've lived here for about three years, my husband and I. Much like the Beaches, we have a well. We're fine, water-wise. We'll be okay. But I'm still in favor of annexation because I feel like it would be building something for the future. Rincon Loop, with this annexation, we're agreeing to a substantial increase in taxes. These taxes will go to improve the Village overall. That's one of the main reasons you'll hear echoed throughout the pro-annexation, is we want to contribute to something local. We still utilize your resources. We drive on your roads. We're drawing from the same aquifer. We just want to contribute and keep it local. But we'll be okay without it. I do feel like there will come a time in the future when the Village will want to annex Rincon Loop. Natural evolution, it's logical. This may be a one time good deal. I heard it happened

before. I wasn't here for it. I am pro because I think it will be a good investment in the future. Thank you."

Will Voyles: "Several of us were here for the previous meeting. Several of you weren't here for the previous meeting. They had the hydraulics engineer here who gave a ton of information, that explained that the existing Well 1 and Well 2 is actually providing pretty decently, once it's being maintained. I guess he was telling me that previously for the last decade before, the last 15 years, it wasn't maintained properly. Now you've got the new third well, I heard the gentleman say I'd like to see it before I believe it. I understand that 100%. But he's saying that that's actually going to pull from an aquifer much lower. So if you guys are annexed and still turn in the third well, well actually we're pulling off the same aquifer to where the 1 and 2 wells are, so we're probably going to be in better shape anyway. You're going to lose those tax dollars. You're not really gaining anything. Just a thought."

Phillip Ortiz: "I've been here maybe about 30 years. Myself, I wasn't on board for the well that you guys put in front of my house to begin with. But the water that we have now needs to stay in the Village. I mean, it could run out at any time. You guys say we have a whole bunch but we don't. And you wanna... I know people who are on that side of town that don't want it either. I think you oughta take like a survey of who want it and who don't. You know all the Village people don't want it. You gotta see who wants it in Rincon Loop."

Ramon Garcia: "Hi everybody. I'm Ramon Garcia and I talk loud. I just became a Commissioner here in the Village. Since I'm new to it and everything, I'm putting everything on hold. Annexation, water, and everything until I learn all about it. What we've got, what's existing, what's not existing, where we're having trouble, where we're not having trouble. So far from what I've heard, just from a couple of Village residents, they're not ready for it. They want us to fix what we've got broken and that's what we need to do. Like this gentleman right over here said, he's having water pressure problems. You figure I live right here, the freaking water tank is up here. When the fire department turns on that fire hydrant, I lose all my water to my house. I've already replaced three toilets because of the air pressure that it builds. So when you go up there and you flush it, the freaking toilet goes... And my cousin Melvin was the maintenance guy that took care of everything. He talked to these people, he talked to Gloria Chavez, he talked to... I don't know who all. They didn't do jack. So now I'm glad that these two people are there. These two young people. I'm glad Matty's there. I'm glad we've got a new Mayor. I'm looking forward, like this man right here, I'm looking forward to that problem being solved. Because the next toilet I lose, the Mayor is going to pay for it."

6. Approval of Agenda

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the agenda for 03/21/2022		
	Made by:	Garcia	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Ortiz	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

7. Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes

[Attachment A 022222 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

[Attachment B 022822 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

Councilor Wilson stated she appreciates the work that goes into these verbatim minutes.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the minutes for 02/22/2022 and 02/28/2022 as a consent agenda		
	Made by:	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Armenta	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

8. Council to Review and Refer ZA 1151 Rincon Loop Petition for Annexation to Bernalillo County Commission Pursuant to Section 3-7-3 NMSA 1978

[Attachment C Rincon Loop Petition Certification.pdf](#)

[Attachment D Rincon Loop Annexation Zone Maps.pdf](#)

[Attachment E Rincon Loop Petition for Annexation Full-Submission-compressed.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton stated he sent an email to the Council requesting that the item be postponed again, as there was not enough time to organize a town hall. He stated that he feels hosting a town hall and presenting the empirical evidence Village staff have been gathering would be an important step in providing due process. He stated that if the Council were to postpone this item, he would work to organize the town hall. He stated he would also accept a vote tonight.

Mayor Bruton stated he would like to address the points raised during public comment.

Councilor Wilson asked if she can ask for postponement. She stated she feels that postponement is in the best interest of all parties, as the town hall would ensure everyone has the same information and has an opportunity to ask questions. She stated she feels it is important so that the Council can make an educated vote.

Mayor Bruton stated he would be happy to answer questions from residents. He noted a typical Council meeting is different from a town hall, because the Council cannot respond to public comment or take direct questions from participants. During a town hall, by contrast, direct engagement is allowed. He reiterated his request to hold a town hall.

Councilor Armenta stated the Council postponed the item at the last meeting because the annexation proposal came before the Council without any prior knowledge on their part or the part of Village residents. He stated the Council postponed the decision to allow time to reach out to residents, and a town hall was one option for doing so. He stated he has reached out to many residents, many of whom are here. He stated he feels he has received an answer from the residents. He stated water is a precious commodity and it has been sad to watch the Village's resources deplete.

Mayor Bruton stated he agrees it has been difficult to watch the drying up of the arroyo. He stated that does not necessarily speak to the productivity of the wells, noting there is a difference between surface and subterranean water. He reiterated he would like to address the question of water in a town hall.

Councilor Garcia noted that Molzen Corbin presented information at the last meeting. She stated that Village staff should have provided information to Village residents and held a town hall while the residents of Rincon Loop were preparing the petition. She noted that the Council received notice of the last meeting on a Thursday, and the meeting was held on a Monday. She stated the Council has reached out to residents since the last meeting and they are here tonight stating their opinion. She stated she does not feel the item should be postponed again.

Mayor Bruton explained that notice of the last meeting was provided the same way notice of any meeting is provided. He explained that the petition for annexation from Rincon Loop came before the Village Council at the appropriate time in the process. He noted there is another petition for annexation undergoing the same process and currently scheduled for a hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He noted that Bernalillo County must approve the annexation before the Village of Tijeras makes its final determination, and the petitioners could have brought the petition directly to Bernalillo County.

Mayor Bruton was interrupted by commotion from the audience. He paused the deliberation to call for order.

Councilor Ortiz asked that all those in attendance remain respectful.

Councilor Garcia stated she feels the Council should be informed about what is going on with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and vice versa.

Councilor Ortiz stated he was elected to represent his community. He noted several residents have reached out to him over the past week, and every resident he has spoken with has been opposed to the annexation proposal. He stated he feels it his responsibility

to reflect their wishes in his vote and thanked Village residents and the residents of Rincon Loop for their time and effort.

Mayor Bruton stated he feels annexation is in the best interest of the community. He reiterated that he would like to hold a town hall and have the opportunity to present additional information.

Councilor Wilson noted that Councilors also have a responsibility to share information with Village residents. She stated that she is in favor of postponement so that Village staff and officials have the opportunity to share information with all interested parties.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to postpone this item to allow time for a town hall meeting		
	Made by:	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz- Councilor Wilson-	Councilor Armenta- Councilor Garcia-
	Second by:			
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to decline to refer the petition for annexation to Bernalillo County		
	Made by:	Armenta	Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-No	Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Yes
	Second by:	Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

Mayor Bruton called a five-minute recess.

9. **Council to Hear Audit Review Presentation for FY2021 by JAG and Review and Approve Resolution 2022-08, Audit Acceptance**

[Attachment F 6175-Village of Tijeras FY21 FINAL.pdf](#)

Ms. Audrey Jaramillo provided a presentation on the Village's fiscal year 2021 audit report.

Ms. Jaramillo noted that the Village received a finding due to the state of its capital asset inventory. Mayor Bruton explained the asset inventory has been neglected for years and Village staff will likely be unable to resolve the issue this fiscal year, resulting in the finding carrying over to next year's audit. He noted Village staff will certainly make progress on resolving the issue.

Clerk Brown noted the Village plans to contract with a firm for accruals preparation. Ms. Jaramillo stated this would clear the finding related to financial reporting.

Ms. Jaramillo noted the Village has made substantial progress from previous audits.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve Resolution 2022-08		
	Made by:	Ortiz	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Garcia	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

Councilor Ortiz recused himself from discussion of Item 10 and exited the facility.

10. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2022-04, Removal of Reverter Tijeras Avenue Property**

[Attachment G Resolution 2022-04 Removal of Reverter.docx](#)

Mr. Zarr provided a substitute resolution for the Village Council to consider, which was updated at Mr. Keleher's request to include more historical context about the property in question.

Mr. Keleher his family has a great deal of history in the East Mountains. He noted there is a plaque in Village Hall dedicated to Margaret and Eugenia Keleher. He stated he feels it is important for a community to have a plaza, and believes the Village does have a plaza in the form of commercial portion of the Village, which includes the Village of Tijeras Senior Center, the Luis Garcia Park and Veterans Memorial, the East Mountain Library, a U.S. post office, and several other community institutions. Mr. Keleher noted that he transferred the property in the question to be used by the Village for a public purpose, adding that it is ultimately up to the Village Council what constitutes a public purpose. Mr. Keleher explains Councilor Ortiz is donating three acres of his own property to the Village in exchange for the property formerly owned by Mr. Keleher.

Mr. Keleher noted he made minor revisions to the Resolution. He stated that he and his wife feel that selling the property to Councilor Ortiz fulfills the public purpose for which he originally transferred the property.

Mayor Bruton explained that another individual approached the Village about purchasing the property before Councilor Ortiz. However, that individual passed away prior to finalization of the sale. He stated that selling the property to Councilor Ortiz will allow it to be developed to the public's benefit. He thanked Mr. Keleher, as well as Councilor Ortiz for his donation of another parcel of land to the Village. He stated the Village is considering developing the latter parcel into an open space.

Councilor Armenta thanked the Kelehers for their contribution to the Village.

Mr. Zarr noted Clerk Brown will need to notarize the deed.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve substitute Resolution 2022-04		
	Made by:	Armenta	Councilor Ortiz-Recuse Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y Councilor Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Wilson		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

Councilor Ortiz returned to the Council Chambers after the vote on Resolution 2022-04.

11. **Council to Approve Appointment of Nicolas Kennedy as Village Clerk/Manager Effective March 26, 2022**

Mayor Bruton informed the Council that Clerk Brown is resigning to pursue an opportunity in a field that is very important to her. He stated she has been a fantastic asset to the Village of Tijeras and has facilitated many of the changes the Council has heard about during tonight's meeting. He added that Clerk Brown will be greatly missed.

Councilor Armenta stated he has been very impressed with Clerk Brown's work ethic, intelligence, and diligence during his time on Council.

Mayor Bruton stated Deputy Clerk Kennedy is equally important to the Village and has supported Clerk Brown in her work to develop the community. He added he wholeheartedly supports the appointment of Deputy Clerk Kennedy as Clerk/Manager. He stated Clerk Brown and Deputy Clerk Kennedy are two people cut from the same cloth.

Deputy Clerk Kennedy thanked the Mayor and Council for their confidence in him. He stated he will do his best to fill the big shoes left behind by Clerk Brown. He thanked Clerk Brown for her mentorship and friendship during their time working together. He asked for the patience and understanding of the Mayor and Council as he works to cover the responsibilities of both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, pending the hiring of a new Deputy Clerk.

Clerk Brown explained that in March of 2020 she was evacuated from her dream job with the United States Peace Corps and faced with the prospect of finding a new job in that difficult environment. She stated she took a chance on applying to the Village of Tijeras, despite feeling underqualified for the position, because she wanted to work in the community that helped raise her. She stated it has been a pleasure working for the Village over the last two years, as well as one of the most transformative experiences of her life. She promised to stay in touch. She thanked the Mayor and Council for taking a chance on her and for the investment they made in her.

Councilor Wilson noted that when Clerk Brown first came on as Clerk, her husband, David Wilson, said that "Hallie came here like the brilliance of Halley's Comet." She added that she would have never guessed that Clerk Brown had no prior experience in municipal government. She thanked Clerk Brown for all her work for the Village. She stated the same goes for Deputy Clerk Kennedy.

Mayor Bruton said Clerk Brown was always eager to advance the community.

Councilor Garcia thanked Clerk Brown for everything she has done for the Village and stated she is excited to see Deputy Clerk Kennedy step into the Clerk role.

Councilor Ortiz stated Clerk Brown is impressive, intelligent, and a great asset to the Village and she will be missed. He stated Deputy Clerk Kennedy is also an asset to the Village and will do well in the Clerk role.

Mayor Bruton noted the salary for the Clerk position is \$75,000 per year, which Councilor Garcia reflected in her motion.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the appointment of Nicolas Kennedy as Village Clerk/Manager effective 03/26/2022		
	Made by:	Garcia	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Wilson	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

12. Council to Review and Approve Hiring of Debra Hoyt as Senior Center Program Coordinator

[Attachment H Hoyt Debra Application Materials.pdf](#)

[Attachment I Hoyt Debra Offer Letter SC Program Coordinator Signed.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton stated the Senior Center is growing along with the community. He explained the expanded facility is substantially larger, and too large to be maintained by two people. He stated Ms. Hoyt is a fantastic person and has been working with the Village for some time in her role with the City of Albuquerque. He stated Ms. Hoyt is very qualified for the position and he wholeheartedly supports her hiring.

Senior Center Manager Rita Rivera stated Ms. Hoyt has worked with the Village for four years. She noted that Ms. Hoyt has always been passionate about working with seniors and developing programs for them.

Clerk Brown noted that Ms. Hoyt's decorations to the grab-and-go meal site won a contest among City of Albuquerque senior meal sites.

Ms. Rivera stated Ms. Hoyt comes up with amazing ideas. She told the Council they will love Ms. Hoyt and said the seniors will be thrilled.

Councilor Wilson stated that Ms. Hoyt has a very impressive resume and good references. She clarified that the starting pay is \$16.82 and asked about the work hours. Clerk Brown replied the work hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Rivera noted that Ms. Hoyt had begun developing a list of activities for the seniors before even interviewing for the position.

Mayor Bruton stated he believes Ms. Hoyt will be a great fit.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the hiring of Debra Hoyt as Senior Center Program Coordinator		
	Made by:	Ortiz	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Wilson	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

13. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2022-06, BAR #4 FY2022**

[Attachment J Resolution 2022-06, BAR #4, Budget Adjustments for FY2021-2022 - 3-21-2022 - Documentation.pdf](#)

[Attachment K Resolution 2022-06, BAR #4, Budget Adjustments for FY2021-2022 - 3-21-2022.docx](#)

[Attachment L Resolution 2022-06, BAR #4, Budget Adjustments for FY2021-2022 - 3-21-2022.xls](#)

Clerk Brown explained the Village receives technical assistance from Michael Steininger with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). She noted the Village's budget is uploaded into a state-maintained system called the Local Government Budget Monitoring System (LGBMS). She explained the BAR serves to bring the budget as recorded in LGBMS into agreement with the budget as recorded in QuickBooks. She added the BAR also includes grant funding that has been encumbered since the Council passed the FY22 budget.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06		
	Made by:	Garcia	Councilor Ortiz-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y
	Second by:	Ortiz	Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Garcia-Y
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

14. **Council to Review and Approve Change Order for Senior Center Phase IV Construction**

[Attachment M CO #06 TIJ204-11.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton noted this change order is greater in magnitude than the last change order. He explained existing funding for the project is sufficient to cover the cost of the change

order. He stated that a water line was mistakenly left out of the plans and now needs to be reconnected. He said the change order also includes several smaller items.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve Change Order #06 for the Senior Center Phase IV project		
	Made by:	Garcia	Councilor Ortiz-Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y Councilor Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Wilson		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

15. Council to Review and Approve Contract for Comprehensive Master Plan

[Attachment N Comp Plan Agreement-2022 WWZ edits.docx](#)

Mayor Bruton noted the contract was awarded to Sites Southwest and Molzen Corbin.

Clerk Brown explained she will incorporate the highlighted revisions suggested by Mr. Zarr.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the contract for production of the Village of Tijeras Comprehensive Master Plan		
	Made by:	Ortiz	Councilor Ortiz-Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y Councilor Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

16. Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2022-05, Updated Facility Use Rental Agreements

[Attachment O DRAFT Revised Village of Tijeras Facility Rental Agreement.docx](#)

Mayor Bruton explained Village staff reviewed the Village's facility rental agreements in anticipation of more rentals following the

Deputy Clerk Kennedy provided a summary of changes to the facility rental agreement. He explained he reached out to other local government entities to obtain information about how they are handling facility rentals. He stated the Village will now require renters to carry general liability insurance. He noted the new agreement would allow the distribution of alcoholic beverages at the Luis Garcia Park, so long as the renter works with a licensed vendor that obtains a Special Dispenser Permit from the NM Regulation and Licensing Department.

Clerk Brown explained the facility use agreement now includes a tiered pricing structure with different rates for different kinds of organizations.

Councilor Armenta asked if new facilities can be added to the agreement in the future. Clerk Brown stated the Council can change any aspect of the facility rental agreement by resolution.

Deputy Clerk Kennedy stated the Village used to rent the dining hall at the Senior Center, but received advice that the Area Agency on Aging may not allow it. He stated Village staff will look into the question.

Councilor Ortiz asked if it would be possible to rent out the Park and View, and what dollar figure would make the venture profitable. Clerk Brown stated the Village rented the Park and View once for a private event and it was not a positive experience. She stated it is not out of the question but requires further consideration. Councilor Ortiz stated he thinks it is worth looking into.

Councilor Wilson stated she appreciates the efforts of the staff in updating the agreements. She asked that the facility rental agreement be amended to include a place for the renter to initial at the bottom of each page.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 as amended		
	Made by:	Garcia	Councilor Ortiz-Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y Councilor Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Wilson		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

17. Council to Review and Approve List of Record Destruction per Resolution 2020-27

[Attachment P 022822_Shrredding Records Index.xls](#)

[Attachment Q 021522_Shrredding Records Index.xls](#)

Mayor Bruton stated Village staff have made substantial progress on the document retention project and are continuing to move forward.

A C T I O N	Motion	Motion to approve the list of record destruction per Resolution 2020-27		
	Made by:	Ortiz	Councilor Ortiz-Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor Armenta-Y Councilor Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

18. Updates

- a. Mayor
 - i. Cleanup Saturday had fairly good turnout. Thanks to Councilor Ortiz, Commissioners Garcia and Haskins, former Councilor Felix Garcia, Village staff, and David Wilson for their help during the event.
 - ii. The Village's new Finance Director Audrey Caufield is settling in well in her first week and is bringing great ideas for improving the financial processes and procedures of the Village.
 - iii. The Earth Day event is around the corner. Thanks to Councilor Ortiz for his efforts to organize the event. Encourage your friends and family to attend. The date of the event is Saturday, April 23.
- b. Councilors
 - i. Councilor Ortiz: The t-shirt design should be finalized this week. It would be helpful to generate a flyer to post around the Village. The Village hopes to raise \$2,200.
 - ii. Councilor Wilson thanked Clerk Brown for all she has done and asked her to stay in touch. She also thanked Deputy Clerk Kennedy for stepping into the Clerk role.
- c. Clerk
 - i. The presenters for the Council retreat are nearly finalized.
 - ii. Clerk Brown's last day at the Village is Friday, March 25.
- d. Deputy Clerk
 - i. The Village has received a proof of its code from Municode and is in the process of reviewing the proof.
- e. Departments

19. Time and Place of Next Meetings

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

The Governing Body may revise the order of the agenda items considered at this Open Meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 505-281-1220 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsection (2) limited personnel matters; (5) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations; (7) attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatening or pending litigation in which the public is or may become a participant; (8) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body. Speakers limited to 2 minute