

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM

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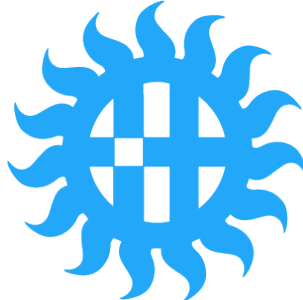
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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Mar 25 2024

TITLE: NUISANCE ABATEMENT TEAM ACTIVITY UPDATE.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces (City) has witnessed a paradigm shift in the blighted property abatement program. Previously the program was titled “NAT – Neighborhood Action Team “ with a primary purpose of identifying properties that were vacant and unoccupiable. Once identified as candidates for abatement by rehabilitation or demolition the City would proceed to purchase the property for as a site for a potential affordable housing project. The Neighborhood Action Team program ceased operations in 2018.

The City Code Compliance program has been the agency that has continued to carry out the enforcement actions on blighted property abatement. The City has received numerous complaints and calls for service at these sites. In addition to the complaints, the City Council has asked for action to improve and restore neighborhood safety and environments.

The new program is titled “NAT – Nuisance Abatement Team”, its purpose is to identify properties that are problematic nuisances for the City and address Public Safety concerns. The new NAT program has developed new strategy for an old problem. The NAT Team is a composition of City staff from multiple departments. The purpose is to manage information related to the status of vacant, abandoned, or nuisance property cases located in the City of Las Cruces and proceed with abatement.

The first objective is to achieve voluntary abatement compliance from the property owner. If voluntary compliance is not achievable, then the NAT program pursues enforceable compliance by City of Las Cruces Municipal Code and New Mexico State Statutes. Upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the compliance order, the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, including condemnation or demolition.

PLAN(S):

Elevate Las Cruces

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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Meeting: Work Session - Mar 25 2024

TITLE: GO BOND QUARTERLY UPDATE

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

City staff will present a quarterly update on the status of General Obligation (GO) Bond projects. The update is intended to provide current information about the projects and related timelines.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None