

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM

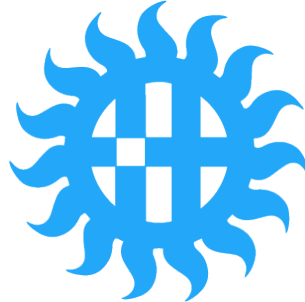
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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Nov 13 2023

TITLE: NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE CONNECTION PROGRAMS.

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

New Mexico Workforce Connection is the region's workforce expert, helping hundreds of employers connect with thousands of job seekers each year. Offering innovative solutions to assist businesses with their success in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current careers.

The local New Mexico Workforce Connection Office will present information regarding employment and training services available to residents and the business community including job readiness preparation, career exploration, housing and financial stability.

The presentation will cover services provided by the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, whose mission is to assist individuals with disabilities. Representatives will speak about the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which offers basic needs support including housing, utilities and clothing.

Another program to be highlighted is the Workforce Investment and Opportunity (WIOA) Act Programs for youth ages 14-24, focusing on long-term academic and occupational learning opportunities and long-term comprehensive service strategies. The Adult Dislocated Workers Program, assisting those who have lost their jobs, providing employment, education, and On-The-Job Training (OJT) opportunities. Career Seeker services for individuals wanting to go back to school, seeking certification programs, interviewing skills, resume writing and more. Business services supporting local employers with recruiting and labor market data.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT STRATEGY.

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Jenn Lopez with Project Moxie will be presenting on draft Affordable Housing Investment Strategy to City Council.

The City of Las Cruces (City) has recognized the pressing need for affordable housing within the community. The City's demand for affordable housing significantly surpasses its current capacity to address this need through the use of Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. To tackle this issue, City voters approved a \$6 million General Obligation (GO) Bond dedicated to alleviating the affordable housing crisis.

The City has hired Project Moxie, a housing development consultant, to create a draft of an affordable housing investment strategy. This strategy will outline how these funds will be allocated to maximize the impact of the GO Bonds and provide recommendation and actions for the City's Affordable housing program.

PLAN(S):

City Council Strategic Plan, Other, Department Strategic Business Plan, 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, Elevate Las Cruces

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

Affordable Housing Committee, Housing PRC



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TITLE: FIRE CODE UPDATE.

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

While heat-actuated fire sprinklers as we know them today were conceived in 1860, it was not until 1896 that the first edition of NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, was published. Publication of an installation standard led not only to uniformity in system installation criteria but, more importantly, to reliable system performance in the control and extinguishment of fires. For the past 110 years, automatic fire sprinklers have been increasingly used in manufacturing, warehouse, mercantile, and commercial buildings.

Since 2009, fire sprinklers have been required by the International Code Council's (ICC) International Residential Code (IRC) in all townhouses. On January 1st, 2011, the IRC required that all new one- and two-family dwellings install fire sprinklers. The fire sprinkler requirement for one- and two-family homes has yet to be adopted into our local code.

The Las Cruces Fire Department will present information regarding bringing the City of Las Cruces into compliance with the sprinkler requirement passed by the IRC in 2011.

PLAN(S):

City Council Strategic Plan, Department Strategic Business Plan, Elevate Las Cruces

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None