

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, January 24, 2022

Immediately following the TIDD Board
Meeting

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Jan 24 2022

TITLE: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALIZE LAS CRUCES

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

In March of 2021, the City of Las Cruces entered into a contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., (F&N) to amend the City of Las Cruces Development Codes, also known as Realize Las Cruces. The project is anticipated to take two years to complete and consists of three phases. The first phase consisted of code user interviews, a virtual open house, and the gathering, review, and analysis of applicable codes and policies. The resulting deliverable for phase one was the Code Diagnostic which outlined structural modifications to the existing code and recommended various content changes. The findings of that report were shared with City Council during a work session in August of 2021.

Phase two of Realize Las Cruces consists of the drafting and initial review of individual chapters of the the code. Staff and F&N consultants would like to update the City Council of the progress thus far and the next steps.

PLAN(S):

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

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

P&Z, Oversight Committee



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TITLE: PRISONER CARE.

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Dona Ana County Detention Center Director will give an overview of the of the Detention Center's operations to include: leadership, staff roles, housing-capacity, services offered, environment, and the scope of medical and mental health services available. They will review intake procedures to include normal procedures and with COVID-19 protections, adult detention, juvenile detention, and visitation (both remote and in person).

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: HOMELESSNESS DISCUSSION

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Individuals experiencing homelessness is a growing concern on both the national and local level. The estimated total number of people experiencing homelessness in New Mexico each year is between 15,000 and 20,000. The New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness estimates that approximately 6,548 people per year experience homelessness but do not receive adequate assistance to help them exit homelessness. Research has long recognized that homelessness is a solvable problem when addressed through best practice programming, including but not limited to Housing First, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent supportive housing programs

The cost of not addressing homelessness are greater than the cost to end homelessness. Research shows that people experiencing chronic homelessness can be high utilizers of crisis services such as ambulances, emergency departments, hospital inpatient services, psychiatric services, jails, and shelters. Permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing substantially reduce the use of these services among people experiencing homelessness.

Staff and partners will provide a presentation that will define homelessness, overarching policy solutions, existing local resources and recommendations on how the Council can assist the effort to reduce homelessness in the City of Las Cruces.

PLAN(S):

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

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

Housing PRC