

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, July 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Mayor
Ken Miyagishima

Mayor Pro-Tem
Kasandra Gandara

Councilors
Tessa Abeyta-Stuve
Gabriel Vasquez
Johana Bencomo
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Remotely via Zoom



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The health, safety and well-being of our residents and businesses are a top priority for City Council and the leadership in Las Cruces. As such, and consistent with and in support of the direction from Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Department of Health public health order the Special Council Meeting will be held via video conference. In an effort to seek public input we ask that if you have comments/concerns/questions please e-mail your Councilor as follows:

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1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY BY MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY LCMC SECTION 2-27 (E)(2)**
2. **RESOLUTION(S) AND/OR ORDINANCE(S) FOR DISCUSSION**
 - 2.1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-020: A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE LAS CRUCES SAFE PROMISE AS PROPOSED BY THE LAS CRUCES ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOARD.
[Resolution No. 21-020 - Pdf](#)
3. **COVID UPDATE.**
 - 3.1. Department of Health Q&A.
 - 3.2. Appropriations Update.
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Type of Action:☒ Resolution☐ Ordinance☐ TIDD Resolution**Council Action and Executive Summary****District:** ☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒ 4 ☒ 5 ☒ 6**1st Reading:****Adopted:**

July 24, 2020

Drafter: Francisco Pallares**Department:**

Economic Development

Program: Office of the Director**Line of Business:**

Administration

Title:**A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE LAS CRUCES SAFE PROMISE AS PROPOSED BY THE LAS CRUCES ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOARD.****TYPE OF ACTION:** ☒ Administrative ☐ Legislative ☐ Quasi-Judicial**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

To approve the Las Cruces Safe Promise Campaign.

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The spread of COVID-19 in the City of Las Cruces and the State of New Mexico poses a threat to the health, safety, wellbeing and property of the residents in the City due to, among other things, illness from COVID-19, illness-related absenteeism from employment (particularly among public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the City and the State), potential displacement of persons, and closures of schools and other places of public gathering.

The City Council of Las Cruces approved Resolution 20-161, creating the Las Cruces Economic Recovery Ad Hoc Board (LCERB). The LCERB's purpose is to provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on strategies for gradually reopening Las Cruces economy affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in a smart, safe and effective manner that fits the needs of Las Cruces specifically and in alignment with the direction of New Mexico Economic Recovery Council (NMERC). The LCERB shall be dissolved upon full reopening of the economy in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

On July 9, 2020, the LCERB recommended the "Las Cruces Safe Promise" to the City Council of Las Cruces for their consideration. The Las Cruces Safe Promise is a campaign to encourage the residents, visitors, and customers of Las Cruces to carry out safe practices such as using a face mask, maintaining at least 6-feet distancing from others, and other recommendations aligned with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

This recommendation ties into the New Mexico Safe Promise as a response to COVID-19 pandemic and for the safe reopening of businesses throughout the state. The goal of this campaign is to unify the entire state of New Mexico by keeping communities, residents, and customers safe. The New Mexico Tourism Department launched New Mexico Safe Certified Program aimed at businesses to go through training specific to their industry for COVID-19 safe business practices for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

The Las Cruces Safe Promise is aimed to be a grassroots campaign for residents, visitors, and customers, building from the information available and aiming to spread information to more people.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None

ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ N/A

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGETED AMOUNT:	AVAILABLE AMOUNT:	EXPENDITURE AMOUNT:
Additional Budgetary Information:		Funding Source(s):

Does this action amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this action would approve the resolution to implement the Las Cruces Safe Promise Campaign as proposed by the Las Cruces Economic Recovery Board.
2. Vote "No"; this would deny the resolution and not approve implementation of the Las Cruces Safe Promise Campaign as proposed by the Las Cruces Economic Recovery Board.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this action would require further direction from City Council.
4. Vote to "Table"; this action would postpone the implementation of the Las Cruces Safe Promise Campaign and would require further direction from City Council.

RESOLUTION 21-020

A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE LAS CRUCES SAFE PROMISE AS PROPOSED BY THE LAS CRUCES ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOARD.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Las Cruces and the State of New Mexico poses a threat to the health, safety, wellbeing and property of the residents in the City due to, among other things, illness from COVID-19, illness-related absenteeism from employment (particularly among public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the City and the State), potential displacement of persons, and closures of schools and other places of public gathering; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Las Cruces approved Resolution 20-161 creating the Las Cruces Economic Recovery Ad Hoc Board (LCERB) with the purpose to provide the Mayor and City Council with recommendations for strategies to gradually reopening Las Cruces economy affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in a smart, safe and effective manner that fits the needs of Las Cruces specifically and in alignment with the direction of New Mexico Economic Recovery Council (NMERC); the LCERB shall be dissolved upon full reopening of the economy in Las Cruces, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Economic Recovery Ad Hoc Board approved recommendation on July 9, 2020 for the Las Cruces Safe Promise to the City Council to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Safe Promise Campaign is intended to be tied to the efforts already in place statewide to encourage Las Cruces residents and visitors to practice the recommended safe practices such as using a face mask, maintaining at least 6-feet distancing from others, and other recommendations for the prevention of spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Safe Promise was launched as response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safe reopening of businesses throughout the state. The goal of this campaign is to unify the information statewide available for individuals on safe practices to keep communities, residents, and customers safe; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Tourism Department launched the New Mexico Safe Certified program as a COVID-19 Safe Training program providing business with online training, information, and safe practices for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the Las Cruces Safe Promise campaign will be implemented to support COVID-19 safe business practices.

(II)

THAT the Las Cruces Safe Promise will link to the New Mexico Safe Promise COVID-19 and New Mexico Safe Certified Program to promote business certification made available by the state of New Mexico.

(III)

Agenda Item #2.1.

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this day of

APPROVED

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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