

47 **April 2016 as NATIONAL SENIOR VOLUNTEER MONTH.**
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49 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6a) Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016**

50 Mayor Torres stated that on line 153 for should be from, on line 159 payed should be paid, and
51 on line 206 Spartan Boys Basketball team in winning district should be Spartan Boys Basketball
52 team for participating in the State Tournament and their first round victory.
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54 Councilor Sisneros moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 as amended. The motion
55 was seconded by Councilor Jaramillo and the motion carried unanimously.
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57 **NEW BUSINESS: 7a) Discussion, Consideration, Action and Adoption of Resolution**
58 **03/28/16 Requesting the Sandoval County Commission to Pass a Moratorium on All New**
59 **Oil and Gas Drilling Applications Within the Jurisdiction of the County for Six Months to**
60 **Enable the Commission to Adopt Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Ordinances to**
61 **Govern Oil and Gas Drilling in the County. Presenter: Mayor Torres**
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63 **Town of Bernalillo**
64 **Resolution 03/28/16**
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66 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSION**
67 **TO PASS A MORATORIUM ON ALL NEW OIL AND GAS DRILLING**
68 **APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY FOR**
69 **SIX MONTHS TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT**
70 **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCES TO GOVERN**
71 **OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN THE COUNTY**
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74 **WHEREAS**, residents of the Town of Bernalillo (the "Town") have become aware of recent
75 interest in drilling for oil or gas in the Rio Rancho Estates area of Sandoval County (the
76 "County"), in close proximity to densely populated residential and commercial areas; and
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78 **WHEREAS**, the County's planning and zoning ordinances at present do not adequately
79 address the potential effects of oil and gas exploration and possible development; and
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81 **WHEREAS**, the public, including Bernalillo residents and residents of nearby communities,
82 have raised serious concerns about oil and gas exploration and potential development in the
83 Rio Rancho area; and
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85 **WHEREAS**, oil and gas exploration and development in the County have previously occurred
86 primarily in the Cuba area, which is less densely populated, and primarily on tribal and federal

87 lands under the control of the United States government; and

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89 **WHEREAS**, expansion of the oil and gas industry in and near densely populated areas of
90 the County could have a major impact on our water quantity and quality, on our air, roads,
91 vegetation, wildlife and property values; and

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93 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in a recent report to the Legislative
94 Finance Committee noted an increase in the number of oil spills, with 1,853 spills reported in
95 Fiscal Year 2015; and

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97 **WHEREAS**, many Bernalillo residents are concerned about risks of oil and gas
98 exploration and production, including hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), a process that is
99 used to increase oil and gas production in geological areas with low permeability; and

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101 **WHEREAS**, the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado has
102 recently been cited as a methane gas hotspot with the highest concentration of methane
103 pollution in the United States; and

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105 **WHEREAS**, methane from oil and gas operations often is accompanied by other harmful
106 pollutants, including cancer-causing benzene and various chemicals that increase the ground-
107 level ozone ("smog") associated with asthma and heart disease, as well as hydrogen sulfide and
108 other pollutants dangerous to public health and safety; and

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110 **WHEREAS**, as tax payers Town and County residents could be negatively impacted by any
111 major oil and gas development, in particular to pay for infrastructure, including but not limited
112 to roads, health and safety personnel, hospitals and clinics; and

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114 **WHEREAS**, potentially adopting zoning actions or issuing permits for oil and gas companies
115 to engage in exploration and comprehensive ordinances could result in serious harm to the
116 residents and property owners of the County and open the door for costly litigation; and

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118 **WHEREAS**, comprehensive County oil and gas ordinances will make the rules clear to the
119 industry as well as to the public, and

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121 **WHEREAS**, adequate time is needed for the County and its legal advisors to develop,
122 review and enact such ordinances.

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124 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
125 **TOWN OF BERNALILLO THAT:**

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127 1. The Town of Bernalillo requests the Sandoval County Commission to enact a
128 moratorium on any new applications to drill for oil and or gas in the County for at least six (6)
129 months that will provide the county with adequate time to develop, with public input,
130 comprehensive oil and gas exploration and production ordinances that will protect the health,
131 safety and environment of our residents.

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133 2. The Town of Bernalillo urges the Sandoval County Commission to contact the tribes
134 and pueblos, the New Mexico State Land Office and the United States Bureau of Land
135 Management, that already participate in or authorize oil and gas production, to develop
136 agreements to ensure that County infrastructure, water quality and quantity, soil, air, wildlife
137 and archeological sites on county lands are not negatively impacted by new oil and gas drilling
138 in areas where oil and gas production already exists.

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140 3. Copies of this Resolution shall be distributed to the Sandoval County Commission, the
141 Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission, and Sandoval County Manager and the
142 Director of Planning and Zoning.

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144 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.**

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147 Mayor Torres entertained a motion.

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149 Councilor Prairie moved to adopt Resolution 03/28/16 Requesting the Sandoval County
150 Commission to Pass a Moratorium on All New Oil and Gas Drilling Applications Within the
151 Jurisdiction of the County for Six Months to Enable the Commission to Adopt Comprehensive
152 Planning and Zoning Ordinances to Govern Oil and Gas Drilling in the County . The motion was
153 seconded by Councilor Sisneros.

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155 **Roll Call Vote**

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157 **Councilor Jaramillo Yea**
158 **Councilor Sisneros Yea**
159 **Councilor Prairie Yea**

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163 **NEW BUSINESS: 7b) Discussion Consideration, Action on Approval on**
164 **Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Bernalillo and the Mid Region**
165 **Council of Governments Authority for Town Project #15-0838 Bernalillo Athena**
166 **Playground and Skate Park. Presenter: Andy Edmondson**

167 Andy Edmondson Public Works Director stated the Memorandum of Understanding with the
168 Mid Region Council of Government is for Town Project #15-0838 Bernalillo Athena Playground
169 and Skate Park. Mid Region Council of Governments is our fiscal agent for the \$35,000
170 appropriated by the Local Government Division. Due to the Town not meeting certain audit
171 requirements the funds must be received by another appropriate entity acting as a fiscal agent for
172 the Town.

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174 Mayor Torres entertained a motion.

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176 Councilor Prairie made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the
177 Town of Bernalillo and the Mid Region Council of Governments Authority for Town Project
178 #15-0838 Bernalillo Athena Playground and Skate Park. The motion was seconded by Councilor
179 Jaramillo and the motion carried unanimously.

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183 **NEW BUSINESS: 7c) Discussion Consideration, Action on Approval on Memorandum of**
184 **Understanding Between the Town of Bernalillo and the Mid Region Council of**
185 **Governments Authority for Town Project #15-0839 Bernalillo Rotary Park Baseball Fields.**
186 **Presenter: Andy Edmondson**

187 Andy Edmondson Public Works Director stated the Memorandum of Understanding with the
188 Mid Region Council of Government is for Town Project #15-0839 Bernalillo Rotary Park
189 Baseball Fields. Mid Region Council of Governments is our fiscal agent for the \$100,000
190 appropriated by the Local Government Division. Due to the Town not meeting certain audit
191 requirements the funds must be received by another appropriate entity acting as a fiscal agent for
192 the Town.

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194 Mayor Torres entertained a motion.

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196 Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the
197 Town of Bernalillo and the Mid Region Council of Governments Authority for Town Project
198 #15-0839 Bernalillo Rotary Park Baseball Fields. The motion was seconded by Councilor
199 Sisneros and the motion carried unanimously.

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203 **FINANCIAL SECTION: 8a) Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher List.**

204 Mayor Torres asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher list in the amount of
205 \$164,866.48.

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207 Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher list in the amount of
208 \$164,866.48. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sisneros and the motion carried
209 unanimously.

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211 **MISCELLANEOUS SECTION: 9a) Public Comment.**

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214 **MISCELLANEOUS SECTION: 9b) Information on Federal Fire Staffing Grant.**

215 **Presenter: Chief Michael Carroll**

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217 Michael Carroll informed the Governing Body on the submission of an application for a Federal
218 Fire Staffing Grant. Requested was 5 full time fire fighters. The grant would pay the salary and
219 benefits for two years and the Town would have to guarantee a third year to keep those five fire
220 fighters as employees. This staffing would allow the fire department to have 4 fire fighters per
221 shift which is an ISO requirement. The Application was submitted on Friday. Notification will
222 be given in the fall if Town is selected for the grant. Should the Town not have funding to meet
223 their financial obligation the grant can be declined.

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226 **MISCELLANEOUS SECTION: 9c) Announcements. Presenter: Mayor Torres**

227 Maria Rinaldi stated that applications are now available for the Memorial Day Parade.

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229 Maria Rinaldi stated that tomorrow there will be a tour for potential tenants at the Roosevelt @
230 1:30.

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232 Maria Rinaldi stated that Chris Perez Town Attorney and she are working on a plan and policy
233 for leasing public property.

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235 Mayor Torres stated that he is meeting with Secretary Church of NMDOT on April 1st to discuss
236 US HWY 550 project.

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238 Mayor Torres wanted to thank Jason Soto and his staff members for their efforts in having a
239 successful Easter egg hunt at Rotary Park. He wanted to especially thank Jason Soto for his
240 dedication to the Town. Jason was on vacation but came to the egg hunt to make sure everything
241 was in place and there were no problems with the egg hunt.

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There being no further business, Councilor Sisneros moved to adjourn the meeting at

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245 7:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilor Prairie and carried unanimously.

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248 Done this 28th day of March 2016.

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251 ATTEST:

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Ida Fierro, Town Clerk

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