


<p>City of Albuquerque</p> <p>Small Business</p> <p>Regulatory Advisory Commission</p>		
<p>Chair: Myra Ghattas Vice Chairman: Tim Nisly</p> <p>City Legal: L. Brunner Staff: C. Vender M. Mitchell A. Mireles</p>	<p>Commissioners: Paulette Baca Matthew Biggs Kenneth J. Carson Lisa McCulloch Cailyn Kilcup</p>	

June 13, 2023

10:06 AM – 11:30 AM

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/9863682011>

Meeting ID: 986 368 2011

AGENDA

I. Approval of minutes – Chair

MOTION to Approve April 2023 Minutes: Ken Carson
SECOND by: Cailyn Kilcup
MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Additions/deletions to agenda – Chair

III. Open Discussion – District 9 City Councilor Renee Grout, District 4 City Councilor Brook Bassan, Guest Speaker Maria Tena from the Planning Department,

- City councilors, what are any priorities or agendas that relate to benefitting small businesses that are in sight for the near future?
 - Councilor Grout is concerned for the safety of employees. Businesses have to spend large amounts of money for safety features such as gates or cameras.
 - Crime prevention specialist can come and give recommendations to create a safer property for businesses.
 - Sunset clause has been extended to 2028.
 - Vehicle registration issues have arisen and will be talked about more in depth once more information is collected.

- Councilor Bassan addresses “campers” and crime helpers.
- Councilor Bassan mentions that APD recommends businesses to post ‘No Trespassing’ signs to assist in preventing theft and encampments.
- Criminal Trespass Ordinance:
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque_nm/0-0-0-101138
- Speed humps and patrol officers are being placed in high incident areas.
- Councilor Bassan notified the commission of a VIN and catalytic converter etching event in July. (information was distributed after meeting)
- Private security is becoming popular but could it be paid with tax dollars?
- Councilor Bassan announces 29 cadets graduating from the police academy.
- Commissioner Lisa McCulloch requests the status of the Gibson Health Hub. Councilor Bassan will get updates for the group but emphasizes the importance of opening the hub.
- Chair is curious about any initiatives that can help positively improve the quality of our living. What are the ongoing efforts for revitalization, lighting, and environmental concerns?
 - Councilor Grout mentions the addition of charging stations for electric cars at community centers.
 - Councilor Bassan mentions federal funding will be used to evaluate the balance of distribution of charging stations throughout Albuquerque.
- Cultural shift in city government is needed to positively impact running businesses in Albuquerque.
 - Councilor Bassan reminds the commissioners that there are 3 districts that will have potential for change due to upcoming elections.

IV. Open Discussion (*continued*) – Guest Speaker Maria Tena from the Planning Department.

- With the intention of making the business permit application and renewal process simpler, a new program will be launching in August of 2024.
- Many businesses in Albuquerque have remained unregistered for many years. With the new program starting up, Maria hopes to implement registration and renewal for those businesses.
- What better changes will business owners see in the new system?
 - Maria mentions for the new system to have more questions and cross verify to ensure business licenses are up to date.
 - Communication is to become more fluent between every entity involved among the process.
- Matt and Cailyn expressed opinions about registration system changes and City ordinances.
- Maria speaks on the topic of differed business fees. Board expressed concern over department’s communication methods regarding deferred fees.

V. City Update - Carrie Vender, Small Business Office Liaison

- Summerfest link: <https://www.cabq.gov/artsculture/things-to-do/annual-events/summerfest>
- Small Businesses Resource Fairs were successful. They are scheduled to be quarterly starting August and will be hosted at different quadrants of the city.

VI. Committee Update – Myra Ghattas, Chair

- Memo on STR Ordinance was sent and Councilor Grout was only respondent.

VII. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Myra Ghattas

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 11:48

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