

Memorandum

October 24, 2022

To: Raton City Commissioners

Prepared By: Scott Berry, P.E.
City Manager

Subject: Request for Capital Outlay Project Funding
2023 Session of the New Mexico Legislature

The New Mexico State Legislature will convene in regular session on January 17, 2023 for a 60 day session. The session is scheduled to end at noon on March 18, 2023. Commencing at the October 25 meeting, we will have discussion regarding requests for capital outlay funding requests to the 2023 New Mexico State Legislature.

My recommendations for funding requests are as follows:

1. **Maloya Dam Safety Improvements** – The City of Raton/ Raton Water Works have worked for the past several years with the NMSEO Dam Safety Bureau to develop engineering alternatives focused on spillway improvements. The engineering firm AECOM has developed preliminary design alternatives and estimates of project cost. I am asking Commission approval for a capital outlay request of \$30,000,000 as Raton’s top current priority.
2. **Bartlett Mesa Ranch Acquisition** – The City of Raton has identified outdoor recreation as a primary focus area in the City’s economic development strategic plan, and the expansion proposal is consistent with the establishment of new adjacent park areas in Colorado. I recommend a funding request in the amount of \$1,500,000 to put a majority of the funds for purchase into place.
3. **Kearny Film Production/ Workforce Training Facility** – This project presents an opportunity to significantly advance the City’s economic development efforts and to create numerous employment options for Raton residents in the film production industry. I recommend seeking additional project funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for existing building renovation, new building construction for XR studio, and film production equipment.
4. **Public Works Equipment Replacement** – Capital outlay has been utilized effectively in past years to address the needs of the Raton Public Works Department. I recommend a request in the amount of \$500,000 to be applied to the purchase of an industrial mower/ tractor, asphalt hot-box, multi-tool skid-steer, culvert jetter, snow removal equipment, grapple truck, tree saw and stump grinder, industrial brush chipper, and roller/ compactor.

5. **Civic Plaza Construction** – The City of Raton has discussed this project with New Mexico Tourism Department and North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and this project will be included on a selection of tourism-related projects that the Dept. will recommend to the Governor’s office. We have tentatively planned for a request of \$500,000 in the discussion.

6. **Drainage System Improvements and Reconstruction** –Under this proposal, a project would consist of reconstruction of storm drain inlets and piping in the Original Townsite area to replace components that are greater than 75 years old. With progress completed in other infrastructure areas, the storm drainage system has become one of the City’s infrastructure priorities currently. The recommended funding request is \$500,000.

I would request action to approve all Capital Outlay requests for Raton by the City Commission at the Novemembr 22, 2022 meeting in order to allow the time to complete documentation, submittals, and coordinate the requests with legislators and Legislative Council Service. The Commission can request any project that is listed on the ICIP and meets the attached criteria. My recommendations are offered based on current priority needs, projects impact on community development and compliance, and state established criteria.

Submitted By:

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