Upholding the Public Trust

The City of Truth or Consequences is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethics, integrity, and transparency in public service. As part of that commitment, City employees receive an annual review of the New Mexico Governmental Conduct Act, which outlines the responsibilities and ethical standards expected of public officials and employees. This ongoing education helps ensure that City staff remain accountable stewards of public resources and continue to serve residents in a fair, professional, and transparent manner. By reinforcing these standards each year, the City demonstrates its dedication to earning and maintaining the public's trust.

Lighting the Way, Preserving the Night

A well-lit neighborhood is a safer and more welcoming neighborhood. Porch lights, entryway lighting, and other exterior fixtures can help improve visibility for neighbors taking an evening walk, walking their pets, or traveling through the community after dark. Exterior lighting helps illuminate sidewalks, steps, driveways, and other potential hazards while contributing to a greater sense of safety and awareness throughout residential areas. Research has shown that improved lighting can support public safety by increasing visibility and encouraging natural surveillance in neighborhoods.

At the same time, many residents value Sierra County's exceptional night skies. Fortunately, effective lighting and dark-sky preservation can go hand in hand. Warm-colored, downward-facing fixtures help direct light where it is needed while reducing glare and limiting light pollution. Modern LED porch lights are also highly energy efficient. Based on the City of Truth or Consequences' current residential electric rate, a typical 10-watt LED porch light operating approximately 12 hours each night costs about 52 cents per month. Thoughtful lighting choices can enhance safety around homes while helping preserve the star-filled skies that make our community unique.

Fire Department Anniversary and Riverwalk Discussion on Agenda

The City Commission will meet Friday, August 28, at 4:00 PM. Among the meeting highlights is a proclamation recognizing the 103rd anniversary of the Truth or Consequences Volunteer Fire Department. Over the past century, generations of volunteer firefighters have dedicated countless hours to protecting the community, and the department became the first all-volunteer fire department in New Mexico to achieve an ISO Class 2 rating, helping provide reduced insurance costs to local residents.

Commissioners will also consider a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Sierra County related to a proposed Rio Grande Riverwalk Trail at Ralph Edwards Park. The project would support the City's application for grant funding to develop trail connections, wildlife viewing opportunities, educational signage, and enhanced access to the Rio Grande.