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Bond Transparency in Action: Ordinance No. 772 Public Hearing

The City of Truth or Consequences will hold a Public Hearing during the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, to receive additional input regarding Ordinance No. 772. This ordinance pertains to the final adoption of the Series 2025 General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds. This follows the initial discussion and action taken during the September 10, 2025 Commission meeting, where Mark Valenzuela of Bosque Advisors, LLC provided an update and timeline on the upcoming bond sale. The proposed issuance totals $790,000.

This ordinance is part of a broader initiative to fund critical water, wastewater, and street infrastructure improvements throughout the city. Following voter approval of the G.O. Bonds in November 2022, the city is now launching a general bond information campaign to help residents understand how funds from all four bond series have been or will be allocated. This campaign will provide transparency and clarity on the progress and impact of these investments. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks, as the City shares updates and visual breakdowns of bond-funded projects.

Animal Shelter Receives $40,000 Spay & Neuter Grant

The Truth or Consequences Animal Shelter has been awarded a $40,000 grant from the New Mexico Veterinary Board, made possible through the passage of Senate Bill 57. Animal Shelter Supervisor Tara Manning presented the agreement, which was unanimously approved by the City Commission. The funds will be used to spay and neuter all shelter animals, with plans to expand services to the public. The grant requires two progress reports to the Board, one at six months and a final report at twelve months, detailing procedures performed, funds spent, and remaining balances. More details will be shared as the program rolls out.

Ruidoso Recharge: City Leaders Bring Back Fresh Ideas from NMML

In mid-September, select City Administration attended the 2025 New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference, held at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The event brought together municipal leaders from across the state for four days of workshops, networking, and professional development opportunities.

The team participated in a variety of sessions focused on improving office efficiency, enhancing leadership skills, and exploring innovative approaches to municipal governance. Keynote speakers and breakout workshops offered fresh perspectives on long-term planning, water security, housing development, and memory-based leadership techniques. These sessions provided valuable insights that attendees plan to bring back to their departments to improve internal operations and community engagement.

Beyond the formal training, the conference served as a vital networking opportunity. Staff connected with peers from other municipalities, exchanging ideas and building relationships that will support future collaboration across New Mexico.