

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday March 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A Padilla Sr called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at Aztec City Hall 201 W Chaco Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Randall
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Michael A Padilla Sr. Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth George and Commissioner Jim Crowley Commissioner Colby King, Commissioner Austin Randall

Members Absent. NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn City Clerk Karla Saylor Attorney Sophia Flores

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Agenda SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes February 25 2025
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes February 25 2025
- C. Resolution 2025 1479 Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project
- D. Planning and Zoning Removal of Member Randy Martinez
- E. Appointment of Planning and Zoning Member Bret Lanier
- F. Resolution 2025-1480 Law Enforcement Protection Funds

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Consent Agenda PULLING item C for discussion SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

C Resolution 2025-1479 Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project

Commissioner Crowley wanted clarification on the item Andrew DiCamillo provided an explanation of how the NM MainStreet Division operates He mentioned that the city is collaborating with them to become a Mainstreet Organization and participate in their program Andrew also addressed any other questions raised by the Commission

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Resolution 2025 1479 Supporting a Public-Private Economic Development MainStreet Project
SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem George

A Roll Call was Taken

Those Voting Aye
Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay NONE

All Voted Aye Motion Passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-558 Allocating Economic Development funds for 101 Blanco LLC Aka "The Aztec Alchemy

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-558 Allocating Economic Development funds for 101 Blanco LLC Aka The Aztec Alchemy In the amount of \$100,000 SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

A Roll Call was Taken

Those Voting Aye
Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay NONE

All Voted Aye Motion Passed Five to Zero

B Bid Award for Williams Arroyo Bank Repair Phase 1

Mayor Padilla would like to get multiple bids for the project and ensure that Reservoir I is completed before approving the current bid

Mayor Pro Tem George raised concerns about Sychar securing all of the city's current bids

Commissioner Crowley also shared concerns regarding the bid and certain aspects of the contract

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Bid Award for Williams Arroyo Bank Repair Phase 1 SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem George

A Roll Call was Taken

Those Voting Aye: NONE

Those Voting Nay

Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro Tem George
Mayor Padilla

All Voted Nay Motion Failed Five to Zero

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

550 Brewing Company LLC

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE 550 Brewing Company LLC
SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem George

A Roll Call was Taken

Those Voting Aye
Commissioner King
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Mayor Pro Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay NONE

All Voted Aye Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Randall informed the commission that Riverside and Tiger Ponds have both been restocked

Commissioner Crowley had several questions for the City Manager including utility revenues in arrears an update on the solar farm costs for Reservoir I the use of ARPA funds and the wastewater treatment plant The City Manager was directed to gather the necessary information to address all of his questions and compile it into a report for the Commission He also mentioned that Habitat for Humanity has completed a home and hosted an open house on Saturday

Mayor Padilla informed the commission that he Jeff Jennie and Mayor Pro-Tem George transferred money to the LGIP which will generate 4.3% interest for the city

Commissioner King requested an update from Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo on the current financial status of the arterial project

Mayor Pro-Tem George praised the staff for their monthly reports noting that they are all very informative He also presented the Commission with an MPO report He expressed concerns about the financial status of Reservoir I pointing out that the bid from Bohanon Huston was \$3,556,000 which was approved by the Commission However nearly \$1 million in additional costs were added to the project of which he was unaware He instructed staff to compile a comprehensive project report, including financial reports, change orders, who approved them, and when they were approved Mayor Padilla acknowledged that the funding for the project came from grants but also requested a report Mayor Pro Tem George asked about the lighting in the Tiger Sports Complex parking lot, Jeff noting that the school covered the cost of the field lighting, while the City funded the parking lot lighting according to the MOU He expressed a desire to revisit the MOU when it expires to ensure that it remains a favorable agreement for the city

Jeff reported to the Commission updates on the following

- Crack seal project at the airport
Correspondence with Scott Scanland regarding legislative funding
- He will be off sick Wednesday

Police Chief Joe Gonzales provided an update to the Commission with a report on the MVD services. He explained that despite adding an additional day to operate they are still generating slightly less revenue compared to when they were open four days a week. Commissioner King inquired if any changes could be made to prevent losses. Joe responded that the options were either to reduce staff which isn't practical, or to raise fees. Commissioner King requested a cost comparison with other communities to make sure the fees are comparable.

Electric Director John Wheeler reported to the commission on the following

- The solar field is currently producing 810kw
- Reaching a settlement agreement on the MOU for Ancient Trails \$300,000
- Scheduling a workshop to discuss
 - Prevention of future electric outages
 - Splitting the joint utility fund
 - Rate structure and rates
- Providing broadband as a service to the City

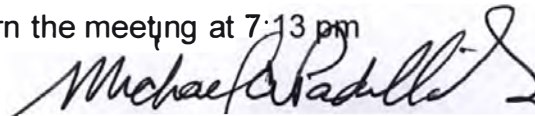
Commissioner King asked John about the YAFL lighting. John stated the approval for the bid will be on the next agenda. The Commission suggested the workshop be held on April 3, 2025 @ 4:00pm.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo updated the commission on the current project,

- Arterial financial status

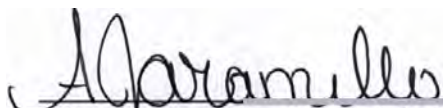
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr

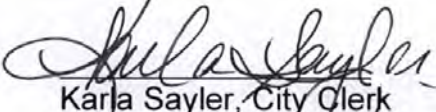
MINUTES PREPARED BY



Alisha Jaramillo Administrative Assistant



ATTEST



Karla Sayler, City Clerk