

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
February 9, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry called the Virtual Meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Invocation (led by Commissioner Randall)
- B. United States Pledge of Allegiance (led by Commissioner Lewis)
- C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance (led by Commissioner Lewis)

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Fry; Commissioner Austin Randall (remote video); Commissioner Mark Lewis; Commissioner Mike Padilla (in person)

Members Absent: Mayor Victor Snover

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ken George; Assistant Interim City Manager Steven Saavedra; City Attorney Tyson Gobble; City Clerk Karla Saylor; IT Director Wallace Begay

**IV. PRESENTATION**

Billy Moore Director and Evan Williams the Executive Director with the Council of Governments (COG) gave a presentation to Commission.

- Seven councils of government in NM
- Our region includes San Juan, McKinley and Cibola Counties
- They are a planning and development district for the state of NM through the local government division and an Economic development district under the United States Economic Development Administration
- There are 3 buckets of service that they provide to local and regional government services (1) work program (2) State Grant Made to help with planning and development (3) base program which helps with regional economic development
- They do tourism, water planning
- Membership is the only source of funding they have and depending on what you pay depends on the services received
- They presented a slide show with all of the services and information

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to approve the agenda as given;  
SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

All voted Aye: Motion passed four to zero

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021
- B. Special Budget Resolution 2021-1213 Intergovernmental Grant Fund
- C. FY 21 Second State Aide Grant Agreement for Library

MOVED by Commissioner Padilla approve the consent agenda as given  
with the exception of postponing item (C) SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

All voted Aye: Motion passed four to zero

**VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- C. FY21 Second State Aide Grant Agreement for Library

**VIII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 Minutes Maximum)**

NONE

**IX. BUSINESS ITEMS**

NONE

**X. LAND USE HEARING**

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry read the land use script and explained the proceedings. She asked if there were any conflicts of interest or personal bias to be declared and there were none.

Parties Listed were sworn in:

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra  
Brennen Heddin, 907 El Sol speaking on behalf of Elsberry  
Mr. Lucero 10812 Shetlands Place, Albuquerque, NM 87121  
Tweeti Blancett, Step Back Inn, 123 W. Aztec Blvd. Aztec, NM 87410  
Eddie Chavez 911 El Sol Street, Aztec, NM 87410

A. CUP 2020-04 A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) To Allow A Residential Apartment In A C-1 District For Property Located At 123 W. Aztec Blvd.

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra explained that this item was originally tabled, this is a request by Tweeti Blancett to allow residential apartments in a C-1 District. He explained that Community Development has reviewed the plans as well as Economic Development Advisory Board and they are both recommending approval. The plans seem sufficient and we cannot identify any negative externalities that could exist with the request. Commissioner Padilla had asked they question about the dumpster. Steven explained that it is up to Commission but City Code requires that the dumpster either be removed or enclosed so we need to make sure that is addressed in the motion. Tweeti explained that it would not be an issue to move the dumpster.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry closed the hearing to testimony.

MOVED by Commissioner Padilla to approve CUP 2020-04 A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a residential apartment in A C-1 District for property located at 123 W. Aztec Blvd. with the recommendation that the dumpster be enclosed or relocated out of public view SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call was taken: All voted Aye: Motion passed three to zero  
Commissioner Randall abstained because of a brief conversation with applicant

B. ZC 21-01 A request to rezone property at 907 El Sol to O-1 from C-2

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra explained that this is a request from Teresa Ellsbury who is represented by Brennen Hiddin to change the zoning at 907 El Sol St. from General Commercial and Wholesale (C-2) to the Office and Institutional (O\_1). They were made aware of this property because of a realtor and an appraiser and this creates a conflict for the lenders because it is illegal non-conforming. Community Development does not see any negative externalities that would prevent the re-zoning classification from occurring and are recommending approval.

Brennen Heddin explained that the way it is currently zoned they are not able to get insurance on the property. They are wanting to sell the property and they can't unless the get the zone change. They are looking at having repairs done to the house it is in a little disrepair.

Mr. Lucero asked if it would remain residential. Steven explained that it would remain residential but it would also allow for offices.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry closed the hearing to testimony.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to approve ZC 2021-01, A requested to zone change property from the General Commercial and Wholesale (C-2) Zoning District to the Office and Institutional (O-1) Zoning District for property located at 907 El Sol St. SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was taken: All voted Aye: Motion passed four to zero

## **XI. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Interim City Manager Ken George mentioned that we are looking for a Finance Director and we have had 1 application turned in and the consultants for the City Manager have received 25 applications and we will be working with them to bring the top 5 for interviews.

Interim Assistant City Manager Steven Saavedra passed on condolences to Mayor Snover and his family.

Senior Center Director Cindy Iacovetto explained that they have canceled the vaccination clinic at the center and they are redirecting people to Kare Drug. She also mentioned that the VFW is preparing taxes in their building and they are going really well.

Library Director Angela Watkins mentioned that they are starting to pick back up, they are helping people register for the vaccine and they have an opening on the Library Board.

Commissioner Padilla mentioned that he received a call from 1 of the consultants for City Manager and it was an interesting discussion. He also passed on his condolences to Mayor Snover.

Commissioner Lewis echoed condolences to the Mayor. He mentioned an article in the Albuquerque Journal regarding the Central Corridor and the Rio Grande where they are asking farmers not to plant this year because they don't expect there'll be enough water. They are only anticipating getting 50% of their allocation from the San Juan Chama diversion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry mentioned she has attended the community garden meetings and they are moving along with 4 different committees doing planning and design. The piano project has 3 more pianos being painted so they will have 7 pianos in total this season. She has NWNM seniors and MPO coming up.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lewis



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Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten signature of Karla Saylor]*  
Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

*[Handwritten signature of Sherlynn Morgan]*  
Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant