

1 CITY OF AZTEC
2 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
3 April 13, 2021
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5 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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7 Mayor Snover called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm
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9 **II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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11 A. Invocation (led by Commissioner Randall)
12 B. United States Pledge of Allegiance (City Attorney, Tyson Gobble)
13 C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance (led by City Attorney, Tyson
14 Gobble)

15 **III. ROLL CALL**

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17 Members Present: Mayor Snover; Mayor Pro-Tem Fry; Commissioner Austin
18 Randall; Commissioner Mark Lewis; Commissioner Mike
19 Padilla (in person)
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21 Members Absent: NONE
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23 Others Present: Interim City Manager Ken George; Assistant Interim City
24 Manager Steven Saavedra; City Attorney Tyson Gobble; City
25 Clerk Karla Saylor; IT Director Wallace Begay (see
26 attendance sheet)
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28 **IV. PRESENTATION**

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30 Legislative Session Updates (Representative Ryan Lane)

- 31 • Mentioned to Commission how responsive staff is to our citizens
32 • Likes the way we utilize YouTube, it's important for citizens to watch live
33 and also view the archives
34 • He serves on the House Education Committee and the House
35 Appropriations and Finance Committee
36 • House Bill 2 the state budget \$7.4 billion dollar budget, about a 4.9%
37 increase with a 24% remaining in reserves
38 • House Bill 4 the New Mexico Civil Rights Act which will create a cause of
39 action for any government employee or elected official if the violate a
40 citizens state bill of rights it creates a new cause of action allowing for
41 damages of up to \$2 million and attorney's fees. This could affect the
42 municipalities insurance rates
43 • House Bill 20 the sick leave act will go into effect July of 2022 and there is
44 no exclusions for small businesses; for every 30 hours that the employee
45 works they get 1 hour of sick leave; it doesn't matter if they are full-time,
46 part-time or temporary

- 47 • House Bill 55 requires the legislature to publish all the capital outlay projects
48 the legislators' introduce and puts it into a searchable database on the
49 website
- 50 • House Bill 278 eliminates the gross receipts tax for someone who sells or
51 leases manufacturing equipment to someone who is a manufacturer; this
52 will eliminate the pyramiding tax and allow NM to become more competitive
53 when it comes to big manufacturing projects
- 54 • House Bill 255 liquor law reform which creates a new license for restaurants
- 55 • The legislature passed adult recreation use of cannabis (21 and older) State
56 wide; limitations in the ability to control it by zoning
- 57 • Capital Outlay Projects: San Juan County received almost \$20 million; the
58 City received \$150,000 for police vehicles, \$2 million for reservoir repairs,
59 utility construction system \$200,000, and \$100,000 for Main Street
60 improvements

61 Commission thanked Mr. Lane for taking the time to be here and present, it's nice
62 to have a partnership with our elected officials.

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64 **Animas Riverbank Restoration Project (Alyssa Richmond San Juan Water Shed
65 Group)**

- 66 • Group does water quality research specifically for nutrients, sediment and
67 fecal bacteria for Animas Valley and hope to expand into San Juan river
68 below Navajo Dam all the way to the Navajo Nation
- 69 • Currently helping the City to manage and be successful in maintaining the
70 habitat, river corridor and to support the recreation economy
- 71 • Working with Jeff Blackburn on the Animas River Habitat Enhancement
72 and Bank Stabilization Project, this is grant funded from the NM
73 Environment Department
- 74 • \$170,000 for 2 projects; Riverside park diversion structure and the Rio De
75 Animas Park that is on the opposite side of the river from the Ruins
- 76 • Riverside Park will be removing a lot of concrete curb, car parts, metals
77 and hazardous debris from bank and doing bank stabilization features by
78 installing a J Hook structure and a tiered level of large rocks
- 79 • Rio De Animas will involve removing hazardous debris and putting in a
80 new river ingress and egress point
- 81 • Anticipated to start in September of this year

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83 Commission thanked Alyssa for the exciting presentation.

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85 **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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88 **MOVED** by Commissioner Randall to approve the agenda as given;
89 **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lewis
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91 All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero
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93 **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**
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- 95 A. Commission Closed Session Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021
96 B. Commission Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021
97 C. Commission Special Meeting Minutes April 1, 2021
98 D. Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement RFP 2019-672 Amendment Two
99 E. ITB 2021-770 Contract Award to Kyvek Energy Services, Inc. for the East
100 Aztec Pump Station SCADA Upgrade Design Build Services
101 F. Resolution 2021-1216 Night Depository Services with Citizens Bank
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103 MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to approve the consent agenda as given
104 SECONDED by Commissioner Randall
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106 All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero
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108 **VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
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112 **VIII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 Minutes Maximum)**
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117 **IX. BUSINESS ITEMS**
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121 **X. LAND USE HEARING**
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125 **XI. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
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127 Interim City Manager Ken George mentioned that there has been a moratorium on
128 utility disconnects because of COVID but the PRC has lifted that as of April 5th, he
129 wanted to let Commission know where we are headed, we will lift our own as of
130 June 1st. Delain will get the information out to the public that we will start with
131 disconnects in June.
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133 Mayor Pro-Tem Fry mentioned that she has been working with the Chamber on
134 getting activities together for the summer around the pianos. May 6th from noon-6
135 the will be having piano concerts on the sidewalk down main.

136 Utility Director Delain George mentioned that the utility department will be making
137 payment arrangements up to 12 months for those with high balances. If they are unable
138 to make the current bill she will encourage them to seek assistance through the State
139 programs that are available.

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141 Library Director Angela Watkins mentioned that anyone needing computer assistance in
142 applying for the state funded programs can use the computers at the library. The just
143 need to call and make an appointment.

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145 General Services Director Jeff Blackburn thanked San Juan Water Sherd, San Juan
146 Soil and Water, Army Corps of Engineers and the NM Environmental Department and
147 all the consultants that are helping on the river project. He is very grateful for all the
148 help.

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150 Chief Mike Heal thanked Mr. Lane for working through the whole legislative session to
151 try to make things better for us.

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153 **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

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155 Closed Session Pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H (2) Limited Personnel Matters,
156 Discussion on City Manager Recruitment

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158 Mayor Snover moved into closed session at 7:05 pm.

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160 All Voted Aye

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162 Mayor Snover moved out of closed session at 7:47 pm.

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164 No other items were discussed or voted on and no other decisions were made
165 during the closed session.

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167 All Voted Aye

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169 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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171 Mayor Pro-Tem Fry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm **SECONDED** by
172 Commissioner Lewis

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Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant