

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 22, 2022

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

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Invocation led by Pastor Will Lee
- B. United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Randall
- C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Randall

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Paul Eckert; City Attorney Steven Murphy; City Clerk Karla Saylor

III. PRESENTATION

- 1. Employee of the Year Recognition Kris Farmer
- 2. Department of the Year Recognition Senior Center
- 3. Four Corners Economic Development Presentation-Arvin Trujillo

Arvin mentioned that they are focused on large initiatives and project in the county and support of local municipalities as well. He stated that the strategic plan was developed by the community, they came up with five strategic goals to focus on. Each area has a team of Community members helping to determine how to get things moving in the area. He mentioned the major projects they are going to be focusing on in the county.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to approve the agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022
- C. Resolution 2022-1274 NMED Capital Grant Agreement

D. Resolution 2022-1275 Budget Transfer for HVAC Replacement on Police Department Building

The first motion was MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to approve the Consent agenda with the exception of Item D for further discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

The second motion was MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to amend and approve the Consent agenda with the exception of Item D for further discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

E. Resolution 2022-1275 Budget Transfer for HVAC Replacement on Police Department Building

Mayor Padilla stated that he would like to discuss further the grant agreement.

Finance Director Anthony Bolling stated that this is just a request to move funds between General Services Manager Jeff Blackburn's budgets.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to approve Resolution 2022-1275 Budget Transfer for HVAC Replacement on Police Department Building; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

VII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 Minutes Maximum)

NONE

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-521 Chapter 16 Rate Adjustments to Solid Waste

Utility Director Delaine George mentioned that the intent to adopt was approved on 1/25/22 and since then no changes have been made and there have not been any comments from residents.

Commissioner Crowley questioned what the fund would look like in a year with the rate increase. Anthony Bolling will be getting the info the next day to let commission know exactly what those numbers would be.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-521 Chapter 16 Rate Adjustments to Solid Waste; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

IX. QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING

Mayor Padilla opened the Quasi-Judicial Hearing and reviewed the hearing procedures and swore in all parties who were interested in testifying. He then asked if any members of the Commission had a conflict of interest, bias or engaged in ex parte communication, there were none.

A. ZC 22-01 A Request to Consider Rezoning Property from the M-1 to the R-1 District for Property at 110 Bison Trail

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra stated that Mr. Casey Martinez has a representative Jeremy Cordell speaking on his behalf for this item. Zone Change 22-01 is a request to rezone from M-1 to an R-1 Zone. This property was originally annexed by the city in 2000. The applicant would like to split it to two parcels to construct a site-built dwelling unit on each lot. Steven reviewed the map with the location of the property with commission. Steven mentioned that there is no wastewater line in and around the property and that Bison Trail is not a dedicated right-of-way. He mentioned that the City sees Bison Trail as an actual street to ensure no landlocked properties. City Attorney asked Steven if we are going to get a dedicated road and Steven responded that he would work on it. The City Attorney mentioned that this is something that needs to take place as soon as possible.

The City Attorney asked Jeremy Cordell for the record if he is ok to proceed on this Item for the applicant and he said yes.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve ZC 22-01 A Request to Consider Rezoning Property from the M-1 to the R-1 District for Property at 110 Bison Trail; SECONDED by Commissioner King

All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

B. VAR 22-01 A Variance To The Required Setbacks And Lot Size Within The A-1 Agricultural or Rural District

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra stated that the applicant would like to reduce the setback requirement within the A1 district and reduce the lot size. The lot size is 0.13 acres the minimum acre requirement for the A1 district is 5 acres. Stevens stated that this lot is too small for the setbacks to accommodate placing a mobile home on it. The former property owner was sent many letters regarding the condition of said property. In 2020 the property was finally cleaned up and sold in 2021. The applicant would like to put a single wide on the property so is asking for a reduction in the setbacks. Steven requested that commission deny the application due to the zoning and restrictions. Commission asked if this would be site-built home if the recommendation would be different, Steven stated that it would be because mobile homes depreciate and would depreciate the surrounding properties. There was discussion on the sewer lines. Property owner Shawn stated that he has been in contact with Public Works Director Stephen Morse to address the sewer line on the property. He also

stated that the mobile home will be placed on a permanent foundation and will have a concrete walkway. It was a condition of approval to install a new sewer line and connect it to the City sewer line.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve VAR 22-01 A Variance To The Required Setbacks And Lot Size Within The A-1 Agricultural or Rural District with a condition of extending the sewer line;
SECONDED by Commissioner King

Three voted Aye one voted Nay: Motion passed three to one
Commissioner Randall Recused himself from the vote

X. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Manager Paul Eckert stated that with the mask mandates being lifted masks are no longer required at the city, although they are optional.

Commissioner Randall mentioned they restocked Tiger Park and Riverside.

Commissioner King recognized the Aztec Boys and Girls High School Wrestling team on winning 1st and 2nd in the State Championship.

Mayor Padilla attended the EDAB meeting, he stated it was a very good meeting.

Electric Director Denver DeWees updated commission on the proposed right of way for the Swire and Simmons Road project. He mentioned the department has received training on the use of fiberglass conduit instead of PVC. They are also planning on more training in the next couple of weeks on other materials that may help decrease costs. He also mentioned about power shortages and rising power costs. He mentioned that the projected cost of power will see some potential price increases in the future.

Public Works Director Stephen Morse gave an update in the NM 173-pipeline project is out to bid since last week. They had a pre bid meeting and there were three contractors there and there are at least two more interested. They are hoping to have this project done by May. He also updated the North Main project, the designs for the relocation of the storm pipe have gotten done so they can move forward with that.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COMMISSION ITEMS- (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Item	Meeting
New Commission Strategic Plan - Half Day Special Meeting	March 3

Law Protection Grant	March 8
Annual Report	March 8
North Main Progress and Funding Update	March 8
NM 173 Waterline Relocation Construction Contractor Approval	March 8
New Commission Strategic Plan-Half Day Special Meeting	March 17
Blanco Arroyo Culvert Replacement Project Design Firm Approval	April 12
Bladder Tank Cover Design/Evacuation	April 26

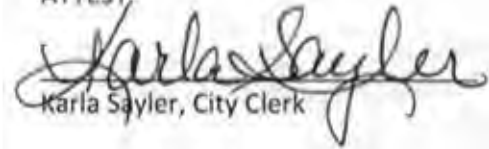
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Padilla moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Campbell, Administrative Assistant