

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday April 26, 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 Commissioner Colby King
- B. United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner James Crowley
- C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner James Crowley

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Austin Randall

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

**III. PROCLAMATION**

Electric Lineman Appreciation Day

Read and presented by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George the City Electric Department. Mayor Padilla mentioned some of the many accomplishments that the Electric Department has done.

**IV. PRESENTATION**

NONE

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to approve Agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022
- B. Support Resolution 2022-1279 to the NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) grant application to the MPO
- C. Support Resolution 2022-1280 to San Juan County for the EDD Grant Application for the Lower Animas Trail (Aztec to Farmington)
- D. San Juan Basin Rodeo Association Roping Arena Agreement

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

## **VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **IX. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Special Budget Resolution 2022-1281 Budget Adjustment

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve Special Budget Resolution 2022-1281; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Aye

Motion passed Four to Zero

- B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-522 Amending Chapter 1, Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees

Mayor Pro-Tem George had question on the fees that are changing; questions were answered by staff.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve Resolution Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-522 Amending Chapter 1, Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner King

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A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Aye

Motion passed Four to Zero

C. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-523 Amending Chapter 2, Article 5, Advisory Boards and Committees

MOVED by Commissioner King to approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-523 Amending Chapter 2, Article 5, Advisory Boards, and committees; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Nay

Motion passed Three to One

#### X. QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING

A. Case #CUP 2022-03. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow a Lodging House and/or Multiple Family Dwellings (Apartments) within the C-2 General Commercial and Wholesale Zoning District. The subject property is located at 1800 W. Aztec Blvd.

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra presented photos and documents to Commission with the recommendation to approve CUP 2022-03. Commission had some questions on bullet # 6, the rental shall not generate noise, vibration, orders, or other effects that unreasonably interfere with any person's enjoyment of their residence and # 8, must re-stucco the entire dwelling complex. All questions were satisfactorily answered by Steven Saavedra.

Brandon Ryan representing Apex Development presented Commission with a handout of the renderings for the vision and the plans they have for the property. Commission and City Attorney Steve Murphy had some questions for Mr. Ryan that he answered satisfactorily.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve Case #CUP 2022-03. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow a Lodging House and/or Multiple Family Dwellings (Apartments) within the C-2 General Commercial and Wholesale Zoning District with the conditions of all bullet points except for #3 and add to bullet point #8 to read to enhance curb appeal. The subject property is located at 1800 W. Aztec Blvd.; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Aye

Motion passed Four to Zero

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

City manager Paul Eckert celebrated the successes of Commission and Staff's commitment to citizen engagement and transparency. He mentioned that the Monthly Report from staff has been added to the website for review. He mentioned that the city social media and website are exceptional in transparency. He mentioned the numerous job opportunities available within the city. He also mentioned that General Services/Park Director Jeff Blackburn's department has done a great job bringing the city grounds from winter into spring.

City Attorney presented Commission with an update on the Marquez v. City of Aztec case. He mentioned that it has been reassigned to the Gallup Court with Judge Peterson.

Commissioner Crowley mentioned the upcoming job fair on May 4<sup>th</sup> that HR will be attending. He also mentioned that there is still an illegal dumping issue around the city limits and mentioned that he will be talking with the County to help address the issue. He mentioned that there is an app that you can report illegal dumping with GPS which coordinates with the County. He mentioned that if there is something found with a name and address it will be addressed and that Judges in the County are prosecuting this allowing them to clean it up or will fine them over \$1,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem mentioned that the city cleanup is a good thing that the city does to ensure waste is disposed of properly.

Commissioner King mentioned how good the city ball fields look, and that he has had good comments from parents about the how good they look as well.

Mayor Padilla mentioned the EDAB meeting that he attended the previous week, and that there is a new business owner that would like to come and present to the Commission on a building that she has purchased on Main St. and the plans for the building.

General Services/Park Director Jeff Blackburn updated Commission on all the projects going on within his department.

- 90% done with irrigation startup
- Aeration and fertilization of turf is complete, and mowing has begun
- Playground mulch has been added to most playgrounds

- Cleanup week
- YCC interviews
- work orders
- Splash Park opening May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Weeds spraying
- Finance Department restroom repairs
- Electric Offices roof repair
- Four Bay Project
- Museum Maintenance Plan
- FY23/Weekly budgets
- NM River Enhancement Grant 2019
- Water rights mapping on Townsend Property/North Main water rights
- North Main Walk Throughs
- Senior Center improvements
- Moto Cross/ disc golf/ softball/ baseball/ roping agreement updates
- Futures: 2022 River Enhancement Grant; EED Grant gun range; Small Trails Grant North Main M to Rio.

Public Work Director Steve Morse updates on the department's projects.

Road maintenance:

- crack sealing
- grading and laying road base on unpaved roads
- striping of the roads

Projects:

- North Main almost all storm piping redone excluding manhole; paving will begin within two weeks; still need irrigation and electrical
- NM 173 water line hit a snag; they are working to remedy that issue to move forward.
- Ditch pump has been replaced tested and works great
- Reservoir 1 is in the design phase; there are some issues with ditch water leaking into the reservoir
- McWilliams Road is in design phase; surveys have been done

Mayor Padilla moved the meeting into recess at 7:25 pm and called it back to order at 7:32 pm

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H (2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager Performance Review

Mayor Padilla moved the meeting into closed session at 7:35 pm Pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H (2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager Performance Review.

A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Aye

Motion passed Four to Zero

B. Mayor Padilla moved to go back into regular meeting at 8:07 pm Pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H (2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager Performance Review and, mentioned that there were no other discussions or decisions made.

A Roll Call was taken:

- Mayor Padilla-Aye
- Mayor Pro-Tem George-Aye
- Commissioner King-Aye
- Commissioner Crowley-Aye

Motion passed Four to Zero

### **XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Item	Meeting
Resolution - Transportation Project Fund (TPF) grant app to NMDOT	April 26
Employee Classification Plan Update	April 26
YCC Agreement	May 10
Draft Budget Workshop	May 10
Final Acceptance of the 2022-24 Commission Strategic Plan	May 10
Reauthorization of Grant for Aztec Arterial	May 10
Commission Walkabout	June

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Padilla moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm



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Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karla Saylor", written in a cursive style.  
Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alisha Campbell, Administrative Assistant