

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Denver Dewees
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Clerk Karla Saylor; City Attorney Steve
Murphy

PRESENTATION

NONE

PROCLAMATION

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George to Approve Agenda Items as presented,
SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes April 25, 2023
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023
- C. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes April 27, 2023
- D. Aztec Museum & Pioneer Museum Agreement
- E. Special Budget Resolution 2023-1346

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve Consent Agenda with the EXCEPTION of Item E to be PULLED for discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

E. Special Budget Resolution 2023-1346

Mayor Padilla mentioned that there is \$50,000.00 in the Commission discretionary funds, he would like to increase the ask for the pavilions on North Main from \$22,000 to \$27,000 and restrooms at the MotoCross Track \$8,000.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2023-1346 in the amount of \$35,000, \$8,000 for Motocross and \$27,000 for North Main; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival Memorandum of Understanding

General Services Director Charles Dobey informed Commission that the current Highland Games Association coordinators would like to turn the event over to the City. They have given the City access to their current accounts, knowledge, supplies, and profits. City Attorney Steve Murphy stated that there is currently \$15,800 in the associations current account that the City can utilize for the event, anything above the \$15,800 the City will collect. City Manager Jeff Blackburn let Commission know that with the passing of this MOU it would indicate that Commission would like to continue utilizing the Events Coordinator. Mayor Padilla inquired about the term of the contract; City Attorney Steve Murphy informed him that it is for five years but either party can opt out at any time. Commissioner Crowley asked Steve Murphy if he was comfortable with the agreement, Steve stated that he is comfortable with it.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival Memorandum of Understanding, SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

Roll Call Was Taken Four Voted Aye One Voted Nay: Motion Passed Four to ~~Zero~~ One

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner King has noted more vagrant activity in the community, he would like Commission to investigate addressing the problem. Ed Kotyk said there is an Ordinance draft currently being reviewed by the PD.

Mayor Pro-Tem has been fielding phone calls regarding their trash, no more recycling and wanting the dumpster back at Public works. Jeff said that Charles is currently working on a cost analysis to present to Commission to address this issue.

Mayor Padilla referred to the handout given to them regarding the water levels at the Animas River.

Commissioner Crowley inquired if there is going to be a 6-month review of the City Manager, Mayor Padilla stated there will be a closed session at the next meeting May 23rd for the review.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn mentioned the emergency preparedness meeting for flooding that was held at City Hall. Ruben Salcido said that the meeting was forecasting the runoff of the Animas, they are monitoring the water levels daily and have contingencies in place in case the river gets higher. Jeff reminded Commission of the upcoming budget meeting on Thursday; he gave them a review of the cuts in the budget.

Fire Chief Kevin Simpson has 18 current volunteer firefighters on staff, to be fully staffed they would need to be at 24 to 25. He is hoping to find a replacement for Chief within the next 2-3 years but will continue to volunteer as long as he can. AVFD averages around 150 calls in a month, they are a very busy department. They have been staging a truck on standby at the ~~gas station~~ racetrack, he believes that it allows for a quicker response time.

Captain Troy Morris addressed the vagrant concerns, he stated that they also have concerns with how they are going to deal with them. He mentioned that another issue that may be contributing to the problem is the Red Apple Transit bringing them to the City. They are working on the Ordinances with the assistance of the City Attorney. He also thanked Commission for the approval of funding from the state to allow them to hire more officers.

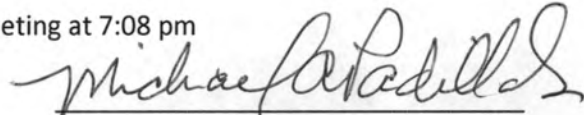
General Services Director Charles Dobey updated Commission on the upcoming car show, there will be music and vendors at the Main Street Courtyard by Rubia's.

Finance Director Jennie Achee gave an update on the audit report. The auditors are in the final stages, they expect the draft done by the end of week and over to review. They hope to present it to Commission the end of May online, or if Commission would like them to come present in person it would be in June. Jennie also mentioned that Commission should be approving disbursements and deposits that are made, she would like to give the information to them before meetings for review. City Attorney asked if the letter from the auditors will be sent in on time to be taken off the risk list, Jennie was not sure so she as going to ask them.

Public Works Director Ruben Salcido updated Commission on upcoming projects, two water projects, a sewer project, and a storm water project. Maverick is thinking about doing a soft start around mid-June, and the car wash has received their NMDOT permit to start the medians.

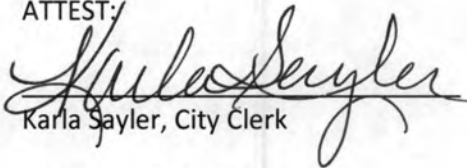
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

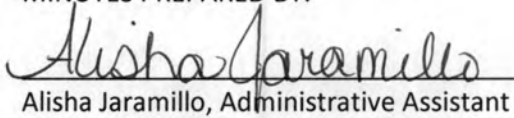
ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk



MINUTES PREPARED BY:



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