

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 23, 2023

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Chief Michael Heal
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall

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 Sayler; City Attorney Steve
Murphy

PRESENTATION

Employee Association Video Manuel Martinez

PROCLAMATION

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes May 9, 2023
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023
- C. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes May 11, 2023
- D. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes May 15, 2023
- E. Special Budget Adjustment Resolution 2023-1347

- F. Resolution 2023-1348 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for the period July 2022 through April 2023.
- G. Approval of Economic Development Advisory Board Members

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Special Budget Resolution 2023-1347

Commissioner Crowley had some questions on the resolution regarding the trash collection and utility assistance program. Finance Director Jennie Achee was able to sufficiently answer all questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to Approve Special Budget Resolution 2023-1347
SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken; All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

Angela Hall resides at 512 Wester Circle, Aztec. She came before the Commission with concerns regarding the brown water in the City limits and in her home and she would like them to address the issue.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-528 Amending Chapter 5 Animals

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-528 Amending Chapter 5 Animals; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

Roll Call Was Taken All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

- B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-529 Amending Chapter 1, Sec. 1-12. Mandatory Penalty and Fees

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-529 Amending Chapter 1, Sec 1-12. Mandatory Penalty and Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken; All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

- C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-530 Amending Article III and Article IV of Chapter 12 Offenses

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Adopt Ordinance 2023-530 Amending Article III and IV of Chapter 12 Offenses; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken; All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-531 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to TABLE the Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-531 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken; Mayor Padilla voted No , Mayor Pro-Tem George voted Yes Commissioner King voted No , Commissioner Crowley voted No Commissioner Randall voted Yes
Motion Passed Three-Two

Mayor Pro-Tem George had some concerns about the new utility rate fees listed in the agenda packet for review. He was displeased with the document presented to commission in the agenda packet and would like for it to be corrected before approving the Ordinance. The Commission decided that they would like to have a workshop to discuss the rates further before the final adoption is presented.

MOVED By Commissioner Randal to Approve the Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-531 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner King

A Roll Call Was Taken; Mayor Padilla voted Aye , Mayor Pro-Tem George voted No, Commissioner King voted Aye , Commissioner Crowley voted Aye Commissioner Randall voted Aye,
Motion Passed Four-One

E. Resolution 2023-1349 Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Budget Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Resolution 2023-1349 Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Budget Approval; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

Commissioner Randall stated that there has been discussion at length regarding the budget, and staff has done a great job. Mayor Pro-Tem George mentioned the million-dollar cut that has been made to the budget. Mayor Padilla let the Commission know that there is an upcoming exit audit interview on Tuesday. City Manager Jeff Blackburn stated that the auditors will come before the Commission to give a full presentation.

A Roll Call was Taken Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem George voiced citizens' concerns that have been brought to his attention regarding the brown water throughout the city. He stated to staff that he would like it to be addressed as soon as possible and does not want this to be an issue again in the coming years.

Commissioner Crowley also voiced concerns with the brown water, he mentioned that he believes it has to do with the failing infrastructure. He raised a discussion item for the Commission to investigate an "idle law" for diesel trucks that are idling in residential areas.

Commissioner King was happy with the opening of the splash pad.

City Manager thanked the Aztec Wrestlers that came out and helped the City with cleaning up the median by A&W. He mentioned there will be a presentation concerning the hotel study on June 27th by Andrew Arnold with Pioneer Development Company. Jeff gave an update on the recreation grant that they are currently working on with Jacks Plastic Welding. There was a request for retroactive payments on shortfalls in the employee group health plan from the state which is being further investigated. They have spoken with the Municipal League who is working with the state auditor to see if the payment needs to be paid. He mentioned the car show, GRT reports for March and upcoming Interviews for Community Development Director.

Chief Heal reported that Aztec High School had graduation the past week, he had officers there and it went very well. Chief commended Jeff Blackburn and the hard work he and staff have put into the budget process.

General Services Director Charles Dobey updated Commission on the Splash Pad that is now open, he mentioned that the car show had a great turn out. He reviewed with the commission on the shade structures on N. Main that are being constructed and mentioned that the Memorial Day banners are being set up and that the requisition has been submitted to Finance for the restrooms at the MotoCross track.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters Regarding City Manager 6 Mos. Performance Review
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Threatened or Pending Litigation Per Section 10-15-1H(7)

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 6:48pm pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters Regarding City Manager 6 Mos. Performance Review and Closed Session Pursuant to Threatened or Pending Litigation Per Section 10-15-1H(7)

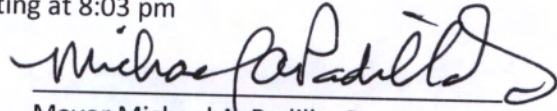
A Roll Call was Taken: All Voted Aye

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 8:02pm pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters Regarding City Manager 6 Mos. Performance Review and Closed Session Pursuant to Threatened or Pending Litigation Per Section 10-15-1H(7) and mentioned that no other items were discussed and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken: All Voted Aye

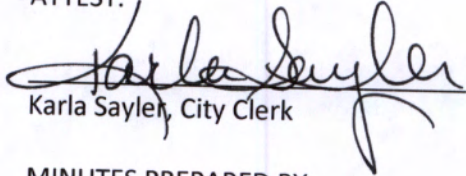
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm



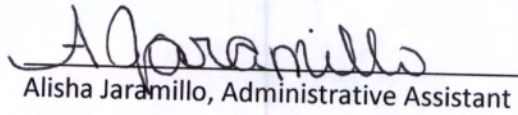
Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

