

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday May 14, 2024**

**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 Commissioner Austin Randall  
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Colby King  
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Colby King

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Attorney Nann Winter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Jim Crowley to APPROVE Agenda Items,  
SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Minutes April 9, 2024
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2024
- C. Resolution 2024-1424 Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Fire Protection Fund Distribution (Chief)
- D. Zone Change From A-1 to R-1 407 Andrew (Z C24-01)
- E. Economic Development Advisory Board Appointment
- F. Resolution 2024-1425 Supporting the Application for Allowing OHV Access onto State Highways NM 516, NM 574, and NM 173 within the City Limits of Aztec

MOVED by Commissioner Austin Randall to APPROVE The Consent Agenda;  
SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

**CITIZENS INPUT**

Christine Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell brought in pictures from Riverside Park of all the trash that was there. She shared concerns with Commission that the park has been trashed on many occasions. The Commission informed Ms. Mitchell that they are budgeting for FY25 a new transfer station which should alleviate trash in the parks.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-549 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule, Article VI Community Center

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-549 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule, Article VI Community Center, SECONDED by Commissioner Jim Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-554 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Electric Utility Fees

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George reported that he believes that the utility rates should not be raised at this time. The Commission mentioned that there was a study completed a year ago regarding the 5-year plan for the increases.

MOVED by Commissioner Colby King to Deny Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-554 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Electric Utility Fees SECONDED by Mayor Padilla

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem George

Motion Passed Four to One

C. Resolution 2024-1429 Approval of FY25 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Padilla asked City Manager Blackburn if this budget reflects the number without the decrease for the utility fees, Jeff explained that this number does not reflect the decrease.

MOVED by Commissioner Austin Randall to Approve Resolution 2024-1429 Approval of FY25 Preliminary Budget SECONDED by Commissioner Colby King

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem George

Motion Passed Four to One

### **COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Randall informed Commission that he would not be attending the next commission meeting on 5/28/2024.

Commissioner Crowley mentioned the upcoming broadband meeting that he would be attending and reported that he attended the Regional Airport meeting.

Commissioner King addressed the trash in the parks, reporting that he has seen the trash in the park firsthand and stated that he is happy the dumpsters will be removed.

Mayor Pro-Tem George reported that he attended the MPO meeting and spoke with Mr. Brasher from NMDOT regarding sidewalks, he would like the City Manager to follow up with DOT.

Mayor Padilla mentioned the candidate quorum that will be held for district 3 County Commissioner candidates at Bloomfield City Hall Thursday at 6:00pm. He thanked Chief Joe Gonzales, City Manager and Ed Kotyk for working on the OHV regulations. The Mayor reported that on May 18<sup>th</sup> there would be a dedication of the plaza, including a car show.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn discussed items that are coming up as well as what he has been working on;

- Chamber of Commerce Bootleggers Ball 06/08/2024
- Meeting with the Town of Edgewood 06/20/2024
- Electric Director Candidates and interviews
- He will follow up with DOT on the sidewalks and the 5-year electric plan as requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George

Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo informed Commission that New Mexico Main Street will be in Aztec on Monday. They will be hosting a check ceremony for the Lenor and Rustic Creations on Monday @3:00pm.

Library Director Angela Watkins had a presentation for Commission showcasing the new sound booth that the library now has.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo had some updates to projects he is working on;

- Reservoir 1
- McWilliams Road pre-construction for paving will be 05/20/2024.
- Arterial is out to bid, pre bid meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>. and bid opening July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Judge Carlton Gray reported to Commission about the changes to the NM Municipal Courts system.

Chief Joe Gonzales emphasized the importance of our Municipal Court since a majority of the cases that the PD issues are done through them.

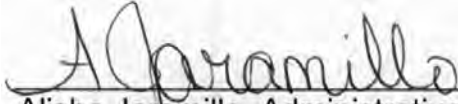
## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

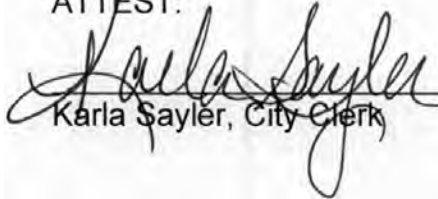
MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk