

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the workshop to order at 4:02 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Clerk Karla Sayler

A. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Discussion

Mayor Padilla opened the workshop and informed the Commission that the awnings for the Senior Center had been paid for, and that an additional awning was donated to the motocross facility. He then turned the meeting over to City Manager Jeff Blackburn.

City Manager Blackburn explained that the purpose of the workshop was to address any questions the Commission might have. During the discussion, Mayor Padilla expressed interest in adding an administrative assistant position to the General Services Department. However, Mr. Blackburn stated that he did not see a need for the position at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem requested clarification regarding items in the budget;

- budget transfers
- discrepancies in the solid waste figures

City Manager Jeff Blackburn provided clarification on all budget transfers, and Finance Director Jennie Achee stated that she would review the solid waste numbers to determine the cause of the discrepancies.

Commissioner King inquired whether Waste Management could assume responsibility for their own billing, rather than having the Utility Department handle it. Finance Director Jennie Achee responded that she would contact Waste Management to discuss the possibility.

The Commission provided additional input on various budget items, including:

- The Animal Shelter county contract
- Streets and infrastructure repairs
- Revisiting the capital projects list

- Establishing a joint utility fund for capital projects
- Allocating utility rate increases for system repair and replacement
- Sidewalk repairs and new installations
- Reviewing a plan for chip and fog sealing roads
- Improvements to city parks

The Commission asked for \$250,000 to be added to the budget for road improvements and \$75,000 for sidewalk projects.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn reminded the Commission that there would also be a rollover amount.

Mayor Padilla asked whether an additional workshop would be necessary to address the proposed changes. Jeff indicated that another workshop would not be required and that the adjustments could be finalized and incorporated into the budget as is.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting, at 5:20 p.m.



Michael A. Padilla Sr.
Michael A. Padilla Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Karla Sayler
Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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