

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday October 28, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation led by Commissioner Crowley  
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Padilla  
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Padilla

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Commissioner Jim Crowley;  
Commissioner Colby King; Commissioner Austin Randall

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George

Others Present: Interim-City Manager Joseph Gonzales; City Clerk Karla Sayler; City Attorney Nann Winter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Agenda, SECONDED by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025
- B. Resolution 2025-1519 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for the period ending September 30, 2025
- C. Awarding of Street Maintenance Work
- D. Special Budget Resolution 2025-1524 Street Maintenance Road Fund Grant
- E. FY26 Library State Grants-In-Aid
- F. Special Budget Resolution 2025-1520 Tie Line from WAPA 345 Transmission System into Aztec
- G. Resolution 2025-1521 Authorizing Signatures for Municipal Court Cash Bond Checking Account
- H. Resolution 2025-1522 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- I. Resolution 2025-1523 Authorizing Signatures for Investment Accounts

J. RFP 2026-883 Temporary Employment Services

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Consent Agenda PULLING Items, C, D, F, J and H, SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

C. Awarding of Street Maintenance Work

The commission had questions for Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo regarding the project funding and the specific streets planned for completion. Jeric informed the commission that the funding would be additional money added to the existing budget and that a list of streets has been compiled for when the work begins. He also noted that none of the streets on the list are those that have experienced water line failures.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Awarding of Street Maintenance Work, SECONDED by Mayor Padilla

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

D. Special Budget Resolution 2025-1524 Street Maintenance Road Fund Grant

Commissioner Crowley asked Jeric whether the money would be added to the fund, and Jeric confirmed that it would.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2025-1524 Street Maintenance Road Fund Grant, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero



F. Special Budget Resolution 2025-1520 Tie Line from WAPA 345 Transmission System into Aztec

The Commission had several questions for Electric Director John Wheeler regarding the item, which he addressed in full. The Commission agreed to schedule a workshop in December for further discussion.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to TABLE Special Budget Resolution 2025-1520 Tie Line from WAPA 345 Transmission System into Aztec until after the December 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

H. Resolution 2025-1522 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts

The commission changed the wording on the resolution presented to be signed by Interim City Manager and the Finance Director. If both are absent any two members of the commission may sign. Finance Director Jennie Achee said they fixed the wording prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Resolution 2025-1522 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts as corrected, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

J. RFP 2026-883 Temporary Employment Services

The Commission asked Jennie Achee if the item is similar to what's already in place. She said it is for temporary personnel in certain departments.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE RFP 2026-883 Temporary Employment Services, SECONDED by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

**CITIZENS INPUT**

Aiden Park with YAY Foundation

Mr. Park introduced his foundation, which focuses on supporting mental health in a safe and positive way. He noted that they will be holding a show on Friday at Aztec High School.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-564 Amending Chapter 16, Article II Parks & Recreation Fees

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-564 Amending Chapter 16, Article II Parks & Recreation Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner King

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-565 Amending Chapter Amending Chapter 11, Licenses and Business Regulations, Chapter 16 Fee Schedule, and Chapter 27 Taxation



The Commission had questions about the wording in the code and wanted to know what the consequences are for not filing reports on time. Interim City Manager Joe Gonzales said he would review the code and provide the Commission with an answer.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to TABLE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-565 Amending Chapter Amending Chapter 11, Licenses and Business Regulations, Chapter 16 Fee Schedule, and Chapter 27 Taxation until the next meeting, SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

#### C. Discussion of City Attorney Hiring Process

There was discussion about the hiring process for a new City Attorney, including benefits and wages. The Commission agreed to close the position on December 31, 2025.

#### D. Discussion of City Manager Candidate Interview Process

The Commission reported that they have five candidates they would like to interview. They plan to hold the interviews either via Zoom or in person within the next couple of weeks.

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

Mayor Padilla attended Vegas Night at the Senior Center which was well attended. He met with Interim City Manager Joe Gonzales, and they would like to have a workshop on November 6 at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Randall asked for the dates of the November and December meetings, they will be November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Crowley asked for an update on the following projects;

- Arterial
- House addressing
- C-Pace program
- Street Painting

Interim City Manager Joe Gonzales gave updates regarding;

- Safe treats on the 31<sup>st</sup>
- City Hall hour change
- Submissions for the agenda
- Support letter for Sun Ray Casino

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo updated the commission on the following projects in his department;

- Micro Resurfacing
- The Arterial
- Clearwell bid
- South Aztec water tank
- Riverside

Commissioner Crowley asked Finance Director Jennie Achee for an update on the utility refund options. She responded that Julie is currently working on them and they should be ready soon.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley and SECONDED by Commissioner King to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm

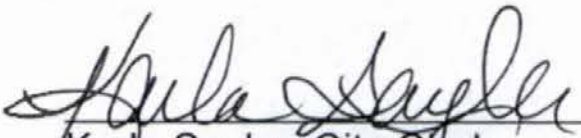
  
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Mayor, Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:



  
Karla Sayler, City Clerk