

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday January 27, 2026**

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 Randall
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Cortez; and Commissioner Brett Lanier; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Katie Buchholz

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim-City Manager Joe Gonzales; City Clerk Karla Saylor; City Attorney Sofia Flores

PRESENTATION

BMX Bike Association-Wade Anderson

The BMX Bike Association presented the commission with a PowerPoint outlining how they would like to bring a BMX track back to the city, they would like to build the track at Riverside Park. The commission informed them that the item would have to come before them for a vote and if the commission was to vote yes on this there would have to be a lease agreement signed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Special Minutes January 7, 2026
- B. Commission Meeting Regular Minutes January 7, 2026

- C. Resolution 2026-1541 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for the period ending December 31, 2026
- D. Resolution 2026-1542 Concerning the Governing Body Meetings and Public Notice Requirements
- E. Zone Change 25-02 217 S Park from C-1 to O-1
- F. Municipal Surplus Resolution 2026-1545

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2026-1543 Water Project Fund Loan/Grant.

The Commission asked Interim Public Works Director Jeric Jaramillo questions about the item and the MOU with the City of Bloomfield. Mr. Jaramillo explained that the item is not related to the MOU, but that staff is working on one for when it is needed.

The Commission asked Finance Director Jennie Achee whether the loan could be paid off early without a penalty. Jeric Jaramillo was unsure if there is a prepayment penalty, noting that the loan is tied to a grant. Ms. Achee advised that she has not yet reviewed the grant agreement. Jeric stated he would get the answers and come back to the commission with the answers. City Attorney said they may need to get with the state to see how they would like the repayment.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE 2026-1543 Water Project Fund Loan/Grant; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Lanier
Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Ordinance 2026-566 Waste Management Rate Adjustment

The Commission reiterated that this agreement is part of the annual agreement with Waste Management. They noted that while the increase for this year is 5.2%, only \$1.40 will be passed on to customers rather than the full 5.2%.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Ordinance 2026-566 Waste Management Rate Adjustment.; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Lanier
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Mayor's Ball Sponsorship to Desert View Family Services and Counseling

Mayor Padilla would like to purchase two tables for the Limelight sponsorship for \$5500.00. Commissioner Buchholz wanted to make sure that we could purchase two tables instead of having to buy one large table and was assured that we could do that.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE 2 Limelight Tables Mayors Ball Sponsorship to Desert View Family Services and Counseling in the amount of \$5500.00; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

Liquor License Hearing

Wines of the San Juan LLC

City Clerk Karla Saylor explained there was a preliminary approval from the NM Regulation and Licensing Department for the Wines of the San Juan LLC Off-Site Location Liquor License, and that it requires the commissions approval. Commission

asked the City Clerk if the hearing had been sent out to inform the citizens, Karla said it was advertised twice and there was no response from anybody.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Winegrower 1st Off-Site Location Liquor License with On and Off Premise Consumption with Patio Service at 200 S. Main Ave, Aztec NM 87410; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Lanier
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla noted that he attended the New Mexico Department of Transportation meeting and mentioned to the representatives that he is seeking assistance to complete Phase III of the Arterial project. He also informed them about the OHV ordinance the City is working on to allow OHVs to be legal on state highways.

Commissioner Randall updated the Commission on Aztec and Tiger Ponds, noting that they were recently restocked. He also mentioned the Mayor's Ball and stated that he is looking forward to attending.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez attended the ribbon cutting for the Riverside RV park.

Commissioner Lanier gave updates on the following;

- Donations for a family that lost their home to a fire
- SJ Water commission meeting he attended
- 4CED breakfast will be February 10th at the Farmington Civic Center 7:30-9:00am
- He attended the Riverside RV Park ribbon cutting
- Will be organizing a cleanup for the city

Interim City Manager Chief Gonzales gave the commission updates regarding;

- Legislative session bills
- What information the commission would like from him
- Possible resolution to address the elimination of the penny

- EA tailgate party on the 5th

Commissioner Buchholz informed the commission that she and Mayor Pro-Tem will be in Santa Fe next week for municipal day

Fire Chief Andrew Ekhoft informed the commission that after 14 years the fire department will finally be under medical direction again.

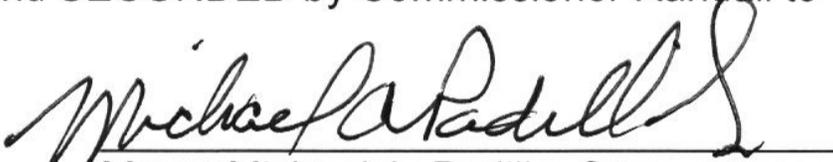
Electric Director John Wheeler gave updates on his department;

- Guzman proposal for extension of their contract until 2035
- Workshop on 2/24/26 at 4:00pm
- Capital projects proposal
- Conversation with the city of Farmington about the 345 tap
- Water meter problems
- Solar farm sales agreement

General Services Director Tristan Olguin shared that Ed put together a book outlining maintenance plans for the museum and other City buildings. He asked the Commission for any suggestions they may have regarding the museum. The Commission expressed interest in reviewing the results from the Pland Collaborative survey that were gathered from citizen input.

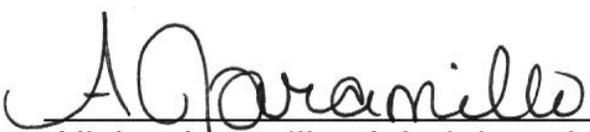
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

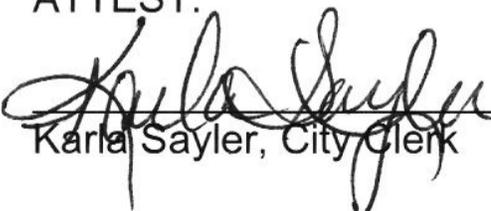
MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk