

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the workshop to order at 4:58 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

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

Members Absent: NONE

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

A. Discussion of City Attorney Contract

Interim City Manager Chief Gonzales requested that the Commission renew the City Attorney's current contract for an additional one-year term, as the contract was set to expire in three days and no other applications had been received. The Commission agreed to extend the contract and authorized the City Manager to sign the amendment, noting that there are no changes to the existing contract. The Commission also requested a copy of the original contract with all amendments for review.

B. Discussion of Rate Adjustment with Waste Management

Jared Fuller representing Waste Management provided the Commission with an overview of the Consumer Price Index, noting a 5.2% increase. Business Office Supervisor Julie Graff explained the methodology used to determine the rate adjustments, which would result in a \$1.40 increase for residential customers and a 3% increase for commercial customers.

Julie Graff noted that the transfer station was not included in the budget and that disposal costs have totaled \$6,530 for the year to date. She explained that the allotted free dumps have already been used, resulting in an unbudgeted impact to the City's budget, so it will need to be looked at in the next budget year.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Michael A. Padilla Sr.

Michael A. Padilla Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Karla Saylor

Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alisha Jaramillo

Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

