

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Commissioner Buchholz
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Buchholz

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 Attorney Sofia Flores

PRESENTATION

San Juan County Historical Society

Laura Harper representing the San Juan Historical Society came before the commission and highlighted the new website for the historical society.

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 Workshop Minutes January 27, 2026
- B. Commission Meeting Regular Minutes January 27, 2026
- C. Destruction of Records Community Development
- D. Destruction of Records Municipal Court
- E. Resolution 2026-1547 Penny Elimination and Rounding Policy

F. Resolution 2026-1549 Authorizing Acceptance from New Mexico Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Division

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Joe Hubbard 806 Ute Aztec, NM 87410

Mr. Hubbard came before the commission to inform them that the El Camino Museum in Albuquerque is set to be demolished.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Resolution 2026-1546 Drinking Water Fund Application

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Resolution 2026-1546 Drinking Water Fund Application; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

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

B. Special Budget Resolution 2026-1544 Request for Riverview Project

The Commission asked Interim Public Works Director Jeric Jaramillo questions regarding the amount being requested as they had previously approved \$25,000. Jeric explained that City crews are unable to do the project as they need to be certified so a contractor must be hired to complete the work.

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2026-1544 Request for Riverview Project; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

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

C. Special Budget Resolution 2026-1548 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2026-1548 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Resolution 2026-1550 Approval of Audit Firm for FY2026

The Commission asked Finance Director Jennie Achee whether the city is required to change audit firms every four years. Jennie explained that the law has been amended to allow a firm to be retained for up to eight years. She also let them know that the city has used the current firm for three years.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Resolution 2026-1550 Approval of Audit Firm for FY2026; 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

E. Aztec Museum Building Improvement Funding Request

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Aztec Museum Building Improvement Funding Request in the amount of \$11,400; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

F. Aztec Museum Programs & Service Funding Request

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier to APPROVE Aztec Museum Programs & Service funding Request in the amount of \$8,475; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Buchholz thanked staff for the informative books they provided. She shared about her trip to Santa Fe for Municipal Day and said she and the mayor have talked about the BMX track. She would like requested a workshop in the near future.

Commissioner Lanier thanked staff for participating in the EA fundraiser. He also mentioned the recent house fires around the county, provided a 4CED update, and reminded everyone about the upcoming clean-up day on 2/21 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez mentioned the library and encouraged citizens to visit and take advantage of its services.

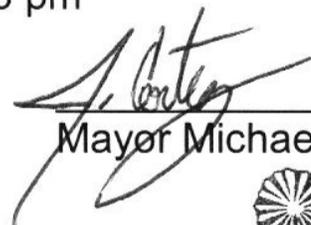
Judge Carlton Gray mentioned that there is an item in his budget that he believes belongs in another department. He stated that he will be meeting with the new City Manager to have it removed from his budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm

 Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk