

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 12, 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;
Commissioner Brett Lanier; Commissioner Katie Buchholz;
and Commissioner Austin Randall

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Julian Ruybalid; City Attorney Sofia Flores;
City Clerk Karla Saylor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026
- B. Resolution 2026-1567 Fire Fund

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

Bryan Paul 319 E. Chaco Aztec

Mr. Paul came before the Commission to express concerns regarding the public comment process. He stated that citizens speaking on the same topic were asked to select a representative to speak on their behalf. Mr. Paul reported that individuals should be allowed to speak separately, as they may have different concerns and perspectives on the same topics.

Rebecca Ingersoll 1214 Graceland Drive Aztec

Ms. Ingersoll came before the Commission to address concerns regarding trash and litter issues she has observed in the community. She suggested involving local youth in cleanup efforts to help improve the area and encourage community participation.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-569 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule

Mayor Padilla stated the rates would go back to the 2024 rates and would be implemented on July 1st, 2026.

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-569 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule choosing option 1 adjusting rates to 2024; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Special Resolution 2026-1568

Mayor Padilla requested clarification from Finance Director Jennie Achee regarding the adjustment mistake. Jennie informed him that it was not a shortage

but was moved from one budget line and put on a different line so it had to be moved back.

City Manager Jay Ruybalid mentioned that he spoke with County Mike Stark, and they will be increasing their contribution to the city for the Senior Center from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Special Resolution 2026-1568;
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

C. Agreement between Aztec Riverside BMX Inc. and the City of Aztec

The Commission discussed doing an engineering study to make sure there isn't any old infrastructure under the proposed site. The commission requested that Jeric Jaramillo find an engineering company to complete a survey before approving the agreement. City Attorney Sofia Flores agreed the commission should wait to sign the agreement until the study is completed.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Agreement between Aztec Riverside BMX Inc. and the City of Aztec; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: NONE

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

All Voted Nay: Motion Failed Five to Zero

D. Amendment No. 1 to Contract NO.17-SLC-0880

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Contract NO. 17-SLC-0880; 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

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Randall informed the commission that he would be out of town for the next two meetings but may still have reception if needed for a quorum. He also asked Jeric if his staff could locate the infrastructure under the proposed BMX track site.

Commissioner Buchholz had some questions regarding;

- Update on the city website for requests for funding
- Questions on LTAB code change
- Utility fees/rate study
- Having an R/R workshop
- RV park timeline
- Scheduling an electric/meter workshop

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez reminded the commission of upcoming events; Aztec Trails and 550 Brewing will hold a grand opening on May 16.

Commissioner Lanier thanked the Employee Association for the Cinco de Mayo salsa cook-off. He also provided updates on meetings and events, including the sheriff's forum, Leadership San Juan, COG, and the San Juan Water Commission.

City Manager Jar Ruybalid gave department and city updates and answers on the following:

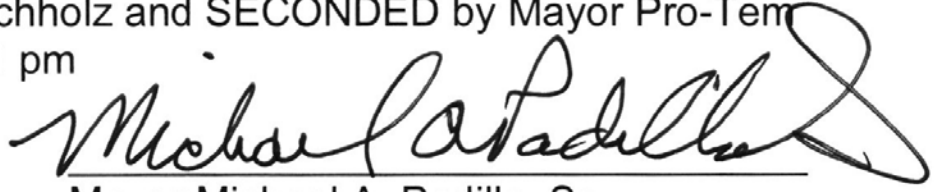
- The funding request has been removed from the website
- LTAB code change
- Rate change

- Hartman Park
- Tiger parking lot General Services cleaned it up
- Travel/per diem policy updates
- Legislature update
- \$189,000 reimbursement for Tractor Supply
- Arterial Phase II
- Public Works Director interviews
- GRT Report

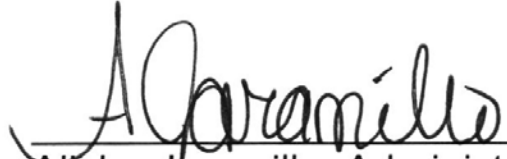
Electric Director John Wheeler informed the commission that the YAFL field lighting is at a standstill until the State inspector approves it.

ADJOURNMENT

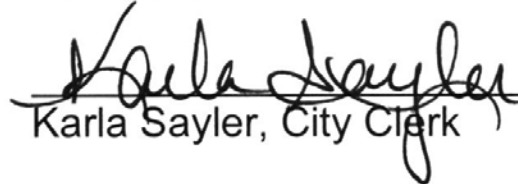
MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz and SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Sayler, City Clerk

