

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 26, 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 Mayor Padilla

United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lanier

New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lanier

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Austin Randall

Others Present: City Manager Julian Ruybalid; City Attorney Sofia Flores (VIA phone); City Clerk Karla Sayler

PRESENTATION

Aztec Chamber of Commerce

Hannah Browning provided a powerpoint overview of the Chamber's general operations and sustainability support to the commission. There was discussion about possible funding from the city to help with future events, they were directed to visit with the City Manager.

BMX Track Design

A representative of the BMX group asked if the location for the track had been decided. Mayor Padilla asked Interim Public Works Director Jeric Jaramillo for his recommendation. Jeric said that, after discussing the options with the engineer, the softball field would likely be the recommended location. He noted that the alternative site has a water irrigation vault, which would be more costly and take additional time to relocate. The commission recommended bringing back the agreement with the softball park identified as the location for the track.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes May 12, 2026
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026
- C. Resolution 2026-1570 Disbursement and Deposits for Period Ending April 30, 2026
- D. Resolution 2026-1571 Disposal of an Asset

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Tom Tentler 70 Rd. 3118 Aztec

Mr. Tentler appeared before the Commission to discuss concerns regarding the irrigation ditches. He expressed interest in potentially partnering with the City to address these issues.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-567 Amending Chapter 26, Article III. Supplementary Regulations, Division 7, Cannabis Regulations

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-567 Amending Chapter 26, Article III. Supplementary Regulations, Division 7, Cannabis; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

Those Absent: Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-568 Amending Chapter 2, Article V. Division 8.
Economic Development Advisory Board

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-568
Amending Chapter 2, Article V. Division 8. Economic Development Advisory
Board; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

Those Absent: Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

C. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Approval of Fiscal Year 2027
Preliminary Budget; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Buchholz mentioned that she had some meetings with citizens discussing things they would like to see happening in the city.

Commissioner Lanier attended the 4 Corners Economic Development Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez reminded the commission of the upcoming State of Aztec Breakfast on June 5th at 7:30am at the Senior Center.

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

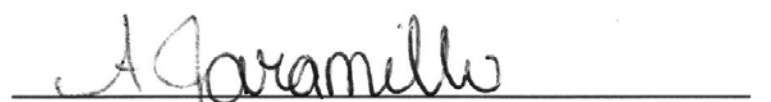
- Congratulations to the Aztec Softball team for making it the State
- Moral
- \$155,000 received for the Senior Center from the State
- PW and Electric interviews underway
- Possible GIS management changes
- Commended the parks staff
- Meeting with the Aztec Schools Superintendent
- Attendance of the EDAB meeting
- \$624,745 dollars for March GRT
- Meeting at Riverside Park regarding BMX
- Acknowledgement of Jacks Plastic Welding

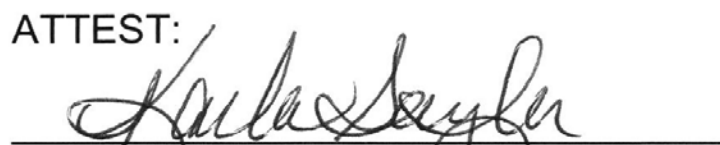
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Karla Sayler, City Clerk

