

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 9, 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 Lanier
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;
Commissioner Brett Lanier; and Commissioner Katie
Buchholz

Members Absent: Commissioner Austin Randall

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

PRESENTATION

Council of Governments (COG)

Brandon Howe with Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments informed the Commission about COG's mission, the services it provides, and how it assists municipalities.

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 Minutes May 26, 2026
- B. Resolution 2026-1572 Amending Resolution 2023-1392 Investment Interest
- C. Variance 26-01 Fence Height 4ft. to 6ft.

D. Zone Change 26-02 from A-1 to R-1

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Consent Agenda SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Rochelle Brown representing BMX 102 Main Street Aztec

Ms. Brown came before the Commission to discuss concerns about the BMX track location. She asked to be placed on the next agenda so the Commission can consider approving the new location of the BMX track. The Commission and City Attorney said the agreement should be sent to the attorney for review first. Once the agreement is reviewed, the Commission can vote on changing the location and approving the agreement.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-569 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-569 Amending Chapter 16 Fee Schedule; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

Those Absent: Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

B. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-570 Amending Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees of Chapter 1

Mayor Padilla asked how the rates would compare to those in Farmington and Bloomfield. Judge Carlton Gray said the City's fines would be right in the middle between Bloomfield's and Farmington's fines.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-570 Amending Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees of Chapter 1 with the correction of changing the wording from FEES to FINES; 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. Council of Governments FY27 Membership Agreement

Commissioner Lanier will serve as the City's representative, and Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez will serve as the alternate.

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Council of Governments FY27 Membership Agreement in the amount of \$18,911.00; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

Those Absent: Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla reported that he attended the State of Aztec Breakfast and informed the Commission of the passing of his mother-in-law.

Commissioner Buchholz shared that she received emails from the museum stating they are already close to 500 visitors this year. She also received some questions about utilities and informed the Commission about the upcoming ECHO meeting for Northwest New Mexico seniors.

Commissioner Lanier commented that the music at the museum is always good and reported on attending the San Juan Water Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez attended the State of Aztec Breakfast. He informed the Commission that San Juan United Way will be hosting a Morning Meetup for Coffee in Farmington on June 26 and he plans to attend.

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

- Meeting with Hannah from the Chamber of Commerce
- Meeting with Alex from the Downtown Association
- Met with Brandon Howe from COG
- Advised Commission of new Per Diem/Travel Policy Administrative Regulation
- Staff picnic
- Attending the Urgent Care ribbon cutting
- RV Park drainage project bid will be on July 6
- Fuel sales at the airport

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters

Mayor Padilla MOVED to go into closed session at 6:45 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (2) Limited Personnel Matters; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:
Mayor Padilla
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Commissioner Lanier

Commissioner Buchholz

Those Absent:

Commissioner Randall

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 7:44 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (2) Limited Personnel Matters; and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:

Mayor Padilla

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

Commissioner Lanier

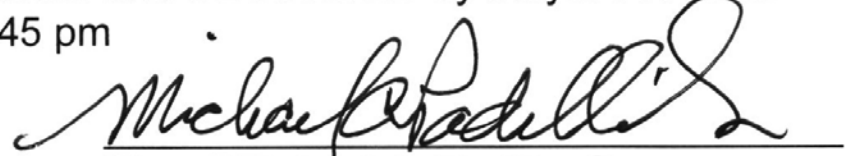
Commissioner Buchholz

Those Absent:

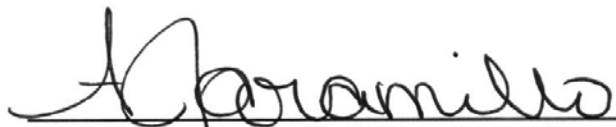
Commissioner Randall

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Saylor, City Clerk

