

CITY OF AZTEC
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burbridge called the Workshop to order at 5:15 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Sally Burbridge; Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe; Commissioner, Katee McClure; Commissioner Austin Randall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Larry Thrower; City Manager Joshua Ray; Community Development Director Steven Saavedra; City Clerk, Karla Saylor

A. City Code-Nuisances

City Manager Josh Ray mentioned that this topic came up from some conversations with some business owners in the City to talk about the Nuisance Code to see what direction the commission want to have on the code. He mentioned that Community Development Director Steven Saavedra has pulled other codes from other municipalities to compare to ours. The discussion in the workshop was about items being stored outside of businesses and residential lots in the public views. Code states that items should be enclosed within a building or dwelling, or behind a privacy fence. It was mentioned that code has a conflict in what is business C-1 or C-2 zoning. It was mentioned that all outdoor storage should be surrounded by a wall or fence between 6-8 feet in height. Staff is requesting for a direction on the code weather to leave it the way it is or to change it. Judge Gray mentioned that he feels that the problem with city code is that sometimes it is the burden of City to prove that somebody is in violation of the code and that right now the way it is written its almost making it impossible for the City to prove some of the owners are in violation because of the way it is worded. He feels that the verbiage needs to be cleaned up and make it where it is interpreted to be equal to all. He feels that now the way it is written it's not fair to the citizens or business owners because there is too much grey area in it.

There were business owners at the workshops who voiced their opinions to commission mentioning that it should be the same for all business owners and residents on what needs to be done. Some of them feel that they are being picked on and feel that the City is not enforcing code across the board.

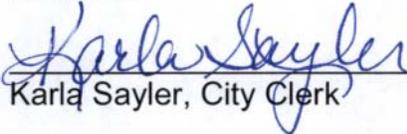
II. ADJOURMENT

MOVED by Mayor Burbridge to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



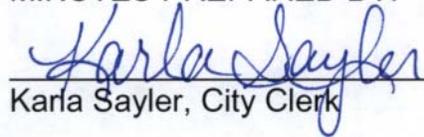
Mayor, Sally Burbridge

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

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Karla Sayler, City Clerk

