

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday January 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Denver DeWees

United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall

New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George; Commissioner Jim Crowley; and Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Colby King

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Attorney Steve Murphy; City Clerk Karla Saylor

PRESENTATION

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Agenda Items; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022
- B. Resolution 2023-1323 Certification of Authorized Persons For Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
- C. Resolution 2023-1324 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-High Desert Credit Union

- D. Resolution 2023-1325 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-Four Corners Community Bank
- E. Resolution 2023-1326 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-Citizens Bank
- F. Inter-Governmental Agreement between New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department (NMTRD) Motor Vehicle Division and the City of Aztec
- G. Waste Management Contract Renewal

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Consent Agenda with the EXCEPTION of items C, D and E for discussion; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- C. Resolution 2023-1324 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-High Desert Credit Union
- D. Resolution 2023-1325 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-Four Corners Community Bank
- E. Resolution 2023-1326 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit-Citizens Bank

Commissioner King had questions for Finance Director Jennie Achee regarding the interest rates on the CD's, which are much lower than the national average. Jennie stated she will investigate renegotiating the terms with the banks to get them to raise the rates, and not allow the CDs to roll over.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to TABLE Items C,D and E on Items Removed from Consent Agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-526 Amending Chapter 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycle Rates

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-526 Amending Chapter 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycle Rates; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Special Budget Resolution 2023-1327

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Special Budget Resolution 2023-1327; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A roll call was taken; All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Request for Funding Inspire heART Inc.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Request for Funding Inspire heART Inc.; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

Mayor Padilla raised concerns regarding the anti-donation clause and the request for funding from Inspire heART Inc.

City Attorney Steve Murphy advised that if Commission approved the funding it would be in violation of the New Mexico State Constitution, he cited section 14 of the Constitution.

Commissioner Crowley suggested a possible contract of services, which Inspire heART would provide certain services to the City. Mayor Pro-Tem George agreed and would like City Manager Jeff Blackburn and City Attorney Murphy to look into ways that the City can legally assist the group.

City Attorney Murphy would not feel comfortable looking into other ways to assist in the funding as it violates the Constitution.

Motion Failed; Mayor Padilla, Mayor Pro-Tem George, Commissioner Randall, and Commissioner King voted NAY; Commissioner Crowley ABSTAINED

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla questioned the timelines for City projects as Reservoir 1 was mentioned at the EDAB meeting, Commission has not been updated on where the project is. He reminded Commission of the hotel study which \$25,000.00 has been budgeted for, he believes the city should move forward with the study. There was a suggestion at the EDAB meeting of using some of the outdoor funds that COG is maintaining to pay for the study.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo updated Commission on the Reservoir 1 project, and the delays that they are facing. He stated the engineer had submitted the final design drawing as well as the final basis of design report the day before the meeting. The OSE is reviewing it all

and he feels they are at the finish line with OSE on the project. Mayor Pro-Tem asked about the timeline to get the project to bid, Jeric stated it would be this year. City Manager Jeff Blackburn asked that a Commission representative attend the project meetings held on Thursdays at 7:00am.

Commissioner Randall appreciated the information presented to Commission; he will have more to report after the upcoming Library meeting. He brought up the Mayor's Ball that is coming up and stated he would like to attend with Commission. He would like to discuss the trash issues at a workshop and find solutions for the problems.

Commissioner Crowley has requested that a retreat be scheduled to discuss the Strategic Plan, he would like to plan that as soon as possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem suggested scheduling the retreat mid-February before its time to work on the budget. The suggested date is Friday February 24th @ 1:00pm. He has received calls about the potholes on Aztec Blvd., Public Works Director Stephen Morse let Commission know that cold mix is in short supply so there is a delay in fixing the potholes.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn shared with Commission the projects list timeline, project management team meeting notes, 2022 annual report and NM tourism annual report.

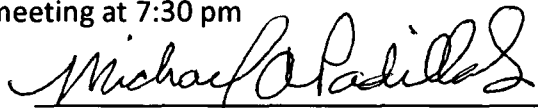
New Public Works Director Ruben Salcido introduced himself to Commission, he has 32 years of experience and 22 of those were with the City of Farmington.

Library Director Angela Watkins went over upcoming summer reading events at the library, they are teaming up with the Electric Department to help with incentives, so kids understand what a lineman is. They are working with Waste Management and Eastern New Mexico University for incentives as well. Angela graduated from the ARSL Leadership Institute on January 13th she also presented to leadership San Juan on multi-cultural day.

Judge Gray presented Commission with the courts yearly reports for 2021 and 2022, he gave a brief overview of what has been going on in his department.

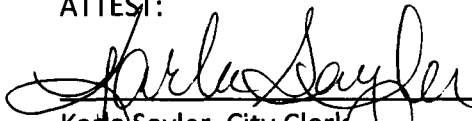
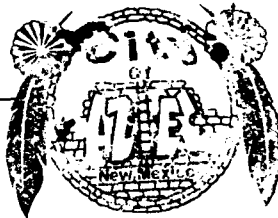
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm

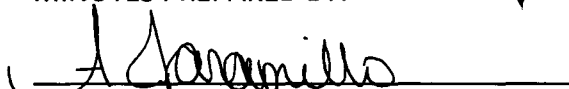


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:


Kara Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant