

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn

A. New Mexico Council of Governments Economic Development Grant

Mayor Padilla opened the workshop he introduced Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez with the State Economic Development Advisory Board, Toby Garcia, Errol Baade with Jacks Plastic Welding, and Michael Sage with New Mexico Council of Governments. Mayor Padilla then turned the meeting over to City Manager Jeff Blackburn and Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo. Jeff mentioned the Recreation Industry Grant that the city received in 2021.

Errol gave a brief history on Jacks Plastic Welding, their growth, and the projects they work on.

Jeff stated that the Grant was received from the Economic Development Department, it was called the Outdoor Recreation Industry Grant. The Grant was signed with the DFA 8/19/2021 in the amount of \$500,000.00 and terminates 6/2024. He mentioned the agreement with COG made on 6/2022 to assist the city on how to spend the money. The city also worked with Once-a-Day Marketing, which helped with community outreach. Jeff informed the Commission that there is currently \$403,308.00 left unencumbered. \$45,000.00 is encumbered for payment to the COG. Jeff turned the meeting over to Micheal Sage.

Michael Sage gave an overview of the history that COG has had with the city. He mentioned that they are working with Jacks Plastic to help them move forward with their project. COG assists businesses with loans for future projects they do financial analyses to determine if this would be a project to undertake. The COG can determine what Jack's Plastic would be able to bring to a public-private partnership, they also reached out to different departments to determine if this project is feasible. Together with Jacks Plastic they have made a 5-year plan, a business plan, a transition plan, a consultancy agreement, a one performer projections, and identified avenues for future revenue. Micheal stated that the COG feels like there is some substantial Capital that can be brought ~~to~~ in from Jack's Plastic to help create a public-private partnership.

Mayor Padilla asked about the money that is left unencumbered in the grant and administrative fees, Jeff was able to answer his questions adequately.

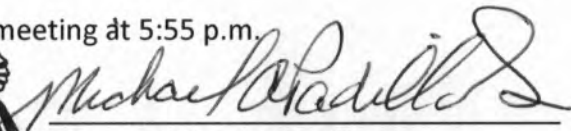
Andrew DiCamillo mentioned the need to locate sites for Jacks Plastic to build their new building. He has been in contact with the property owners on North Main, Bob Echols with Cheney-Walters-Echols, and a developer to figure out construction costs. He stated that they need to see what they are allowed to do with the LEDA funds. He let Commission know that John Chaffe is working on getting a price for the piece of property that they are looking at on North Main.

There was a discussion on timelines for legislative funding Commission was satisfied with the input given by Andrew and Michael. Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez with the State Economic Development Advisory Board was very happy with all the information that has been given to her so she can go forward with her part.

ADJOURNMENT

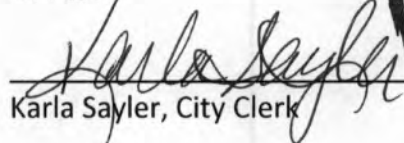
Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.





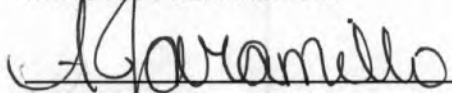
Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr.

ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk

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