

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Randall
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Clerk Karla Sayler; City Attorney Nann Winter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Consent Agenda,
SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes August 26, 2025
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes August 26, 2025

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Consent Agenda,
SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Mr. Jack Scott appeared before the commission to share his suggestions regarding the hiring process for the new City Manager.

Ms. Diana Custer asked the commission when the renewal will be for the Waste Management contract, she thinks there needs to be a revision for those who do not participate in the recycling process.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-560 Amending Chapter 20 Signs

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-560 Amending Chapter 20 Signs; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-561 Public Dedication Pioneer Heights

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-561 Public Dedication Pioneer Heights; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner King
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Special Budget Resolution 2025-1509 Budget Carry Over

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2025-1509 Budget Carry Over; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-562 Electric Utility Rate Adjustment

There was a discussion about discrepancies in the budget figures, which did not accurately represent what the rates should be. It was clarified that the proposed increase would apply to water and sewer repairs and replacement. Bryon Paul, a resident from 319 E. Chaco, urged the commission to be transparent with the public regarding city funds.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-562 Electric Utility Rate Adjustment; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner King
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

E. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-563 Amending Chapter 22 and Section 1-12

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-563 Amending Chapter 22 and Section 1-12; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla noted that there hasn't been at any motocross activities for the past two months, and mentioned that there is a race scheduled for this weekend.

Commissioner Crowley asked for updates regarding;

- Utility write off payment arrangements
- Fees for maintenance of irrigation lines: City Manager Jeff informed him that the consultant provided an update on the 28th, and they are currently working on a solution.

Jeff expressed concerns about the direction he received from the commission to continue repairing the lateral lines. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that he is working with legal counsel on the issue.

The commission asked Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo regarding

- Stormwater fixes
- Blanco ditch concerns
- Mitigation plan
- Crack sealing

The commission directed Jeff to initiate the cleanup of the ditches and, if a budget resolution is required, to present it for consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem George thanked staff for their reports and provided updates regarding the following:

- MPO and Water Commission meetings.
- Fishing Derby at Tiger Pond on September 27th

- National MVD month
- Water line and fire hydrants for 2595 neighborhood
- Yvonne Multine employee recognition

City Manager Jeff Blackburn informed the commission that he will not be interested in extending his contract for City Manager.

Electric Director John Wheeler informed the commission that Hank Adair Electric Director from the City of Farmington notified him of a scheduled power outage on October 14th, with the exact time yet to be determined.

General Services Director Tristan Olguin updated the commission that his crew is working on the break at Tiger Park.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to State Law, Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 6:55 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:
Mayor Padilla
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner Randall

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 7:32 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voted Aye:
Mayor Padilla
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley

Commissioner Randall

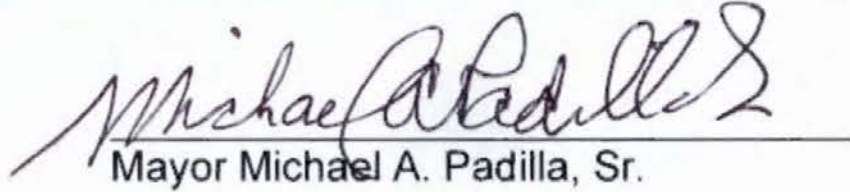
BUSINESS ITEMS (CONTINUED)

A. Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters Related to the City Manager

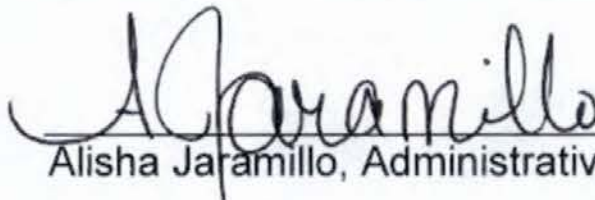
There was no discussion or action taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

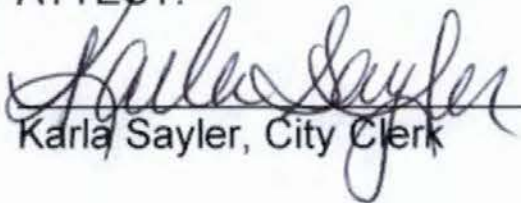
MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George and SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley
to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Sayler, City Clerk

