

**CITY OF AZTEC  
SPECIAL REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday January 7, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Cortez  
Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Katie  
Buchholz; Commissioner Brett Lanier

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim-City Manager Joseph Gonzales; City Clerk Karla  
Sayler; City Attorney Sofia Flores

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Agenda PULLING the Closed Session,  
SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025
- B. Resolution 2026-1537 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- C. Resolution 2026-1538 Authorizing Signatures for Investment Accounts
- D. Resolution 2026-1539 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- E. Resolution 2026-1540 Accepting the NMED Capital Outlay Agreement
- F. Animal Care & Control Document Destruction

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Consent Agenda PULLING  
item E for discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- E. Resolution 2026-1540 Accepting the NMED Capital Outlay Agreement

Mayor Padilla mentioned that the agreement in the agenda packet listed former  
Public Works Director Ruben Salcido. It was confirmed that the corrected version  
held by City Clerk Karla Sayler was the one to be signed.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Resolution 2026-1540  
Accepting the NMED Capital Outlay Agreement, SECONDED by Commissioner  
Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: None

Absent: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

### **CITIZENS INPUT**

Sue Current Olvera-Ancient Trails

Ms. Olvera expressed concerns regarding street maintenance and drainage issues within the subdivision. She stated that, at the start of the subdivision development, certain infrastructure improvements were to be required by the city, which she believes have not been completed. She requested a meeting with the city so they could collaborate on fixing the issues

Bob Vaneck 1040 Ancient Trails

Mr. Vaneck thanked the City for opening the new transfer station and suggested offering a litter control program.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

NONE

### **COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Padilla welcomed the new commission and reminded them of the City Manager interviews on 1/20/26 and the DOT meeting on 1/15/26.

Commissioner Lanier said he enjoyed the Sparkles Parade, he attended the ribbon cuttings for the La Plata Mountain Coffee and the San Juan County Extension Office, and thanked the citizens of Aztec for supporting and electing him as commissioner.

Commissioner Buchholz also thanked the citizens for supporting her and electing her.

Commissioner Randall congratulated the new commissioners and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Interim City Manager Joe Gonzales gave updates regarding:

- The annual report
- Jeric Jaramillo is the interim Public Works Director
- Workshops will be scheduled on 1/27/26 for discussion of waste management contract and discussion on attorney hiring

Library Director Angela Watkins presented the Commission with a PowerPoint on the programs offered at the library.

Interim Public Works Director Jeric Jaramillo updated commission on the ongoing projects in his department.

- The arterial
- The clear well
- S. Aztec bladder tank
- Updating the projects list

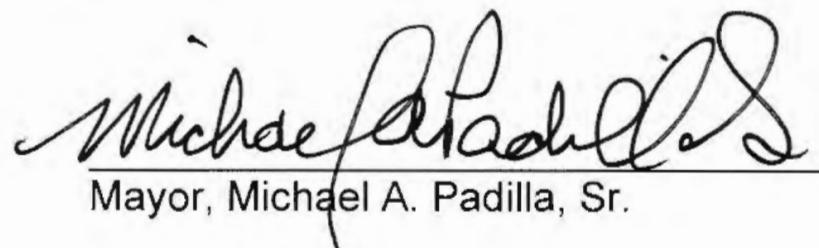
### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

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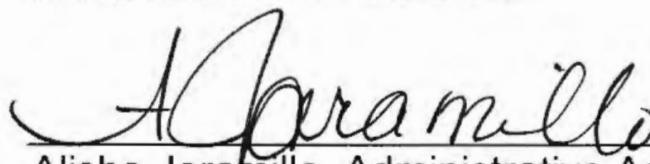
### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm



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Mayor, Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



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Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Karla Sayler  
Karla Sayler, City Clerk

