

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the workshop to order at 4:00 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; City Clerk Karla Sayler

A. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Discussion

Mayor Padilla opened the workshop and turned it over to City Manager Jeff Blackburn and Finance Director Jennie Achee. Jeff Blackburn expressed that he hoped the Commission could work through a significant portion of the budget during the workshop. This would allow staff to input the information and prepare printed copies for the Commission to take home and review.

Some of the topics Jeff mentioned were;

- Preliminary budget review
- Cost of utility services and rates
- W/WW Plants reorganization

Mayor Padilla proposed scheduling a workshop focused on procurement and change orders, requesting that the City Attorney draft the changes. The Commission agreed to hold the workshop on April 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Jeff reviewed portions of the budget he presented to the Commission, including the following key funds:

- General fund
- Economic Development Fund
- Grant Fund
- Capital Improvements
- Enterprise Fund
- Utility Fund
- Current and planned projects

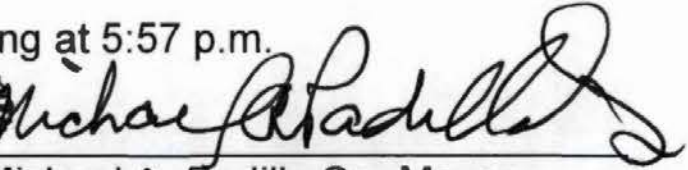
There was further discussion regarding utility rates. The Commission were asked for directions on whether to implement the planned rate increase in July. The Commission agreed to proceed with the rate increase as previously planned.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn briefly discussed the possibility of reorganizing the Public Works Department to create a Water/Wastewater (W/WW) Director position. He also provided the Commission with a brief history of when the City previously had a director in place.

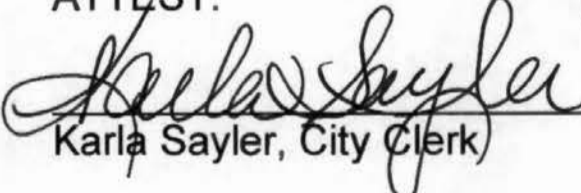
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

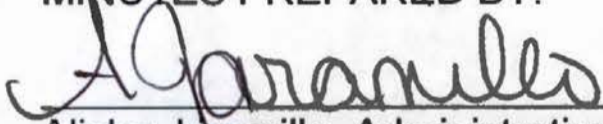



Michael A. Padilla Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


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