

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday July 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

I VOCATION 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 Commissioner Randall to APPROV Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes July 8, 2025
- B. Resolution 2025-1503 Deposits and Disbursements June
- C. Resolution 2025-1504 Authorizing Renewal ~~Closure~~ of Certificate of Deposit for Four Corners Community Bank

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSEN AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Kathy Mueller, representing the San Juan Gymkhana Association, appeared before the commission to express her gratitude for approving the roping arena agreement and to present a petition from community members in support of keeping the arena at its current location.

Alyah and Lily Eavenson also addressed the commission to thank them for their support of the arena and the individuals who utilize it.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Resolution 2025-1506 Transfer of Ownership of the Solar Farm from Guzman

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Resolution 2025-1506 Transfer of Ownership of the Solar Farm from Guzman; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

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. 2025-1505 Final Quarter Financial Report

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Resolution 2025-1505 Final Quarter Financial Report; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

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

C. Resolution 2025-1507 Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Approval

MOVED by Commissioner King to APPROVE Resolution 2025-1507 Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Approval; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner King
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Crowley
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to One

D. Aztec-Bloomfield Waterline MOU Discussion

The commission discussed the MOU and the outstanding debt owed by the City of Bloomfield for the existing water line. They expressed the need to have a conversation with the City of Bloomfield before moving forward with the agreement. The commission also indicated an interest in revising the design, either by using a smaller line or by lining the existing one.

Mayor Pro-Tem noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) indicates the city is essentially considering forgiving several hundred thousand dollars of the loan currently owed by Bloomfield. He also pointed out that the pipeline is longer on Bloomfield's side than on the city's side.

Colin Daley, representing Souder Miller and Associates, addressed the commission and assured them that the design could be adjusted according to their preferences and that the City of Bloomfield would be brought into the discussion. He also advised the city on funding, clarifying that Bloomfield has agreed to a 50/50 split of the loan component for the future project.

Colin suggested it might be worth running the numbers before ruling out loan forgiveness completely, as it could be a useful way to help get Bloomfield on board with a project that could involve millions in joint funding.

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla reported that he attended the recent EDAB meeting, noting that a quorum was not present. He reminded everyone that all boards serve in an advisory

capacity to the commission. He also mentioned that one of the sunshades donated to the Senior Center by Hilcorp has been installed.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn presented the commission with the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) report for May as well as an update on Gossett Drive.

Library Director Angela Watkins gave a presentation highlighting the steps being taken to make the library more customer friendly.

Mayor Pro-Tem informed the commission about a meeting he, Mayor Padilla, and City Manager Jeff Blackburn had with AJ Pacheco, a representative of Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández.

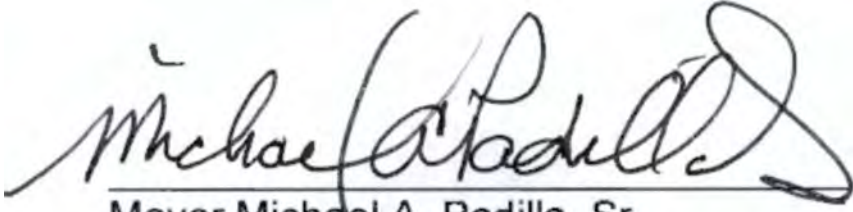
Judge Gray updated the commission on the National Judges Association meeting that he and his staff hosted in Albuquerque, stating that he felt the event was a success.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo informed the commission that the arterial project is approximately a week away from beginning the paving phase.

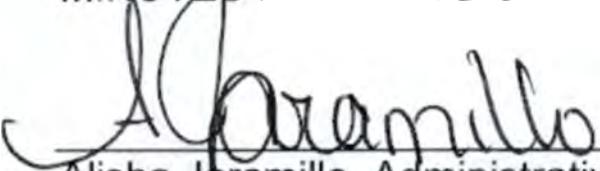
Electric Director John Wheeler informed the commission that the project at Hartman Park is expected to be completed in about two weeks. He also noted that the solar farm is currently producing at 960. Additionally, he referenced the project list previously presented to the commission and suggested holding a workshop to help prioritize the projects.

ADJOURNMENT

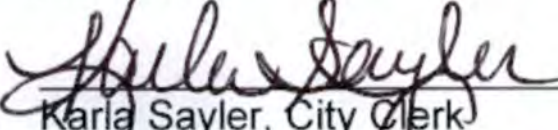
MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George and SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Sayer, City Clerk

