

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 12, 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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Randall
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Padilla
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Padilla

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 Saylor; City Attorney Nann Winter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025
- B. Project Participation Agreement and Promissory Note for Between City of Aztec and AK Manufacturing LLC.
- C. Street Maintenance Proposal - Micro Resurfacing

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NON

CITIZENS INPUT

Trish Gomez

Ms. Gomez with Citizens Revival Project introduced the commission to a proposed new festival slated for 2026. She envisions it as an annual family-oriented event "Family Festival" designed to bring the community together in celebration year after year.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-560 Amending Chapter 20 Sign Code

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-560 Amending Chapter 20 Sign Code; SECONDED by Commissioner King

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. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-561 Dedication of public Improvements for the Pioneer Heights Subdivision Phase II

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2025-561 Dedication of public Improvements for the Pioneer Heights Subdivision Phase II; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George.

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NON

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla reported that he attended the San Juan County event and expressed his appreciation to the staff for their efforts on the booth. He also shared a proposed timeline for hiring a new City Manager and City Attorney. He plans to review applications on September 2–3, present the selected candidates to the commission on September 9, and finalize the attorney's contract by the October 28 meeting. Current City Manager Jeff Blackburn is scheduled to retire on November 14.

Mayor Pro-Tem also attended the fair and expressed satisfaction with the work done on the booth. He shared that he had a conversation with a citizen about the skatepark and noted that the Flora Vista Ditch is now entering into a drought restriction. City Manager mentioned the city has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 1:00pm to discuss water conditions.

Commissioners Crowley and King expressed their gratitude to the staff for their hard work and dedication to organizing recent events.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn informed the commission that the Parks Department will be removing the hanging flower baskets earlier than usual due to the drought. He also presented the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) report for June and notified the commission of an upcoming COG meeting scheduled for October. Additionally, he announced that he will be on vacation from August 29 to September 6 and will place someone as acting manager.

Electric Director John Wheeler presented a brief video demonstrating how the Electric Department would conduct a rescue of an injured worker from a power line.

Community Development Director Andrew informed the commission about ongoing cleanup efforts on Zia Street including the news article and highlighted the continued increase in development throughout the city.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo updated the commission on the arterial project, reporting that paving has begun. He also noted the need for a change order, as the pavement must be thicker than originally planned.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (7) Pertaining to threatened or pending litigation and Section 10-15-1(H)(8) Discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights.

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 7:00 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Pertaining to threatened or pending litigation and Section 10-15-1(H)(8) Discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights.

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

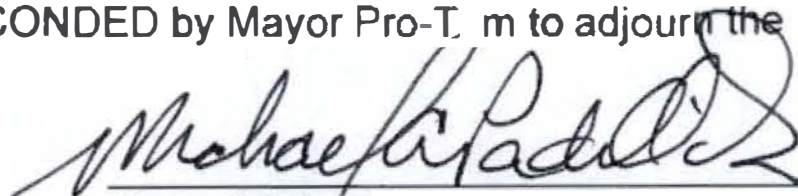
Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 7:39 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Pertaining to threatened or pending litigation and Section 10 15-1(H)(8) Discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights.

A Roll Call was Taken:

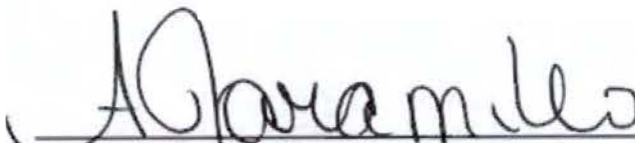
All Voted Aye:
Mayor Padilla
Mayor Pro-Tem George
Commissioner King
Commissioner Crowley
Commissioner Randall

ADJOURNMENT

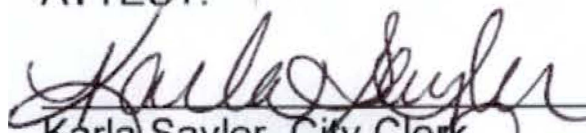
MOVED by Mayor Padilla and SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Saylor, City Clerk

