

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 24, 2026**

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 Lanier
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Buchholz
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Buchholz

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: NONE

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

PRESENTATION

Four Corners Economic Development- Scott Bird

Rescheduled

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes February 10, 2026
- B. Commission Meeting Regular Minutes February 10, 2026
- C. Resolution 2026-1551 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for period ending January 31, 2026

- D. ZC-26-01 Zone District Change 102 Simonds from General Commercial Wholesale (C-2) to Office Institutional (O-1)
- E. SUP-26-01 Special Use Permit for Food Truck Park at 308 S. Main

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

Joe Hubbard 806 Ute Aztec, NM 87410

Mr. Hubbard appeared before the Commission to discuss matters relating to the Constitution of the United States.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Purchase of Fire Hoses and Couplings for Fire Department

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Purchase of Fire Hoses and Couplings for Fire Department; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

- B. Ordinance 2026-566 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates 6692

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier to APPROVE Ordinance 2026-566 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates 6692; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Special Budget Resolution 2026-1552

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Special Budget Resolution 2026-1552; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Lanier extended condolences to the family and colleagues of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy who passed away and expressed appreciation to all law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifices. He also provided updates on the EDAB meeting he attended, the opening of Wines of the San Juan at the Leanore, and reported that 42 individuals participated in the recent cleanup day.

Commissioner Buchholz said she attended a few community events with Commissioner Lanier and really appreciates the support from the community. During the cleanup, she noticed some safety issues in the area and reached out to the Interim City Manager about getting them addressed. She also attended the ECHO meeting and mentioned they'll be hosting an open house in March.

Interim City Manager Joe Gonzales mentioned that the legislature has awarded the city funds for three projects, the ultra violet system at the Wastewater plant, a new streetsweeper and police cars. He also let commission know that the GRT was far higher than projected for the month of January.

Library Director Angela Watkins presented the commission with a slideshow highlighting the events they have scheduled at the library for the year.

Interim Public Works Director Jeric Jaramillo had updates on projects in his department;

- Clearwell
- Grant for the South Aztec water tank

- Riverbank stabilization project at Hartman
- Arterial work will be starting again soon

Electric Director John Wheeler gave updates on his department;

- Southwest Power Pool organization
- Will not be extending Guzman contract for 2030-2035 because of the cost increases.
- There will be a workshop on March 24th

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Pro-Tem MOVED to go into closed session at 6:32 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters City Manager Contract; SECONDED by Commissioner Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

Mayor Padilla

Commissioner Lanier

Commissioner Buchholz

Commissioner Randall

Mayor Pro-Tem called to come out of closed session at 7:21 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters City Manager Contract and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED

A. Approval of First Amended and Restated City Manager Contract

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier to APPROVE Approval of First Amended and Restated City manager Contract; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

A Roll Call was Taken:

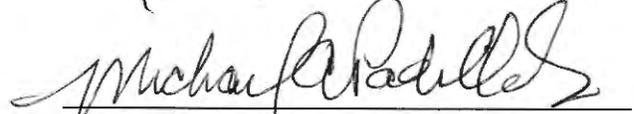
Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Lanier
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Buchholz
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

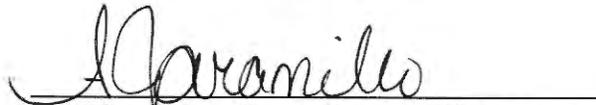
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier and SECONDED by Commissioner Randall
to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk