

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday March 10, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the workshop to order at 4:37 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim City Manager Joseph Gonzales; City Attorney Sofia Flores

**A. Softball and Football Fields Discussion**

The Commission discussed the condition, maintenance, and use of the City's softball and football fields. Staff provided an overview of the current conditions of the fields and the ongoing maintenance required to keep them safe and usable for the community.

Discussion included the scheduling and use of the fields by local youth sports leagues and other community organizations. Commissioners asked questions regarding how often the fields are used, the level of maintenance currently being performed, and whether additional maintenance may be needed to improve playing conditions.

The Commission also discussed the current Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the school district regarding the shared use of the athletic fields. Questions were raised regarding responsibilities outlined in the MOU, including maintenance, improvements, and field access.

The Commission also discussed potential improvements to the fields, including possible upgrades, long-term maintenance planning, and ways to ensure the facilities continue to meet the needs of the community. Staff addressed questions regarding maintenance responsibilities, coordination with local leagues, and possible funding considerations for future improvements.

Commissioners expressed interest in continuing to evaluate the needs of the sports fields and working with staff, the schools, and community partners to maintain and improve the facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

*Michael Padilla Sr.*

Michael A. Padilla Sr., Mayor

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

*A. Jaramillo*  
Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:

*Karla Sayler*  
Karla Sayler, City Clerk