

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 22, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brett Lanier called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Mayor Lanier

United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Randall

New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Randall

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Brett Lanier; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Cortez;
Commissioner Katie Buchholz; Commissioner Austin
Randall and Commissioner Eduardo Chavez

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim City Manager Chief Troy Morris; Deputy Interim City
Manager Ed Kotyk; City Attorney Sofia Flores

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Manuel Martinez

Chief Morris expressed appreciation for the good job Manuel has done as Interim Electric Superintendent.

Robbie Ritter Waste Management

Chief Morris recognized Robbie for all the work he has put in with Waste Management helping to clean up the city.

PRESENTATION

San Juan College- Dr. Toni Hopper Pendergrass

Dr. Pedegrass presented a PowerPoint on San Juan College and discussed how the General Obligation Bond funds would be used if approved by voters in the upcoming election.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Agenda Items, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Special Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes September 1, 2026
- B. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026
- C. Commission Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026
- D. Resolution 2026-1602 Declaring of Municipal Surplus
- E. Resolution 2026-1603 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for the period ending August 31, 2026

MOVED by Mayor Lanier to APPROVE Consent Agenda Amending Commission Minutes; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-574 Amending Chapter 2 Administration

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-574 Amending Chapter 2 Administration; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-575 Chapter 2, Creation of Utility Advisory Board

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-575 Chapter 2, Creation of Utility Advisory Board; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-576 Chapter 2, Creation of Financial Advisory Board

MOVED by Commissioner Buccholz to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-576 Chapter 2, Creation of Financial Advisory Board; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Resolution 2026-1601 Support for Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Improvements

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Resolution 2026-1601
Support for Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Improvements; SECONDED by Mayor
Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

E. Bison Trail Water System Discussion & Direction

MOVED by Commissioner Buccholz to APPROVE East Aztec Water System
Discussion & Direction; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

F. East Aztec Water System Discussion & Direction

MOVED by Commissioner Buccholz to APPROVE East Aztec Water System
Discussion & Direction; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

G. South Aztec Water System Discussion & Direction

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE South Aztec Water System Discussion & Direction; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

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

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Buchholz updated the commission on the meetings she attended, including the Senior Centers of San Juan County meeting and the Four Corners Housing Summit.

Commissioner Chavez attended the Lodgers Tax meeting and updated the commission of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez was invited to an event by the Jicarilla Apache Nation and added to the Chamber of Commerce events.

Mayor Lanier updated the commission on the following items:

- Meeting with AJ Pacheco
- Attendance of the 4CED meeting
- Organizing a cleanup of the skate park for the 20th anniversary
- Possible expansion of the Senior Center parking lot out to Chuska

Interim City Manager Troy Morris informed the commission that the transfer station will be closed from September 30th-October 4th.

Public Works Director Andrew DiCamillo presented to the commission the possibility of doing community water meetings to address the water issues around the city.

Interim Deputy City Manager Ed Kotyk announced that there will be a special commission meeting on September 28th at 6:00pm.

Electric Director Tyler DiGiacomo stated that the new utility notification program Outifi would be going live on September 23rd.

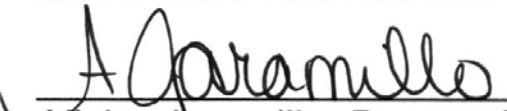
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Lanier to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm



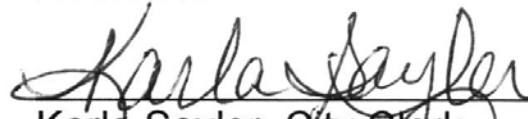
Mayor Brett Lanier

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

