



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the
Governing Body
January 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City
Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Councilor Chavez
3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag
 - a. Councilor Cassutt
4. Invocation and Rememberances
 - a. Councilor Garcia

5. Roll Call
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Consent Agenda
8. Presentations
9. Action Items: Consent Agenda
 - a. Request for Approval of the December 10, 2025, Regular Governing Body Meeting Minutes. (Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement; gfcardenas@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body: 01/15/2025

- b. Request for Approval of Liquor Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Approve a Request from Nuckolls Brewing Company, LLC for a Small Brewer Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption and Package Sales with Patio Service to be Located at Nuckolls Brewing Co., 1611 Alcaldesa Street. (Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement; gfcardenas@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Liquor Hearing: 01/05/2026

Governing Body: 01/15/2026

- c. Request for Approval of Liquor Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Approve a Request from Nuckolls Brewing Company, LLC for a Special Independent Theater Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption Only with Patio Services to be Located at Sky Cinemas midtown, 1020 Midtown Call Central. (Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement; gfcardenas@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Liquor Hearing: 01/05/2026

Governing Body: 01/15/2026

- d. Request for Approval of Liquor Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Approve a Request from Tender Fire Kitchen, LLC for a Restaurant B (Beer, Wine and Spirits) Liquor License with On-Premises Consumption Only with Patio Service to be Located at Tender Fire Kitchen, 1025 Midtown Calle Central. (Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement; gfcardenas@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Liquor Hearing: 01/05/2026
Governing Body: 01/15/2026

- e. Request for Ratification of Second Amendment to Cooperative Project Agreement – Design Work Item #25-0546 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to Extend the Term through December 30, 2027, to Complete the Engineering Design of S100650 Acequia Trail Extension Project. (Romella Glorioso-Moss, Capital Projects Manager, rsglorioso-moss@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body: 01/15/2026

- f. Request for Ratification of Second Amendment to Cooperative Project Agreement – Construction Work Item #24-0535 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for \$2,000,000 to Extend the Term through December 30, 2026, to Complete the Construction of S100770 Tierra Contenta Trail Extension Project – A Federally Funded Project. (Romella Glorioso-Moss, Capital Projects Manager, rsglorioso-moss@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body: 01/15/2025

- g. Request for Approval of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the Master Plan Amendment, Case #2025-10706, Midtown Redevelopment Agency, Applicant, through its Agent, Emily Reynolds of NV5 Inc, wherein the Governing Body Approved the Request to Adopt a Resolution Amending Standards within the Midtown Master Plan in Section 5.4, “Development Standards Regulating Plan”, Section 5.5, “Sub-Zone Standards”, Section 5.6, “Façade-Zone Standards”, and Section 5.8, “Design Standards General to All”. (Joel Cruz-Haber, Case Manager, jacruzhaber@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body: 01/15/2026

10. Action Items: Discussion Agenda

11. Matters from the City Manager

12. Matters from the City Attorney

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, sec. 10-15-1.H.8, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights by the City of Santa Fe. (Marcos Martinez, Interim City Attorney; mdmartinez@santafenm.gov)

13. Executive Session Action Items

- a. Discussion and Action Directing Staff to Continue Discussions with the State of New Mexico Regarding a Property Exchange. (Carly Venditti, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Deputy Director; cavenditti@santafenm.gov)

14. Matters from the City Clerk

15. Communications from the Governing Body

16. Introduction of Legislation

- a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____. (Councilor Amanda Chavez and Councilor Jamie Cassutt)
A Resolution Directing the City Manager to Obtain an Updated Appraisal and Negotiate a Sales Price for Potential Acquisition of 122.634 Acres of Land Adjacent to the Paseo Real Water Reclamation Facility. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 01/15/2025

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 01/20/2025

Finance Committee: 01/26/2025

Governing Body (Public Hearing): 01/28/2025

17. Petitions from the Floor

18. Public Comment on Bills (First Public Comment, No Action)

- a. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-26. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. (Mayor Alan Webber, Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Councilor Jamie Cassutt) A Bill Approving a Community Energy Efficiency Development ("CEED") Block Grant From the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Energy Conservation and Management Division, Pursuant to the "CEED Block Grant Act", to Authorize a CEED Program Project and Approve the Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement. (Christine Chavez, Water Conservation Manager; cychavez@santafenm.gov, Erica N. Renaud, Sustainability Supervisor; enrenaud@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 12/10/2025

Governing Body: 01/15/2026

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 01/20/2026

Governing Body: 02/11/2026

- b. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-23. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____.(Councilor Jame Cassutt and Councilor Pilar Faulkner)

A Bill Amending SFCC 1987, Section 2-4.2, to Require City Managers to Be International City Manager Association ("ICMA") – Credentialed or Credential-Eligible Unless an Appointment and Consent of Such a Candidate Is Not Possible After Five Months; Requiring Candidates for Deputy City Manager to Have the Same Qualifications Pursuant to Section 2-4.6(L); Removing Portions of Section 2-4.3 That Conflict With City Charter; and Removing the Prohibition for an Acting City Manager to Employ and Discharge Personnel. (Marci Eannarino, Legislation and Policy Innovation Manager; maeannario@santafenm.gov, Christine Spiers, Legislative Assistant; cmspiers@santafenm.gov, Palmer Anderson, Policy Analyst; pcanderson@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 12/10/2025
Governing Body (Public Comment): 01/15/2025
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 01/20/2025
Quality of Life Committee: 01/21/2025
Finance Committee: 01/26/2025
Governing Body: 02/11/2025

19. Final Action on Legislation (Public Hearing)

- a. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-25. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. (Councilor Amanda Chavez, Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Councilor Jamie Cassutt)
A Bill Updating the Rates and Service Charges for Water Utility Services. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 10/29/2025
Governing Body (Public Comment): 11/12/2025
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 12/01/2025
Finance Committee: 12/08/2025
Governing Body: 01/14/2025 (PENDING APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES)

20. Public Hearings (Land Use Cases, Appeals and Other Items Required to Have a Public Hearing)

21. Appointments

- a. Appointment of Chief Brian Moya to Interim City Manager
- b. Appointment of Marcos Martinez to Interim City Attorney
- c. Appointment of Geralyn Cardenas to Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement

- d. Appointment of Councilor Lee Garcia to Mayor Pro-Tem
- e. Announcement of Appointment of Councilor Alma Castro to Parliamentarian (Not Vote Required)
- f. Appointment of City Council Committees
- g. Sister Cities Committee
 - Mara Christian Harris - Appointment as Alternate - Term Ending 10/2028
 - Barbara Vigil - Appointment as Alternate - Term Ending 10/2027

22. Adjourn

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026, 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1.	Call To Order	Convened at 5:02pm	3
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Councilor Chavez	3
3.	Salute to the NM Flag	Councilor Cassutt	3
4.	Invocation and Remembrances	Councilor Garcia	3
5.	Roll Call	Quorum	3-4
6.	Approval of Agenda	Approved	4
7.	Approval of Consent Agenda	Approved	4
8.	Presentations	None	4
9.	Action Items: Consent Agenda	Approved as amended	4-6
10.	Action Items: Discussion Items		
	a. (e) Amendment	Approved	6
	b. (f) Amendment	Approved	6
11.	Matters from the City Manager	None	6
12.	Matters from the City Attorney	Heard	7
	Executive Session	Held	7
13.	Executive Session Action Items		
	a. Property Exchange	Approved	7-8
14.	Matters from the City Clerk	None	8
15.	Communications Gov. Body	Heard	8

16.	Introduction of Legislation		
a.	Resolution No. 2025-_____	Introduced	8
21.	Appointments		
a.	Interim City Manager	Approved	8
b.	Interim City Attorney	Approved	9
c.	Interim City Clerk	Approved	9
d.	Mayor Pro-Tem	Approved	9
e.	Parliamentarian	Approved	9
f.	City Council Committees	Approved	9-10
g.	Sister Cities Committee	Approved	10
17.	Petitions from the Floor	Heard	10-11
18.	Public Comments on Bills		
a.	Bill No. 2025-26	None	11
b.	Bill no. 2025-23	Heard	11-12
19.	Final Action on Legislation		
a.	Bill No. 2025-25	Approved	12
20.	Public Hearings	None	12
22.	Adjourn	Adjourned at 7:30 pm	12-13

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200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Garcia, at 5:02 pm, on Thursday, January 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. COUNCILOR CHAVEZ

Recited.

3. SALUTE TO THE NEW MEXICO FLAG

A. COUNCILOR CASSUTT

Recited.

4. INVOCATION AND REMEMBRANCES

A. COUNCILOR GARCIA

Given.

5. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Jamie Cassutt
Councilor Alma Castro
Councilor Amanda Chavez
Councilor Lee Garcia
Councilor Pilar Faulkner
Councilor Patricia Feghali
Councilor Elizabeth Barrett
(Councilor Vacancy)
Mayor Michael Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Moya, Interim City Manager
Marcos Martinez, Interim City Attorney
Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Cassutt said she would like to remove items E and F from the Consent Agenda and place them in the item for discussion as they had not been through Committees.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Cassutt, seconded by Councilor Garcia, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

8. PRESENTATIONS

None.

9. ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2025, REGULAR GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES.

Approved on consent.

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LIQUOR HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM NUCKOLLS BREWING COMPANY, LLC FOR A SMALL BREWER LIQUOR LICENSE WITH ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND PACKAGE SALES WITH PATIO SERVICE TO BE LOCATED AT NUCKOLLS BREWING CO., 1611 ALCALDESA STREET.

Approved on consent.

- C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LIQUOR HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM NUCKOLLS BREWING COMPANY, LLC FOR A SPECIAL INDEPENDENT THEATER LIQUOR LICENSE WITH ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY WITH PATIO SERVICES TO BE LOCATED AT SKY CINEMAS MIDTOWN, 1020 MIDTOWN CALL CENTRAL.**

Approved on consent.

- D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LIQUOR HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM TENDER FIRE KITCHEN, LLC FOR A RESTAURANT B (BEEN, WINE AND SPIRITS) LIQUOR LICENSE WITH ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY WITH PATIO SERVICE TO BE LOCATED AT TENDER FIRE KITCHEN, 1025 MIDTOWN CALLE CENTRAL.**

Approved on consent.

- E. REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT - DESIGN WORK ITEM #25-0546 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2027, TO COMPLETE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF S100650 ACEQUIA TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT.**

This item was moved to item 10 for discussion.

- F. REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION WORK ITEM #24-0535 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$2,000,000 TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2026, TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF S100770 TIERRA CONTENTA TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT - A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT.**

This item was moved to item 10 for discussion.

- G. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR THE MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT, CASE #2025-10706, MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, APPLICANT, THROUGH ITS AGENT, EMILY REYNOLDS OF NV5 INC, WHEREIN THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVED THE REQUEST TO**

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING STANDARDS WITHIN THE MIDTOWN MASTER PLAN IN SECTION 5.4, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS REGULATING PLAN", SECTION 5.5, "SUB-ZONE STANDARDS", SECTION 5.6, "FACADE-ZONE STANDARDS", AND SECTION 5.8, "DESIGN STANDARDS GENERAL TO ALL".

Approved on consent.

10. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

- E. REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT - DESIGN WORK ITEM #25-0546 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2027, TO COMPLETE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF S100650 ACEQUIA TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT.**

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to approve the ratification of second amendment to the cooperative project agreement.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

- F. REQUEST FOR RATIFICATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION WORK ITEM #24-0535 WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$2,000,000 TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2026, TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF S100770 TIERRA CONTENTA TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT - A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT.**

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Barrett, to approve the second amendment to the cooperative project agreement.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

11. MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Heard.

12. MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

Heard

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, NMSA 1978, SEC. 10-15-1. H. 8, DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY OR WATER RIGHTS BY THE CITY OF SANTA FE.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Castro, to in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 H. 8, enter into Executive Session.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 5:18 pm.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Castro, to reconvene in open session and that the only items discussed in Executive Session were those noticed.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

The Governing Body reconvened in open session at 6:11 pm.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION DIRECTING STAFF TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO REGARDING A PROPERTY EXCHANGE.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to direct staff to continue discussions with the State of New Mexico regarding a property exchange.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY CLERK

None.

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Heard.

16. INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____. A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN AN UPDATED APPRAISAL AND NEGOTIATE A SALES PRICE FOR POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF 122.634 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE PASEO REAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY.

Introduced.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to move to Item 21, Appointments, and come back to item 18 closer to 7:00 pm.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

21. APPOINTMENTS

A. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF BRIAN MOYA TO INTERIM CITY MANAGER

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to approve the appointment of Chief Brian Moya to Interim City Manager.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

B. APPOINTMENT OF MARCOS MARTINEZ TO INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve the appointment of Marcos Martinez to Interim City Attorney.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

C. APPOINTMENT OF GERALYN CARDENAS TO INTERIM CITY CLERK AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve the appointment of Geralyn Cardenas to Interim City Clerk and Director of Community Engagement.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

D. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR LEE GARCIA TO MAYOR PRO-TEM

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to approve the appointment of Councilor Lee Garcia to Mayor Pro-Tem.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR ALMA CASTRO TO PARLIAMENTARIAN (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

The announcement was made.

F. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor

Faulkner, to approve the appointments to City Council Committees.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

G. SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

- **MARA CHRISTIAN HARRIS - APPOINTMENT AS ALTERNATE - TERM ENDING 10/2028**
- **BARBARA VIGIL - APPOINTMENT AS ALTERNATE - TERM ENDING 10/2027**

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Garcia, to approve the appointments to the Sister Cities Committee.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Castro, to recess the meeting until 7:00 pm.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

17. PETITIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Steven Fox. Mr. Fox spoke about vaccine mandates and a Santa Fe branch of the United Nations.

Miguel Acosta. Mr. Acosta spoke in support of promoting people from within. He congratulated the Mayor and Councilors for contributing to new sense of hope. He spoke to investment on the south side and making the City a Chicano friendly City again.

Judd Fishcel.. Mr. Fishcel spoke to how happy he is with all of you on the dias. We need your help with construction and traffic at Zia and St. Francis,

Kathy Rivera. Ms. Rivera congratulated the new members of the Council and spoke about Tract O and other projects involving the State. She asked that they look at them collectively.

Daniel Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz spoke on behalf National Hispano Deformation League. We all want to start fresh. He is concerned about the Soldiers Monument and an event hosted by Councilor Castro.

Virgil Vigil. Mr. Vigil expressed happiness that Mayor Garcia is leading the City now. He knows he will do a great job for the people of Santa Fe. They are trusting you. He spoke to the Soldiers Monument.

Elmer Maestas. Mr. Maestas spoke to the Soldiers Monument and the need to get it done.

Elizabeth West. Ms. West congratulated the Mayor and Councilors. Good luck. It feels good to see you being polite and listening to each other.

Stephanie Beninato. Ms. Beninato welcomed the new Mayor and Councilors and said she hopes things go well. She spoke to IPRA requests and alley cleaning.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT ON BILLS (FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT, NO ACTION)

- A. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-26. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. A BILL APPROVING A COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT (“CEED”) BLOCK GRANT FROM THE NEW MEXICO ENERGY MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION, PURSUANT TO THE “CEED BLOCK GRANT ACT”, TO AUTHORIZE A CEED PROGRAM PROJECT AND APPROVE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

There were no public comments.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-23. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. A BILL AMENDING SFCC 1987, SECTION 2-4.2, TO REQUIRE CITY MANAGERS TO BE INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGER ASSOCIATION (“ICMA”) - CREDENTIALLED OR CREDENTIAL-ELIGIBLE UNLESS AN APPOINTMENT AND CONSENT OF SUCH A CANDIDATE IS NOT POSSIBLE AFTER FIVE MONTHS; REQUIRING CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-4.6L THAT CONFLICT WITH CITY CHARTER; AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION FOR AN ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EMPLOY AND DISCHARGE**

PERSONNEL.

Stephanie Beninato. Ms. Beninato spoke about her concern that this may exclude people.

19. FINAL ACTION ON LEGISLATION (PUBLIC HEARING)

A. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-25. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. A BILL UPDATING THE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICES.

Stephanie Beninato. Ms. Beninato spoke to a tiered increase being helpful.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve Bill No. 2025-25.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Councilor Garcia, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Faulkner, yes.

20. PUBLIC HEARINGS (LAND USE CASES, APPEALS AND OTHER ITEMS REQUIRED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING)

None.

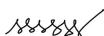
22. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Mayor Michael Garcia

Attested To By:



Geralyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted By:

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**GOVERNING BODY MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
January 15, 2026**

The Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe met in an executive session duly called on January 15, 2026, beginning at 5:19 p.m.

The following was discussed:

In Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, sec. 10-15-1.H.8, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights by the City of Santa Fe.
(Marcos Martinez, Interim City Attorney; mdmartinez@santafenm.gov)

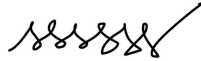
PRESENT

Mayor Garcia
Councilor Barrett
Councilor Cassutt
Councilor Castro
Councilor Chavez
Councilor Faulkner
Councilor Feghali
Councilor Garcia

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Moya, Interim City Manager
Andrea Philips, Deputy City Manager
Marcos Martinez, Interim City Attorney
Geraldyn Cardenas, Interim City Clerk
Terry Lease, Asset Development Manager
Carly Venditta, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Deputy Director

There being no further business to discuss, the executive session was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



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