

**QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026, 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Quality of Life Committee was called to order by Councilor Alma Castro, Chair, at 7:02 pm, on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Amanda Chavez
Councilor Jamie Cassutt
Councilor Elizabeth Barrett
Councilor Patricia Feghali
Councilor Alma Castro, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Lamboy, Land Use Director
Sandy Emory, Community Services Director
Marcella Apodaca, Committee Liaison
Mayor Michael Garcia
Councilor Lee Garcia

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Barrett, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7 B was pulled for discussion by Councilors Castro and Cassutt, item 7 D was pulled for discussion by Councilor Castro, item 7 F was pulled for discussion by Councilor Cassutt and item 7 G was pulled for discussion by Councilor Cassutt..

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

to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Name Not Given. He spoke in support of the fee in lieu of changes, but with a phased-in increase and payment of fees when the project is complete.

Kathy Rivera. Ms. Rivera spoke about the closing of streets around the Plaza during the summer and the rationale around it.

Adele Rael. Ms. Rael spoke in favor of passing the eviction fund.

Name Not Given. She spoke against the closure of streets around the Plaza.

John Romeo, District 2. Mr. Romero spoke against the closure of streets around the Plaza.

7. ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA

A. REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2026, QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved on consent.

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST (BAR) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND TO FUND AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH URBAN ALCHEMY FOR STREET OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Cassutt, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the BAR.

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

Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Chair Castro, yes.

- C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO ITEM #24-0368 WITH FII NATIONAL DBA UPTOGETHER TO INCREASE COMPENSATION BY \$750,000 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$3,250,000 AND EXTEND THE TERM TO END JUNE 30, 2027, FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION CASH ASSISTANCE.**

Approved on consent.

- D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FOR A COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.**

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve the grant agreement.

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

Councilor Chavez, yes; Councilor Barrett, yes; Councilor Feghali, yes; Councilor Cassutt, yes; Chair Castro, yes.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-12. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____. A BILL SPECIFYING THAT SPECIFIC AND LIMITED FISHING EVENTS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE SANTA FE MUNICIPAL WATERSHED MAY BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY.**

Approved on consent.

- F. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-11. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____. A BILL RELATING TO THE SANTA FE HOMES PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL UNITS; AMENDING SECTION 26-1.22 TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO CLARIFY THE CALCULATION OF FEES PAID IN LIEU OF PROVIDING ON-SITE AFFORDABLE UNITS, TO AMEND THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF CALCULATION TO USE THIRTY PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME INSTEAD OF SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT WHEN DETERMINING BASE FEE AMOUNT.**

MOTION A motion was made by Chair Castro, seconded by Councilor Feghali, to approve Bill No. 2026-11.

VOTE The motion failed on a roll call vote of 4 no, and 1 yes, as follows:

Councilor Feghali, no; Councilor Barrett, no; Councilor Chavez, no; Councilor Cassutt, no; Chair Castro, yes.

G. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS, 2014-49 AND 2016-80 TO CLOSE THE STREETS SURROUNDING PLAZA PARK ANNUALLY FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO OCTOBER 31ST OR LATER AND TO CLOSE LINCOLN AVENUE AND PALACE AVENUE, NEXT TO PLAZA PARK PERMANENTLY.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Feghali, seconded by Councilor Barrett, to approve Resolution No. 2026-_____.

VOTE The motion failed on a roll call vote of 4 no, and 1 yes, as follows:

Councilor Feghali, no; Councilor Barrett, no; Councilor Chavez, no; Councilor Cassutt, no; Chair Castro, yes.

8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

None.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Heard.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Heard.

12. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Heard.

13. NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.



Alma Castro (Jul 22, 2026 20:22:33 MDT)

Councilor Alma Castro, Chair



Elizabeth Martin (Jul 7, 2026 13:48:06 MDT)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer