

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**City of Anthony Board of Trustees**  
**Venue: 820 Highway 478, Anthony NM 88021**  
**& Conference Call**  
**Tuesday, December 27th, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

*Mayor Diana Murillo*  
*MPT Elva Flores*  
*Trustee Javier Silva*  
*Trustee Daniel Barreras*  
*Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin*

**Minutes**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana Murillo

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Diana Murillo

3. <b>ROLL CALL</b>	Present:	MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO <sup>1</sup>
		Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
		Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO
		Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO
		Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO
		Quorum Established	YES	NO

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**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** Trustee Silva      **2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** Trustee Holguin

MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO <sup>2</sup>	
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	3 to 0 vote, motion passes.
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO	
<del>Mayor Diana Murillo</del>	<del>YES</del>	<del>NO</del>	

**5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**

a. Consideration and Action to amend Resolution 2022-014, to decrease the Property Tax Mill Rate,  
**Presented by Trustee Javier Silva.**

**Original: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Trustee Barreras      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Trustee Holguin**

*Trustee Silva further explained the compromise that had to be made to approved this resolution, the board came to an agreement that instead of the originally proposed three-year plan it be moved to a four-year plan. The main focus for these funds is for the roads but with the impact that it has had on the community, they understood the need to lower the property tax. What needs to be done is really need to push the issue with the representatives up in Santa Fe to help with funds to pave the roads. But this is a good start, of course with what we're getting and by lowering them it might not be enough to repave complete streets like originally planned but it helps with taking care of the bigger problem areas. Trustee Silva is proposing to lower from 7.65 to 3.5 in the first year, down to 2.5 the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and then 1.5 the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, finally eliminating the property tax in the 4<sup>th</sup> year. As also stated in the resolution funds will specifically used for street improvement and purchasing equipment needed. According to Interim City Manager, the equipment that is needed to properly repave or fix pothole will total to about \$600,000. The funds that will come from this tax increase are about \$800,000, which doesn't give much to work with if all equipment was purchased but it can allow us to purchase the necessities to start and look for other funds elsewhere.*

*Trustee Holguin will like to keep it with the original amendment with the numbers that were first presented to the*

public at the last public meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The impact that the 7.65% had in the community needs to be taken into consideration as it is not only putting a strain on the community but also on businesses.

Mayor Murillo asked if the board can meet in the middle at 4, 3, 2, 0 over the four years?

Trustee Holguin wanted to know where the new numbers being proposed were coming from.

Trustee Silva explained that there are no set numbers, but as this resolution had already failed with the current number he was trying to work with the rest of the board and meet in the middle due to the impact it had in the community. The key thing is to have a resolution that will pass and lower the 7.65% property tax, if a new resolution does not pass, the community will be left with paying that amount again in the new year.

Trustee Silva made a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the new percentages for the new 4-year plan stating the decrease from 7.650% down to 4% in the 1<sup>st</sup> year, from 4% down to 3% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from 3% down to 1% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and lastly from 1% to 0% in the 4<sup>th</sup> year which will eliminate property taxes effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**1<sup>st</sup> amendment: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Trustee Silva                      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Trustee Barreras**

MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	3 to 1 vote, motion passes.
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO	

**\*\*Original as amended: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Trustee Silva                      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Trustee Holguin**

MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	4 to 0 vote, motion passes.
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO	

The city attorney suggested there some changes done to the wording on numbers 1 through 5 to better explain the restriction of these funds. Number 2 and 3 were combined to read "To cover street improvements and maintenance, such as repaving, potholes, infrastructures and purchase any equipment that might be needed to be purchased to assist in improvements." Number 3 now reads "A monthly presentation of progress and the utilization of funds on streets shall be given by the City Manager. Any packet items regarding property taxes will be posted along with the agenda to be made publicly available to residents first hand." And lastly, number 4 reads "Any utilization of funds shall come to the Governing Board for approval."

**\*\*Original with 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Trustee Silva                      2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: MPT Flores**

MPT Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	4 to 0 vote, motion passes.
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO	

## 6. ITEMS FROM THE CITY CLERK-

Public Hearing that was scheduled on January, 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, has to be rescheduled, the board unanimously agreed to reschedule for January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

## 7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

NONE

## 8. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

No items from MPT Flores, Trustee Barreras or Mayor Murillo.

**Trustee Silva:** Wanted to clarify that this resolution could be amended, it doesn't have to stay like that if funds are procured somewhere else this resolution could change.

**Trustee Holguin:** The biggest takeaway from this is the need to work on keeping the residents informed. Wanted to take the time to explain why he voted the way he did, which came down to the fact that the numbers being proposed were still too high for the community.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Trustee Silva**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: MPT Flores**

MPT Elva Flores	YES NO <sup>2</sup>
Trustee Daniel Barreras	<b>YES</b> NO
Trustee Javier Silva	<b>YES</b> NO
Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin	<b>YES</b> NO
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES NO

3 to 0 vote, motion passes at 6:51pm



*Diana Murillo*  
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 Diana Murillo, Mayor

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Attest:

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Karla Oropeza, City Clerk

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**1** Although MPT Flores was virtually present when roll call for her was made, the Mayor nor any members of the Governing Body physically present at the meeting were able to hear any response.  
**2** Pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 to 4 (1974, as amended), all voters of the public body must be by roll call vote. When roll call for MPT Elva Flores was made, the Mayor no any members of the Governing Body present at the meeting were able to hear her casted vote. Therefore, no vote was recorded.