Diana Murillo, Mayor **Court Chambers City of Anthony, NM** Gabriel I. Holguin, MPT 820 Highway 478 **Board of Trustees: Budget Workshop** Iose Garcia, Trustee Anthony, NM 88021 MINUTES Daniel Barreras, Trustee Fernando Herrera, Trustee Monday, April 21st, 2025 6:00pm Please join TEAMS meeting from your You can join meeting using your phone computer, tablet or smartphone. by dialing. Meeting ID: 214 192 843 366 1 United States: +1(469)312-8116 Access Code: 619 427 442# Passcode: CB36n42E

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Diana Murillo at 6:05pm
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL Present: YES NO MPT Gabriel I. Holguin Trustee Jose Garcia YES NO YES NO\*joined at 6:28pm **Trustee Daniel Barreras** NO Trustee Fernando Herrera YES YES NO Mayor Diana Murillo YES NO Quorum Established

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## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

1 <sup>st</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Herrera</u>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u>
Roll Call Vote:		
MPT Holguin	YES NO	3-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Garcia	YES NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES NO	

## 5. PRESENTATION

**a.** Presentation on the Finance Reports for March 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> review for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, *Presented by the Finance Director.* 

\*A recess was called at 7:48pm. When the workshop resumed, MPT Holguin presided for the remainder of the meeting.

The Finance Director gave a brief presentation on the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year, reporting that everything is on track compared to projections. Several questions were raised regarding revenues. He also delivered the first presentation for the upcoming fiscal year, emphasizing a conservative approach to revenue estimates due to current economic conditions. Trustee Herrera questioned the projections, specifically regarding Gross Receipts Taxes. The Finance Director outlined a plan to present the new fiscal year's budget over three meetings. In this meeting, the focus was on Payroll, including a proposed 5% across-the-board increase, covering executive, legislative, and individual department budgets. Questions were raised by MPT Holguin and Trustee Herrera about the healthcare benefits provided to the Mayor. MPT Holguin requested that health insurance be extended to all legislative members, including the Municipal Judge. There was also discussion about increasing the Municipal Judge's salary. The Mayor clarified that any raise would apply only to the incoming judge, not the current one. MPT Holguin expressed concern over applying the 5% increase universally without performance evaluations, suggesting that raises be based on merit. He also objected to the Chief of Police and the City Attorney earning nearly the same, noting that a law degree warrants higher pay and proposed close to \$10,000 increase for the City Attorney. The Mayor disagreed, stating that such a move would be unfair to long-term employees. The Finance Director noted that the City Attorney's full benefits are already included in their compensation package. MPT Holguin reiterated the need for evaluations. Lastly, there was discussion about the recently vacated Public Works Director position, leading to broader conversation about the roles and compensation of Supervisors, Directors, and Department Heads.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT



2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Herrera</u>

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:22pm.

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Diana Murillo, Mayor

Karla Oropeza, City Clerk