

Court Chambers
820 Highway 478
Anthony, NM 88021

City of Anthony, NM
Board of Trustees: Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Thursday, July 24th, 2025

Diana Murillo, Mayor
Gabriel I. Holguin, MPT
Jose Garcia, Trustee
Daniel Barreras, Trustee
Fernando Herrera, Trustee

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6:00pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Diana Murillo **at 6:08pm**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mayor Murillo

3. ROLL CALL	Present:	MPT Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO
		Trustee Jose Garcia	YES	NO
		Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO
		Trustee Fernando Herrera	YES	NO
		Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO
		Quorum Established	YES	NO

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minute limit for each person)

Alejandro Moreno

Jose Chacon

Adrian Perez

Liliana Perez

Gerano Soriano

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Special Meeting: 06/16/2025

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: MPT Holguin

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

b. Regular Meeting: 06/18/2025

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

c. Special Meeting: 06/23/2025

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

d. Special Meeting: 06/23/2025

w/ amendments 1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

e. Special Meeting: 07/01/2025

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

f. Regular Meeting: 07/08/2025 (POSTPONED**)**

Motion to Postpone 1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

7. PRESENTATION

a. Del Oro Dairy Petition, *Presented by Anna Cruz.*

Ms. Cruz, speaking on behalf of herself and several other residents living near the Del Oro Dairy, expressed concern over the ongoing fly problem attributed to the dairy and asked whether anything could be done to address the issue. Mayor Murillo explained that previous efforts had been made but were ultimately unsuccessful due to the dairy being located outside of city limits. Several Trustees echoed the residents' frustrations, noting the impact on the quality of life for those living near the facility. Trustee Herrera and Trustee Garcia both proposed annexation as a potential long-term solution and assured residents that their concerns are being taken seriously. They acknowledged the issue as a longstanding problem and committed to exploring possible actions moving forward.

8. DISCUSSION **Per the advice of the City Attorney, discussion for items 8a and 8b was held concurrently.*

a. Discussion on the Finance Policies.

b. Discussion on the Procurement Process regarding the statutory removal of the Mayor, *Presented by MPT Holguin.*

The City's Procurement Officer and City Attorney clarified that, per state statute, procurement of professional services must be conducted by the CPO, not by any other staff member or elected official.

MPT Holguin expressed urgency on the item and voiced concerns with following the standard procurement process due to past experiences in which he believes the CPO delayed Board-directed actions, such as the sale of the ADA truck and certain hiring decisions. Despite these concerns, the City Attorney concluded by reaffirming that, in accordance with state law, the City should proceed with procurement through the CPO to ensure compliance and avoid potential legal issues.

9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- a. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of Governments, Inc for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and approve payment of annual dues in the amount of \$2,764, **Presented by the Projects Coordinator. (Resolution 2025-016)**

The Project Coordinator provided an overview of the annual resolution and membership dues associated with the City's participation in the South Central Council of Governments, and gave a brief explanation of the resources available through membership. It was noted that the designated representative and alternate remain the same as the previous year.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

- b. Consideration and Action to approve the New Mexico Clean & Beautiful (NMBC) grant agreement in the amount of \$3,428.91, **Presented by Projects Coordinator.**

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

- c. Consideration and Action to approve an outstanding expenditure for Public Works to the repair of the Walking Path Lighting in the amount of \$1,440, **Presented by Public Works.**

Mr. Albert Gonzalez from Public Works explained that the expenditure was for a service call to repair lighting along the Walking Path. Since the exact issue couldn't be identified, a trusted vendor was contacted, which is why no additional quotes were obtained. The issue, previously raised by board members and residents, has been resolved, and approval was requested in accordance with finance policies.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO	

- d. Consideration and Action to select a trade-in vehicle, **Presented by HR/CPO.**

The CPO presented the current vehicle options and requested that the Board provide their top three choices to ensure availability. A comparison was provided based on engine specifications and mileage. A motion was made and approved to select the following vehicles: 1. Chevy Equinox, 2. Hyundai Santa Fe and 3. Honda Passport.

Original w/ amendment 1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

Amended: 1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- e. Consideration and Action to approve an extension of the provisional pay for Albert Gonzalez for covering the Public Works Supervisor duties, ***Presented by HR/CPO.***

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- f. Consideration and Action to approve the appointment of Paul G. Winters and Juliana Hernandez to the City of Anthony Public Library Advisory Board, ***Presented by the City Clerk.***

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Barreras YES NO
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- g. Consideration and Action to reschedule the August 6th, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, ***Presented by the City Clerk.***

The City Clerk explained that, with a couple of Trustees scheduled to be out of town for training during the next regular meeting, she felt it was appropriate to bring the matter to the Board to consider rescheduling. To allow those Trustees the opportunity to attend in person, Mayor Murillo suggested moving the August 6th meeting to August 4th, and all members agreed.

Original 1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Rescheduled to August 4th: **1st Motion:** Trustee Herrera **2nd Motion:** Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Anthony Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) to discuss Limited Personnel Matters regarding the Police Department and Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) to discuss potential litigation regarding 801 Livesay and Stelzner, Winter, Warburton, Flores & Dawes, P.A.'s outstanding invoice.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras **YES** NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:22pm
Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

b. Return to Open Session **No decision was made during Executive Session.*

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin **YES** NO
Trustee Garcia **YES** NO
Trustee Barreras **YES** NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:53pm
Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

a. Consideration and Action to approve the hiring of Jannette Soto for the Anthony Police Department, ***Presented by the Chief of Police.***

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin **YES** NO
Trustee Garcia **YES** NO
Trustee Barreras **YES** NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

b. Consideration and Action on the Stelzner, Winter, Warburton, Flores & Dawes, P.A.'s outstanding invoice.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES **NO**
Trustee Garcia **YES** NO
Trustee Barreras **YES** NO 3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

12. FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Herrera: An update was requested on the CDC position. The HR Director stated that the position was reposted due to a lack of qualified applicants. It was suggested that if no qualified candidates apply, the job description may need to be amended. Raised concerns regarding the Urgent Care not operating during typical urgent care hours. Shared that several business owners near Ernesto's are requesting that the street be converted to a one-way to alleviate congestion once construction is completed. The Mayor advised that she will work with NMDOT to address that. Inquired about online streaming of public meetings. The IT Assistant confirmed that streaming will begin by the next regular meeting.

Trustee Barreras: Requested an update regarding the lien on a property. Raised concerns from residents regarding the lack of signage for the Urgent Care. Trustee Garcia commented that he had seen an individual placing signs near the entrance. Requested an update on the status of another entrance to the Urgent Care. Lastly, thanked Public Works for their prompt work on repair of some streets.

Trustee Garcia: Requested the replacement of two stop signs near Ernesto's, the Mayor confirmed that the signs were replaced earlier that morning. Requested physical copies of the Urgent Care Lease Agreement. Requested an update on the bleachers for the Municipal Soccer Field. Brought up concerns about the sitting water in the field. Shared that the P&Z Commission will be holding a workshop to discuss potential amendments to the Master Plan on August 13th at 6:30pm.

MPT Holguin: Shared that he is speaking with Bill Kellen from American Family Entertainment Centers and that they are proposing a potential workshop to meet with them prior to entering or committing their business outside of Anthony. Invited the public to the District 2 Dona Ana County Commission meeting on August 15th at 6:00pm. Shared with the Board that he's spoken to Danny Dominguez and that he is interested in coming into compliance and expressed the desire to hold a meeting with him and the rest of the Board to discuss potential solutions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Barreras	YES	NO
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 9:20pm.

Diana Murillo, Mayor

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Attest:



Karla Oropeza, City Clerk