Court Chambers 820 Highway 478 Anthony, NM 88021

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

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 6:00pm Diana Murillo, Mayor Gabriel I. Holguin, MPT Jose Garcia, Trustee Daniel Barreras, Trustee Fernando Herrera, Trustee

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1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Diana Murillo at 6:00pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL Present: MPT Gabriel I. Holguin YES NO

Trustee Jose Garcia
Trustee Daniel Barreras
Trustee Fernando Herrera
Mayor Diana Murillo
YES
NO
YES
NO

Quorum Established YES NO

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#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Herrera</u>

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

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

Sylvia Hidalgo Irene Miramontez

Cecilia Acosta

Adrian Perez

Sarahi Aguirre

Martha Gutierrez

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: 08/04/2025

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras 2nd Motion: MPT Holguin

**Roll Call Vote:** 

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

w/ amendment 1st Motion: MPT Holguin 2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

**Roll Call Vote:** 

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

Frustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

a. Consideration and Action to approve the Utility Easement Agreement and Franchise Fee Waiver between the City of Anthony and the Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc., Presented by Godfrey Enjady, General Manager for Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. and Alan Morel. Alan Morel, general counsel for Mescalero Apache Telecom, along with General Manager Ghatri Anjati and Engineer Doug Schmidt, presented a request for a utility easement through the City of Anthony. Mescalero Apache Telecom is the only tribally owned telephone company in New Mexico, serving about 1,200 residents on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The company received a Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grant to construct a 160-mile middle-mile fiber project from Mescalero to downtown El Paso, Texas. Approximately 4,317 feet of the fiber line will run through the City of Anthony. A utility easement has been prepared in coordination with Mr. Palmares for this portion of the route. The company requested consideration of a waiver of a franchise agreement/fee, as no services will be provided along the route; the fiber line will only serve as transport to El Paso, Texas. Mescalero Apache Telecom acknowledged the City may charge a fee for the easement and expressed willingness to comply. There was some discussion on proposed fees, Mr. Morel shared that the company will be more comfortable with paying some sort of fee to ensure fairness and avoid any violation of the Anti-Donation Clause. It was ultimately postponed to the following meeting to evaluate potential fees that can be charged.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras2nd Motion: MPT HolguinTo postpone: 1st Motion: MPT Holguin2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

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 On-Call Morrow Enterprises, Grant Street Construction in the amount of \$544,410.74, including NMGRT, *Presented by the Projects Coordinator.* 

The item presented was the construction of Grant Street, with funding from capital outlay appropriations and the mill tax levy. In response to questions from MPT Holguin, Eric Hamilton with BHI explained that the project will consist of a new base course and new asphalt along the entire street but does not include curb and gutter. Concerns regarding drainage and the elevation difference between the current road and the new road were addressed, with Mr. Hamilton noting that these issues had been accounted for in the reconstruction plans.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin 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

c. Consideration and Action to approve On-Call Bohanna Huston, Grant Street Construction Administration Services (amendment) in the amount \$35,039.00 including NMGRT, Presented by the Projects Coordinator.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>MPT Holguin</u>

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin

Trustee Garcia

YES NO

YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

**d.** Consideration and Action to approve Capital Appropriation Project 25-J4119 for the Multigenerational Building Phase II, in the amount of \$117,310.42, *Presented by the Projects Coordinator.* 

1st Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> 2nd Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

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 the Evidence Technician job description, *Presented by the Chief of Police and HR Director.* 

The Chief of Police explained that the Evidence Technician position is important for daily operations, helping maintain the integrity of investigations, and providing support to the officers. She further mentioned that the Police Department is running out of space, and one of the reasons for requesting this position is so they can handle destruction orders and free up room while also keeping up with the department's growth. She added that the department is willing to reclassify one of the open officer positions into the Evidence Technician role so it won't affect the current budget. MPT Holguin would like to see the HR Department be contracted out prior to this approval to ensure this position is a good fit he further motioned to make this position a temporary position; motion was not seconded and therefore died on the floor.

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras 2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Motion for a Temporary Position: 1st Motion: MPT Holguin 2nd Motion: MONE Motion Dies

**Roll Call Vote:** 

MPT Holguin

Trustee Garcia

YES NO

Trustee Barreras

YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera

YES NO

**f.** Consideration and Action to approve the quote for the CivicPlus *SeeClickFix 311* module for the new city website, *Presented by the IT Assistant.* 

The IT Assistant presented a website module that would allow departments such as Public Works and Animal Control to provide updates on ongoing issues within the city. The module would also give residents the ability to report concerns directly to the appropriate department, helping to streamline responses and improve communication. This addition addresses feedback from residents who noted they are often unaware of city activities. It was agreed to proceed with the lower of the two quotes to test the module's usability and effectiveness.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Herrera</u>

**Roll Call Vote:** 

MPT Holguin YES NO Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

**g.** Consideration and Action to approve the Conterra Networks quote in the amount of \$870 to provide internet to Adams Ballpark, *Presented by the IT Assistant*.

The IT Assistant presented a request to provide internet access at Adams Park. The intent is to support the installation of security cameras and potentially offer Wi-Fi access to park users in the future.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: MPT Holguin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Barreras YES NO
Trustee Herrera YES NO

h. Consideration and Action to approve a quote and service provider to implement email protection, **Presented by the IT Assistant.** 

The IT Assistant requested approval of this item in response to the increasing number of phishing and scam emails received by the city, which pose potential security risks. The IT Assistant reviewed the services offered by several companies, noting that while the core protections were similar, some included training courses to help staff avoid security threats. Following discussion of the pros and cons, and with the possibility of a discount being shared, action on this item was postponed.

1st Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> 2nd Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

To postpone: 1st Motion: MPT Holguin 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

### 8. 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) regarding limited personnel matters related to the Community Development Coordinator applications.

1st Motion: <u>Truste Garcia</u> 2nd Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:35pm

Trustee Herrera YES NO

**b.** Return to Open Session. \* No decision was made during closed session. MPT presided over the remainder of the meeting.

1st Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> 2nd Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 9:14pm

Trustee Barreras YES NO
Trustee Herrera YES NO

## 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

a. Consideration and Action to amend the Community Development Coordinator job description,
 Presented by the HR Director.

Most notable change was to include overseeing the Animal Control Department.

1st Motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> 2nd Motion: <u>Trustee Barreras</u>

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. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES.

Trustee Herrera: NONE Trustee Barreras: NONE

Trustee Garcia: Requested and update on the name change for the public library and update on Annexation.

Requested the following Items: Presentation/Discussion by Bill Kellen, American Family Entertainment

Centers, LLC. On a proposed development within the City of Anthony.

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

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

1st motion: Trustee Garcia 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

MPT Holguin: Requested a special meeting on Monday at 6:30pm to discussed fee schedule and usage for the

municipal soccer field.

1st motion: MPT Holguin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: <u>Trustee Garcia</u> Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Herrera YES NO 3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.

11. ADJOURNMENT

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Herrera

YES NO

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

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes 9:52pm

Karla Oropeza, City Clerk

(SEAL) Attest:

