

Court Chambers
820 Highway 478
Anthony, NM 88021

City of Anthony, NM
Board of Trustees: Regular Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 1st, 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
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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**

To Move Items from the Mayor and Trustees to be placed after Public Comments

1st Motion: Trustee Herrera

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

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)

Chief Vanessa Ordonez

6. **ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES**

Trustee Herrera: Wanted to reiterate what Chief Ordonez shared about the misinformation being spread about the Police Department involvement with ICE.

Trustee Barreras: NONE

Trustee Garcia: Annexation for property for the solid waste transfer station. Update on the firework fees.

MPT Holguin: NONE

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Budget Workshop: 09/22/2025

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. Special Meeting: 09/22/2025

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Herrera YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

9. PROCLAMATION

- a. Consideration and Action to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, ***Presented by La Casa, Inc.***

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Herrera YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- a. Consideration and action to approve sponsorship to the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,000, ***Presented by the HR Director/CPO.***

The CPO/HR Director discussed the benefits of the City joining the New Mexico Coalition through a sponsorship. She noted that the Coalition provides direct advocacy for the city, including communication with state legislators; updates on laws and regulations, and support for economic development. Hidalgo clarified that the sponsorship amount listed was incorrect, with the lowest tier being \$300, \$500 and the next \$1,500, requiring an amendment. She emphasized that the sponsorship offers valuable networking opportunities and helps share the city's vision with state leadership. Hidalgo recommended pursuing the sponsorship. It was her recommendation to continue with the Bronze Sponsorship listed at \$500.

Motion to amend the amount to \$500: 1st Motion: MPT Holguin 2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO

Trustee Barreras YES NO

Trustee Herrera YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

As amended 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. Consideration and action to approve purchase of Hot Melt Asphalt for Road Maintenance Projects in the amount \$2,280, ***Presented by Albert Gonzalez, Public Works.***

With the recent purchase of the hot box trailer, the City will change its pothole repair process. Previously using bags of asphalt mix, staff can now use hot melt asphalt mix, which is more effective, covers more area and is must easier to use. JOBE is the sole vendor for this product, so no additional quotes were obtained.

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 the appointment of Iliana Perez to the Library Advisory Board, **Presented by the Head Librarian.**

1st Motion: Trustee Barreras 2nd Motion: None Motion dies.

- d. Consideration and Action to approve the amendment to Library's Membership Fees, Fines and Loan Time Policy, **Presented by the Head Librarian.**

The proposal to reinstate late fees for unreturned library items aims to hold individuals accountable for materials checked out. Several trustees requested that staff work with patrons who fail to return or lose items. The Head Librarian noted that such cooperation will continue within the fee structure and timelines currently proposed or already in effect.

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

- e. Consideration and Action to approve the amendment to Command Protocol ADM 01-10, **Presented by the City Attorney.**

City Attorney presented an amendment to the City's command protocol regarding law enforcement interactions with city employees or officials. The amendment clarifies that minor traffic violations involving city employees or officials may be cited by Anthony Police Department officers and filed in Magistrate Court. More serious matters require an outside law enforcement agency to handle the investigation to avoid conflicts of interest. City Attorney addressed questions regarding why minor traffic violations for city employees or officials are filed in Magistrate Court rather than Municipal Court. He explained that officers have discretion to cite under either state law or city ordinance. Filing in Magistrate Court reduces potential conflicts of interest, as more judges are available if a judge must recuse themselves due to knowing the employee or official. The City Attorney emphasized that this approach aligns with typical law enforcement practice and helps ensure impartial handling of cases. The Chief of Police emphasized that officers will respond to any imminent danger situations, secure the scene, and then transfer the investigation to an outside agency if necessary.

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. A resolution authorizing two board members and the city attorney to explore potential partnership opportunities with American Family Entertainment Centers, LLC., **Presented by MPT Holguin.**

MPT Holguin read the proposed resolution, the City Attorney provided legal guidance recommending several amendments to clarify intent and minimize potential liability. The title of the resolution was revised to replace "partnership opportunities" with "economic development and quality of life" to avoid implying a legal partnership. In the authorization section, the word "trustee" was removed, leaving the mayor and one trustee to be involved in these discussions. The section on monthly briefings was amended to remove "in executive session," ensuring compliance with the Open Meetings Act while allowing updates to occur in either open or executive session as appropriate, particularly for confidential matters such as real estate negotiations. The reporting deadline was updated to the

second governing board meeting of October to allow timely updates. Trustee Garcia volunteered to take part in these discussions with American Family Entertainment Centers, LLC.

MPT Holguin made a motion for the proposed amendment, seconded by

Amendments: 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

As amended 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

- g. Consideration and Action to reschedule the regular meeting scheduled for October 15th, 2025,

Presented by the City Clerk.

The City Clerk noted that the next scheduled regular meeting might want to be rescheduled due to the fact that two of the trustees will be out in training. It was proposed to hold a special meeting on Oct. 23rd. at 6:00pm to include public comments and the budget presentation for the month of September. A motion was made to scheduled a special meeting on the date indicated.

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.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

As amended 1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd 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

- h. Consideration and action to approve an expenditure for the purchase of a pallet of copy paper in the amount of \$1,510, ***Presented by the City Clerk.***

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

11. 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 position.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes 7:42pm.
Trustee Barreras YES NO
Trustee Herrera YES NO

b. Return to Open Session. **No Decisions were made during executive session.*

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 as 7:57pm.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

a. Consideration and Action to approve the recommended candidate for the position of Community Development Coordinator, ***Presented by the CPO/HR Director.***

There was a consensus to approve the recommended candidate, Michell Smart, for the Community Development Coordinator position.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin **2nd 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

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 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 7:58pm
Trustee Herrera YES NO

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Attest:



Karla Oropeza, City Clerk

Diana Murillo, Mayor