

**QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025, 5:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Quality of Life Committee was called to order on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:05 pm, by Councilor Cassutt, Chair, at City Hall, in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair
Councilor Pilar Faulkner
Councilor Alma Castro
Councilor Michael Garcia
Councilor Amanda Chavez

OTHERS PRESENT

Elisa Montoya, Director, Community Development Department
Henri Hammond Paul, Director, Community Services Department
Marcella Apodaca, Committee Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Castro, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cassutt said she pulled item 8 (N) for discussion.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, yes.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE APRENDE PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT

Given.

6. ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2025, QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

Approved on consent.

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$92,509 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT BUDGET.

Approved on consent.

C. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,584,933 TO RE-APPROPRIATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FY 25 ONE-TIME FUNDING TO THE FY 26 BUDGET FOR SMALL BUSINESS MITIGATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Approved on consent.

D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$168,568 TO RE=APPROPRIATE THE UNUSED BALANCE FROM FY25 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO FY 26 TO FUND PREVIOUSLY EXISTING CONTRACTS.

Approved on consent.

E. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO ITEM #23-0375 WITH HOMEWISE TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION BY \$190,000 FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$760,000 AND

TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 TO PROVIDE HOMEBUYER/OWNER SUPPORT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE WITH LOW AND MODERATE INCOMES.

Approved on consent.

- F. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO ITEM #22-0376 WITH THE HOUSING TRUST TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION BY \$110,000 FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$440,000 AND TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, TO PROVIDE HOMEBUYER/OWNER SUPPORT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE WITH LOW AND MODERATE INCOMES.**

Approved on consent.

- G. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SANTA FE COUNTY TO COLLABORATIVELY IMPLEMENT, SUSTAIN, AND EVALUATE TWO PROGRAMS: THE YOUTH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INITIATIVE AND A YOUTH DIVERSION INITIATIVE KNOWN AS UPLIFT YOUTH TO REDUCE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN VIOLENCE AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH PROACTIVE, TRAUMA-INFORMED, AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED APPROACHES, FOR A TERM ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

Approved on consent.

- H. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ITEM #24-0596 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO DECREASE THE FY26 BUDGET FROM \$316,342 TO \$218,822 FOR ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION SERVICES IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE.**

Approved on consent.

- I. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) TO RE-APPROPRIATE UNUSED FUNDING FROM FY25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,656,267 TO FY26 FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

Approved on consent.

- J. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) TO RE-APPROPRIATE UNUSED FUNDING FROM FY25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 TO FY26 FOR ONE-TIME MIDYEAR FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.**

Approved on consent.

- K. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) TO RE-APPROPRIATE UNUSED FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 FROM FY 25 TEEN CENTER REMODEL AND REPLACEMENT TO FY26 ICE ARENA REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.**

Approved on consent.

- L. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION (BAR) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$609,755 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR THE AMOUNT AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

Approved on consent.

- M. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. A BILL RELATING TO THE SANTA FE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 24-4 TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT; PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CAMERAS THAT DETECT VEHICLE NOISE VIOLATIONS USING AN AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM; AND IMPOSE A FIND FOR SYSTEM-DETECTED VEHICLE NOISE VIOLATIONS.**

Approved on consent.

- N. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-21. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-____. A BILL AMENDING SFCC 1987, SECTION 28-1.5 ("LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE"), TO INCREASE THE CITY'S BASE MINIMUM WAGE AND UPDATE THE FORMULA FOR CALCULATING THE MINIMUM WAGE ANNUALLY.**

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Castro, to approve Bill No. 2025-21.

Chair Cassutt introduced Amendment C.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve Amendment C.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, yes.

Councilor Faulkner introduced Amendment D.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Castro, seconded by Chair Cassutt, to deny Amendment D.

VOTE The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, no; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, abstained; Councilor Chavez, no; Chair Cassutt, yes.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve Amendment D.

VOTE The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, no; Councilor Castro, no; Councilor Michael Garcia, no; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, no.

Chair Cassutt introduced Amendment E

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve Amendment E.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, yes; Councilor Castro, no; Councilor Michael Garcia, no; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, yes.

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Faulkner, yes; Councilor Castro, yes; Councilor Michael Garcia, yes; Councilor Chavez, yes; Chair Cassutt, yes.

O. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2024-17. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO.

2025-_____. A BILL REPEALING AND REPLACING SFCC 1987 CHAPTER 14 (“LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”); CLARIFYING AND CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS REFERENCES TO CODE VIOLATIONS INTO ONE VIOLATIONS SECTION; SPECIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY OWNER HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROOF FOR ESTABLISHING LEGAL NON-CONFORMITIES; REDUCING THE EARLY NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO THOSE EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; RENAMING “SPECIAL USE PERMIT” TO “CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT”, REMOVING HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD’S (HDRB) AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND PERSONAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS; REQUIRING ARCHAEOLOGISTS TO HOLD A NEW MEXICO STATE BURIAL EXCAVATION PERMIT FOR CERTAIN WORK; REMOVING WAIVERS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHAEOLOGISTS BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE; INCREASING PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHTS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHING DENSITIES AND HEIGHT BY RIGHT FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES EXCEEDING TEN UNITS PER ACRE; CREATING A PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICT; PERMITTING ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN STRUCTURES AND SITUATIONS REGARDING SETBACKS; ELIMINATING RESIDENTIAL SUITE HOTEL/MOTEL AND ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS; REDUCING THE LENGTH AT WHICH AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR SEWER AND UTILITY MAIN CONSTRUCTION; REMOVING ALCOHOL SALE REGULATIONS IN THE AIRPORT ROAD OVERLAY; IDENTIFYING A STRATEGY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE LAND USES NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED IN THE “SUMMARY TABLE OF ALLOWED USES”, CLARIFYING THAT DUPLEXES, TRIPLEXES, TOWN HOMES, AND RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES ARE PERMITTED USES; CREATING USE CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES AND REORGANIZING SOME EXISTING USED INTO NEW CATEGORIES WITHIN THE TABLE OF ALLOWED USES; REQUIRING TREES TO BE INTEGRATED INTO STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AIRPORT ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT; REMOVING CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS FOR VEHICLE PARKING AT RESIDENCES; ALLOWING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO BE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF THE ZONING DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING DESIGN AND DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND DEVELOPMENT; REGULATING IN-GROUND AND ABOVE THE GROUND POOLS; REGULATING AGRICULTURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS; REASSIGNING THE USE, “LABORATORY, RESEARCH OR TESTING” FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL; REGULATING OUTDOOR DINING; UPDATING TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES CODE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS; ESTABLISHING NEW

SUBDISTRICT REGULATIONS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAYS; SPECIFYING PRIMARY FACADES ON CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES; UPDATING DEFINITIONS FOR FACADE AND ELEVATION; PROHIBITING ENCLOSURE OF EXISTING PORCHES AND PORTALS ON PRIMARY FACADES OF CONTRIBUTING STRICTURES; REQUIRING WINDOW DEPTH AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF WINDOWS AND DOORS BE PRESERVED IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS; INCREASING AFFORDABILITY INCENTIVES, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND DENSITY BONUSES; SPECIFYING THAT OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS IN THE C-2 DISTRICT ARE PER DWELLING UNIT; EXPANDING OPTIONS TO REDUCE ON-SITE PARKING AND EXEMPTING THE BUSINESS CAPITAL DISTRICT FROM PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN TABLE 7-4; REDUCING REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES; REQUIRING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS; DISTINGUISHING PARKING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO BICYCLES FROM THOSE APPLICABLE TO VEHICLES, AND REQUIRING LONG-TERM BICYCLE STORAGE AND PARKING; ELIMINATING CONTENT-BASED SIGN RESTRICTIONS; IMPOSING A VARIETY OF NEW REGULATIONS PROTECTING THE CITY'S TERRAIN AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; IMPOSING NEW LANDSCAPING STANDARDS FOR PLANTS AND TREES; ELIMINATING ALLOWANCE FOR HIGH AND LOW PRESSURE SODIUM LAMPS AND MERCURY VAPOR, ADDING LED AS THE PERMITTED LAMP TYPE, AND DECREASING THE PERMITTED INCANDESCENT WATTS FROM 160 TO 150; SUNSETTING THE BUSINESS CAPITOL DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE; DEFINING NUMEROUS TERMS; IMBEDDING GRAPHICAL DEPICTIONS OF PROCESSES; AND MAKING NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.

Approved on consent.

7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S 2024-2025 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) IN ADVANCE OF CITY THAT IS SUBMITTED ANNUALLY TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD). THE CAPER IS AN ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY HUD TO ASSESSING THE PROGRESS MADE IN CARRYING OUR HUD-FUNDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMS.

There was no public comment.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Heard.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Heard.

12. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Heard.

13. NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Jamie Cassutt

Jamie Cassutt (Nov 6, 2025 15:58:23 MST)

Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair

Elizabeth Martin

Elizabeth Martin (Oct 29, 2025 14:49:03 MDT)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer