

Regular Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee
May 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Amanda Chavez at 5:00 PM, on Monday, May 18, 2026, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

City Councilor, District 4 Amanda Chavez
City Councilor, District 1 Patricia Feghali
City Councilor, District 2 Elizabeth Barrett
City Councilor, District 2 Paul Bustamante
City Councilor, District 3 Pilar Faulkner

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING

Sam Burnett, Interim Public Works Department Director
Steven Ojinaga, Parks and Maintenance Worker Sr.
Melissa McDonald, Parks and Open Space Division Director
Andrew Garcia, Parks Superintendent

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Barrett to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by Councilor Bustamante to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

City Councilor, District 4 Amanda Chavez -yes
City Councilor, District 2 Elizabeth Barrett -yes
City Councilor, District 2 Paul Bustamante -yes
City Councilor, District 3 Pilar Faulkner -yes
City Councilor, District 1 Patricia Feghali -yes

5. Public Comment

6. Presentations

- a. Public Works Department Employee of the Month for April 2026: Steven Ojinaga, Senior Maintenance Worker, Parks and Open Space Division. (Melissa McDonald, Parks and Open Space Division Director; mamcdonald@santafenm.gov)

7. Action Items: Consent Agenda

- a. Request for Approval of the May 4, 2026, Public Works and Utilities Committee Minutes. (Elsa Ornelas-Segura, Administrative Manager; egornelassegura@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Approved on Consent

- b. Request for Approval of a Grant Agreement with New Mexico Office of the State Engineer in the Total Amount of \$1,354,479 for Planning and Design for the Rehabilitation of McClure Dam Award No. MG26-91655 with a Reversion Date of September 24, 2027. (Taylor Jurgens, Engineer; tyjurgens@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- c. Request for Ratification of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration Section 112 via the New Mexico Department of Transportation in the Total Amount of \$380,368, Including a Local Match of \$54,194.36, for Operating Assistance for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. (Erick Aune, Santa Fe MPO Director; ejaune@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- d. Request for Ratification of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 via the New Mexico Department of Transportation in the Total Amount of \$110,393, Including a Local Match of \$22,079, for Operating Assistance for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. (Erick Aune,

Santa Fe MPO Director; ejaune@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- e. Request for Approval of Grant Agreement FTA G-34 with the U.S. Department of Transportation, via the Section 5307 Operating Assistance Formula Grant Program in the Total Amount of \$2,167,799 through December 31, 2027. (Gabrielle Chavez, Transit Director of Administration; gnchavez@santafenm.gov)

1. Request for Approval of a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) in the Total Amount of \$2,167,799 from the FTA Grant to Transit Revenue.

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- f. Request for Approval of a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) to Reduce Grant Revenue from the New Mexico Local Match Grant from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration in the Total Amount of \$2,558,970 for FY26. (Gabrielle Chavez, Transit Director of Administration; gnchavez@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- g. Request for Approval of a Special Appropriation Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer to Reimburse Fiscal Year 2026 Costs Associated with Critical Maintenance and Improvements at Nichols Dam in the Total Amount of \$2,000,000 through June 30, 2026. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026

Finance Committee: 05/26/2026

Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- h. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____. (Councilor Paul Bustamante, Councilor Pilar Faulkner, Councilor Alma Castro, Councilor Jamie Cassutt)
A Resolution Ensuring the Availability of Narcan for City of Santa Fe Transit, Library, and Recreation Staff; Requiring Training for Appropriate Employees to Recognize Opioid Overdoses and Administer Narcan; and Directing the City Manager to Identify and Allocate Funding to Maintain the Supply of Narcan Nasal Spray and Training of Narcan. (Mario Risso, Assistant Fire Chief; mdrisso@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 05/13/2026
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026
Quality of Life Committee: 05/20/2026
Governing Body: 05/27/2026

Approved on Consent

- i. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____. (Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Councilor Amanda Chavez, Mayor Michael Garcia)
A Resolution Approving the Adoption of the Santa Fe Midtown Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan. (Carly Venditti, Midtown Redevelopment Agency Department Deputy Director; cavenditti@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 05/13/2026
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026
Quality of Life Committee: 05/20/2026
Finance Committee: 05/26/2026
Metropolitan Development Commission: 06/03/2026
Economic Development Advisory Committee: 06/03/2026
Governing Body (Public Hearing): 06/10/2026

Approved on Consent

- j. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____. (Mayor Michael Garcia, Councilor Pilar Faulkner, and Councilor Jamie Cassutt).
A Bill Approving the Ground Lease and Development Agreement of a City-Owned Building, the Midtown Visual Arts Center, with Midtown Arts and Design Alliance, LLC. (Carly Venditti, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Deputy Director; cavenditti@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduction): 04/29/2026
Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission: 05/06/2026
Economic Development Advisory Committee: 05/06/2026
Governing Body (Public Comment): 05/13/2026
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 05/18/2026
Quality of Life Committee: 05/20/2026
Governing Body (Public Hearing): 06/10/2026

Approved on Consent

8. Action Items: Discussion Agenda

9. Executive Session

10. Matters from Staff

11. Matters from the Committee

Councilor Faulkner announced that there will be a Working Group for Finance Committee on Homelessness Task Force.

12. Matters from the Chair

Councilor Chavez invited committee to Public Safety Committee meeting on ARU May 19 at 4:00 pm.

13. Next Meeting: Monday, June 1, 2026

14. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 5:06 pm

Liaison

Chair