

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026, 11:00 AM  
BENILDUS HALL, 1055 MIDTOWN CALLE CENTRAL  
SANTA FE, NM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order by Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair, at 11:07 am, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Benildus Hall, 1055 Midtown Calle Central, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair  
David Perez, Vice Chair  
Dulce Marti  
George Gamble  
Kathy Rivera  
Ondine Frauenglass  
Sierra Cruz  
James Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ken Resnick, excused  
Ava Salman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Johanna Nelson, Director, Economic Development Department  
Eric Renz-Whitmore, Economic Development Department  
Maciek Jasik, Economic Development Department  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was stated that on item 12 (a), it should say Walking Tur: Aspect Media Village, Innovation "Hub" rather than "Center".

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Frauenglass, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Chair Cassutt, yes; David Perez, yes; George Gamble, yes; Kathy Rivera, yes;

Ondine Frauenglass, yes; Dulce Marti, yes; Sierra Cruz, yes; James Johnson, yes.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 1, 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Perez, to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Chair Cassutt, yes; David Perez, yes; George Gamble, yes; Kathy Rivera, yes; Ondine Frauenglass, yes; Dulce Marti, yes; Sierra Cruz, yes; James Johnson, abstained.

**6. ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_. 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.**

Ms. Venditti gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Bill, including the implementation of Phase 1A, a long lasting affordable arts program, costs, financing and programming.

Chair Cassutt said this has been a long time coming. The Art Center is one of the areas the public was very concerned about and wanted included.

Mr. Perez said the Visual Arts Center is an important anchor for the Midtown Campus. It speaks to creative Santa Fe and compliments what we do at the Hub.

There was discussion around the use of the space and programming, the lease, the negotiating process, the MRA, and infrastructure.

Chair Cassutt gave the history of the Midtown development project and the ownership of the City and stated that the Committee will have a broader update on the full status of Midtown at a future meeting.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Perez; seconded by Ms. Frauenglass, to approve Bill No. 2026-6.

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

Chair Cassutt, yes; David Perez, yes; George Gamble, yes; Kathy Rivera, yes; Ondine Frauenglass, yes; Dulce Marti, yes; Sierra Cruz, yes; James Johnson, yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Marti gave an update on the Small Business Working group.

Mr. Dalbor said we will be working closely together with Ms. Marti.

**10. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A. OED DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND UPDATE**

Ms. Nelson said Casey sent out a briefing on the events and happenings.

Ms. Nelson reviewed the highlights.

**11. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Cassutt welcomed Mr. Johnson to the Committee.

Mr. Johnson and the Committee members introduced themselves.

**12. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. WALKING TOUR: ASPECT MEDIA VILLAGE, INNOVATION HUM, SFCC SHELLABARGER LAB**

The Committee and others proceeded to their walking tour

**13. NEXT MEETING**

**A. JUNE 3, 2026**

**14. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.

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Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer