

**QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Quality of Life Committee was called to order by Councilor Alma Castro, Chair, at 5:01 pm, on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Pilar Faulkner
Councilor Jamie Cassutt
Councilor Amanda Chavez
Councilor Elizabeth Barrett
Councilor Patricia Feghali
Councilor Alma Castro, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Lamboy, Land Use Director
Sandy Emory, Community Services Director
Marcella Apodaca, Committee Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7 (B) was pulled for discussion by Chair Castro and Councilor Cassutt.
Item 7 (D) was pulled for discussion by Councilor Cassutt and Councilor Feghali.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Cassutt, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT CALENDAR

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2026, QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

Approved on consent.

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY TWO (2) ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF POSITIONS FROM EXEMPT STATUS TO AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT TO ALIGN WITH EXECUTIVE-LEVEL CITY EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS AND ENHANCE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Cassutt, to approve the reclassification request.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

C. 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.

Approved on consent.

D. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-9. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____. A BILL AMENDING SUBSECTION 12-6-12.3 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (“UTO”) TO ELIMINATE MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING AND RAISING MAXIMUM PENALTIES FROM TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25) TO TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) FOR FIRST CONVICTIONS AND FROM THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300) TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) FOR SECOND OF SUBSEQUENT

CONVICTIONS; CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION 12-6-12.4A OF ARTICLE VI OF THE UTO EXHIBIT A TO CHAPTER 24, SFCC 1987 TO DEFINE, CRIMINALIZE, AND PENALIZE “AGGRESSIVE DRIVING”, AMENDING THE UTO’S SCHEDULE A TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE TO INCREASE CERTAIN PENALTIES, TO SPECIFY THAT ALL RECKLESS DRIVING FINES, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING FINES, AS WELL AS ALL SCHEDULE A PENALTIES (EXCEPT FOR THOSE DEDICATED TO TRAFFIC CALMING) SHALL BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND AND FIRE SUPPORT SERVICES FUND, AND TO REQUIRE A MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE FOR VIOLATIONS RELATED TO AGGRESSIVE DRIVING; CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION 12-6-12.25 OF ARTICLE VI “ENGAGING IN PROLONGED, DELIBERATE, AND/OR EXCESSIVE TAILING OF ANOTHER VEHICLE” AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY IN SANTA FE’S UTO, SCHEDULE A, TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SAME; CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION 12-6-12.26 OF ARTICLE VI “UNSAFE SUDDEN STOPS” AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY IN SANTA FE’S UTO, SCHEDULE A, TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR SAME; CREATING A NEW SUBSECTION 12-6-12.27 OF ARTICLE VI “THROWING ITEMS OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE AT ANOTHER VEHICLE OR AT A PEDESTRIAN” AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY IN SANTA FE’S UTO, SCHEDULE A, TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE SAME.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Feghali, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to approve Bill No. 2026-9.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Feghali, seconded by Councilor Barrett, to move Amendment A to Bill No. 2026-9.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

VOTE (vote on main motion as amended)
The motion passed on a voice vote with Chair Castro voting no.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____. 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.**

Approved on consent.

F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE SANTA FE MIDTOWN METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN.

Approved on consent.

8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

None.

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, JUNE 3, 2026

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.



Alma Castro (Jun 4, 2026 06:51:30 MDT)

Councilor Alma Castro, Chair



Elizabeth Martin (May 29, 2026 12:18:42 MDT)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

