

**Regular Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee
September 29, 2025 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 and was called to order by Councilor Amanda Chavez at 5:06 PM, on Monday, September 29, 2025, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Councilor Lee Garcia

Councilor Michael Garcia (arrived at 5:12pm, prior to item 7f)

Councilor Alma Castro

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

MEMBERS EXCUSED

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Romero-Wirth, seconded by Councilor Castro, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Romero-Wirth, seconded by Councilor Garcia, to Amend.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

Item 7f was pulled for discussion.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor Garcia, seconded by Councilor Romero-Wirth, to Amend.

VOTE The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

Motion by Councilor Garcia seconded by Councilor Romero-Wirth to hear consent after Public Comment but before presentations.

5. Public Comment

6. Presentations

- a. Water Division: Using Dashboards to Work Smarter (Steve Shultz, Water Resource Coordinator; smsultz@santafenm.gov)

The following Councilors; Chair Amanda Chavez, Councilor Alma Castro, and Councilor Michael Garcia were all excused during the presentation.

7. Action Items: Consent Agenda

- a. Request for Approval of the September 15, 2025, Public Works and Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes. (Elsa Ornelas-Segura, Administrative Manager; egornelassegura@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Approved on Consent

- b. Request for Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution From the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds to Salary and Benefits in the Total Amount of \$1,005,495 to Reclassify 87 Positions in the Public Utilities Department. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- c. Request for Approval of a Grant Agreement (FTA G-31) with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) via the Federal Transit Administration Small Urban Section 5339 Funding for Public Transportation Capital Funding in the Total Amount of \$159,545 through December 31, 2026. (Gabrielle Chavez, Transit Director of Administration; gnchavez@santafenm.gov)

1. Request for Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR) in the Total Amount of \$159,545 from the FTA Grant to Transit Revenue and Expenses.

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- d. Request for Approval of Grant Agreement with New Mexico Department of

Finance and Administration in the Total Amount of \$590,000 for the Capital Project 25-J3159 Phase II Expansion of the Airport Terminal and Related Infrastructure. (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Airport Director, jdgunn@santafenm.gov)

1. Request For Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR) in the Total Amount of \$584,100 from the Legislative Grant to FY26 Airport Revenue and WIP Design for Phase II of the Airport Terminal Expansion Project.

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- e. Request for Approval of a Professional Services Contract with FCS for an Amount Not To Exceed \$1,235,412.54 Including NMGRT for Financial Management Services for a Four-Year Term. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- f. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2025-21. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____. (Mayor Alan Webber)
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. (Rod Gould, Senior Advisor and Public Engagement Coordinator; rsgould@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 09/10/2025

Governing Body (Public Comment): 09/24/2025

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Economic Development Review Committee: 10/01/2025

Quality of Life Committee 10/01/2025

Finance Committee:10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/29/2025

MOTION A motion was made for call to questions by Councilor Garcia, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to Amend.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilor L. Garcia, seconded by Councilor M. Garcia, to Postpone.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

- g. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____.** (Councilor Jamie Cassutt and Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth)
A Resolution Updating the Water Offset Requirement Fee Chart to More Accurately Reflect the Current Market Value of Water Rights. (Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Director; jdroach@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 09/24/2025

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- h. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____.** (Councilor Amanda Chavez and Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth)
A Resolution Directing the City Manager to Direct City Staff to Identify and Apply for Federal and State Funding Sources for City Water, Wastewater, and Other Water-Related Projects, Including Submitting Water Trust Board Applications; Identify a State Legislative Priority List for Water-Related Projects; and Approve New Mexico Water Trust Board Applications Submitted. (Alan Hook, Water Resources Coordinator; aghook@santafenm.gov)

Committee Review:

Governing Body (Introduced): 09/24/2025

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 09/29/2025

Finance Committee: 10/06/2025

Governing Body: 10/08/2025

Approved on Consent

- 8. Action Items: Discussion Agenda
- 9. Executive Session
- 10. Matters from Staff
- 11. Matters from the Committee
- 12. Matters from the Chair
- 13. Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025
- 14. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 5:53 p.m.
15. Presentations

ELSA ORNELAS-SEGURA
Liaison

Amanda Chavez
Amanda Chavez (Oct 23, 2025 10:00:51 MDT)
Chair