

**Regular Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee**  
**March 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue**  
**MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Amanda Chavez at 5:01 PM, on Monday, March 2, 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**

Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Department Director  
Nancy Jimenez, Public Utilities Billing and Administration Division Director  
Amanda Britt, Contracts Administrator  
Evangeline Tso-Olivas, Public Utilities Manager  
Scott Ouderkirk, Interim Fire Chief

3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Faulkner, seconded by City Councilor, District 2 Barrett, to Approve.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Item 7H of the Agenda was pulled by Councilor Feghali

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

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Public Comment

6. Presentations

- a. Public Utilities Department Employee of the Month for February 2026: Amanda Britt, Contracts Administrator, Administration Division. (Nancy Jimenez, Billing and Administration Division Director; nljimenez@santafenm.gov)

7. Action Items: Consent Agenda

- a. Request for Approval of the February 16, 2026, Public Works and Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes. (Elsa Ornelas-Segura, Administrative Manager; egornelassegura@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Approved on Consent

- b. Request for Approval of a General Service Contract with AAC Construction, LLC for the Replacement and Installation of the Anaerobic Digester Gas Burner in the Total Amount of \$818,085.78 for a 1-Year Term. (P. Fred Heerbrandt, P.E., Engineer Supervisor; pfheerbrandt@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body Committee: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- c. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Construction Contract Item #23-0222 with GM Emulsion LLC to Increase the Amount of Compensation by \$10,000,000 for a New Total Compensation of \$20,000,000 Excluding NMGRT and Extend the Term to May 14, 2033 for On-Call Roadway and Trails Construction Services. (Sam Burnett, Interim Public Works Department Director; jsburnett@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- d. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Construction Contract Item #23-0221 with Espanola Mercantile Company DBA EMCO of Santa Fe LLC to Increase the Amount of Compensation by \$10,000,000 for a New Total Compensation of \$20,000,000 Excluding NMGRT and Extend the Term to May 14, 2033 for On-Call Roadway and Trails Construction Services. (Sam Burnett, Interim Public Works Department Director; jsburnett@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- e. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Construction Contract Item #23-0224 with GME General Building LLC to Increase the Amount of Compensation by \$10,000,000 for a New Total Compensation of \$20,000,000 Excluding NMGRT and Extend the Term to May 14, 2033 for On-Call Roadway and Trails Construction Services. (Sam Burnett, Interim Public Works Department Director; jsburnett@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- f. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Construction Contract Item #23-0223 with JDR & Associates LLC to Increase the Amount of Compensation by \$10,000,000 for a New Total Compensation of \$20,000,000 Excluding NMGRT and Extend the Term to May 14, 2033 for On-Call Roadway and Trails Construction Services. (Sam Burnett, Interim Public Works Department Director; jsburnett@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- g. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Item #25-0480 with Financial Consulting Solutions Group Inc. to Increase the Compensation by \$81,075.71 for a New Total Contract Amount of \$1,316,488.25 Including NMGRT for Financial Management On-Call Services. (Sean Moody, Capital Projects Manager; sxmoody@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- h. Request for Approval of Professional Services Contract with Public Consulting Group for Consulting to Develop, Implement and Support the Fire Department's Participation in Medicaid Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program in the Total Amount of \$1,800,000 Excluding NMGRT for a Term of

Four-Years. (Scott Ouderkirk, Interim Fire Chief; slouderkirk@santafenm.gov, Mario D. Risso, Assistant Fire Chief; mdrisso@santafenm.gov)

1. Request for Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR) to Allocate \$450,000 From Existing General Fund Cash Balances to Pay for Year One, Which Also Includes a 14% Contingency Fee the City of Santa Fe Pays to Public Consulting Group.

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Public Safety Committee: 03/17/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

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

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a roll call vote.

Chair Councilor Amanda Chavez — yes

Councilor Elizabeth Barrett — yes

Councilor Paul Bustamante — yes

Councilor Patricia Feghali — yes

Councilor Pilar Faulkner — yes

- i. Request for Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR) to Increase Professional Contracts in the Total Amount of \$199,137 to Fund the New Mexico Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. (Scott Ouderkirk, Interim Fire Chief; slouderkirk@santafenm.gov, and Mario D. Risso, Assistant Fire Chief; mdrisso@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Public Safety Committee: 03/17/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

**MOTION** A motion was made by City Councilor, District 1 Feghali, seconded by Councilor Faulkner, to Approve.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a roll call vote

Chair Councilor Amanda Chavez — yes

Councilor Elizabeth Barrett — yes

Councilor Paul Bustamante - yes

Councilor Patricia Feghali — yes

Councilor Pilar Faulkner — yes

- j. Request for Approval of a Lease Agreement with Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC to Operate Car Rental Services at the Santa Fe Regional Airport in the Amount of \$49,914.20 for the First Year with a 2.5% Yearly Increase for an Initial Term of Five Years and Two Option Terms of Five Years Each. (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Santa Fe Regional Airport Director; jdgunn@santafenm.gov, Terry Lease, Asset Development Manager; tjlease@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Financy Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- k. Request for Approval of a Lease Agreement with The Hertz Corporation, dba Hertz Rent A Car and Dollar Rent A Car to Operate Car Rental Services at the Santa Fe Regional Airport in the Amount of \$51,570.20 for the First Year with a 2.5% Yearly Increase for an Initial Term of Five Years with Two Option Terms of Five Years Each. (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Santa Fe Regional Airport Director; jdgunn@santafenm.gov, Terry Lease, Asset Development Manager; tjlease@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- l. Request for Approval of a Lease Agreement with EAN Holdings dba Enterprise Rent-a-Car to Operate Car Rental Services at the Santa Fe Regional Airport in the Amount of \$48,762.20 for the First Year with a 2.5% Yearly Increase for an Initial Term of Five Years with Two Option Terms of Five Years Each. (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Santa Fe Regional Airport Director; jdgunn@santafenm.gov, Terry Lease, Asset Development Manager; tjlease@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026

Finance Committee: 03/09/2026

Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- m. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_. (Mayor Michael Garcia, Councilor Lee Garcia, and Councilor Pilar Faulkner)  
A Resolution Supporting the Placement of the Remnants of the Soldiers' Monument in the New Mexico History Museum on a Temporary Basis; Authorizing the City Manger to Work with State Officials to Enter into a Temporary Loan Agreement. (Marci Eannarino, Legislation and Policy

Innovation Manager; maennarino@santafenm.gov; Christine Spiers, Legislative Coordinator; cmspiers@santafenm.gov; Palmer Anderson, Policy Analyst; pcanderson@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Governing Body (Introduced): 02/25/2026  
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Quality of Life Committee: 03/04/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- n. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Amanda Chavez)

A Resolution Authorizing City of Santa Fe Representatives and Agents to Sign Agreements and Requests for Payment Regarding New Mexico Department of Transportation, for Grant Agreement Control Number C5243320 to Acquire Rights of Way to Plan, Design, and Construct Road and Spine Infrastructure Extensions to Paseo Del Sol Per the Tierra Contenta Master Plan for Affordable Housing in Santa Fe County. (Carol Swenson, Public Works Business Operations Manager; ycswenson@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Governing Body (Introduced): 02/25/2026  
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/11/2026

Approved on Consent

- o. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2026-02. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_. (Mayor Michael Garcia)

A Bill Amending SFCC 1987, Section 11-13 to Expand Exemptions Permitted by NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-98 Through 13-1-98.2, Including Certain Purchase Types and Legal Service Types; Adding Exemptions for Certain Prepayment Required Items, Not Exceeding \$100,000 and for Lobbying Services Representing the City of Santa Fe's Interests; Requiring the Procurement Manual to be Adopted by Resolution; Establishing an Eight-Year Maximum Term for Professional Service Contracts; Authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to Approve Purchase Orders and to Approve the Use of Requests for Applications; Adopting Construction Manager at Risk Delivery Method Procedures; Modifying Certain Amounts Listed in NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-125; Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Contract Amendments that Do Not Materially Alter the Scope of Work. (Travis Dutton-Leyda, Purchasing Officer; tkduttonleyda@santafenm.gov)

**Committee Review:**

Governing Body (Introduced): 02/11/2026  
Governing Body (Public Comment): 02/25/2026  
Public Works and Utilities Committee: 03/02/2026  
Quality of Life Committee: 03/04/2026  
Finance Committee: 03/09/2026  
Governing Body: 03/25/2026

Approved on Consent

8. Action Items: Discussion Agenda
9. Executive Session
10. Matters from Staff
11. Matters from the Committee

Councilor Pilar Faulkner will be having a Birthday Party at 6:00 PM at Boxcar

Councilor Elizabeth Barrett announced that Comunidad de Colores will be having a fundraiser on Saturday at 4:00 PM at Backroads Pizza

12. Matters from the Chair
13. Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026
14. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 5:13 PM

ELSA G. ORNELAS-SEGURA  
Liaison

Amanda Chavez  
Amanda Chavez (Mar 24, 2026 10:37:51 MDT)  
Chair