



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA

### REGULAR MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL, 2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA

**TUESDAY, May 27, 2025 – 6PM**

### **MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES:** Russell Hernandez, Mayor  
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Biviana Cadena, Trustee (Absent)  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

**STAFF:** Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director  
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director  
Greg Whited, Fire Chief  
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

**PUBLIC:** Trina Witter Susan Krueger  
Andy Embury Jon Sepp  
Paul Korody

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Nevarez, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

#### 3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

**Motion:** To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk \*)

- a) **\*BOT MINUTES** – May 12, 2025 Worksession & Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) **\*APPROVAL:** Purchase Requisition ESA Construction - Mesilla PSB Renovations - \$7,977.21.  
*Approved by consent agenda*
- c) **\*APPROVAL:** Purchase Requisition Code 3 – Marshal Department Public Safety Radios - \$53,491.77. *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) **\*APPROVAL:** Purchase Requisition CES – JAG Award Grant Final - \$5,086.02. *Approved by consent agenda*
- e) **\*APPROVAL:** Purchase Requisition ESA Construction – PSB Renovations - \$7,779.47.  
*Approved by consent agenda*

- f) **\*APPROVAL PZHAC CASE #062001** - 2832 Erminda St, submitted by Natalie Salopeck. Requesting approval to install a 10'x10' metal carport on her property. Zone: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

**Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CASES – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.**

Ms. Witter commented

- 6. PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATION:**

- a) **Fire Conditions, Updates, Recommendations (NMSA 60-2C-8.1) – Mesilla Fire Chief**

**Motion to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Closed Regular Meeting and opened Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.**

Fire Chief Whited made a presentation and gave an update on Fire Conditions.

**Motion to close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Closed Public Hearing and opened Regular Meeting at 6:09 p.m.**

- 7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE WITH CONDITION # 062002** – 2842 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Paul Korody. Requesting approval to construct an adobe wall in front of their property and a porch in front and also in back of the house. Zone: Historical Residential (HR). – Condition for approval wall and back porch only (not front porch)

Mr. Salazar gave an update on the case.

**Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062002 with Condition – 2842 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Paul Korody. Requesting approval to construct an adobe wall in front of their property and a porch in front and also in back of the house. Zone: Historical Residential (HR) – Condition for approval wall and back porch only (not front porch), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mr. Korody responded

Mayor Hernandez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

**Original Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062002 without Condition – 2842 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Paul Korody. Requesting approval to construct an adobe wall in front of their property and a porch in front and also in back of the house. Zone: Historical Residential (HR) – To approve Case #0625002 to include the front porch as originally presented. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**b) APPROVAL: FY 25-26 Mesilla/LCPS Services Agreement**

Mayor Hernandez presented the FY25-26 Mesilla/LCPS Services Agreement.

**Motion: To approve FY 25-26 Mesilla/LCPS Service Agreement, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

**Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**c) APPROVAL: RFP #2025-01 – FY 25-28 Solid Waste Services Agreement**

Mayor Hernandez presented the RFP #2025-01 – FY 25-28 Solid Waste Services Agreement.

**Motion: To approve RFP #2025-01 - FY 25-26 Mesilla/LCPS Service Agreement, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

**Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**d) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-36 Project CT1213005 – Calle de Picacho Drainage Improvements**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2025-36 Project CT1213005 – Calle de Picacho Drainage Improvements.

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-36 Project CT1213005 – Calle de Picacho Drainage Improvements, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

e) **APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-38 Budget Adjustments**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-38 Budget Adjustments, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

**Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

**8. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.**

**No Public Input**

**9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES**

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, update on Public Works Department

Mayor Hernandez: Ride of Silence, Friends of Taylor Monument, RGPI Graduation, NMML Budget, Veterans Monument Designation, MPO, DOT Coordination, Theme Park Presentation, MyCivic, Organ Mountain Peak Board, A-Mountain Projects, NMML, Water Trustee Board

**10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

a) *Ongoing Projects Listing*

b) *Calendar of Events*

Fire Chief Whited gave a department (Fire) update.

Mr. Salazar gave a department (Com/Economic Development) update.

Mayor Hernandez gave a department (Public Works) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

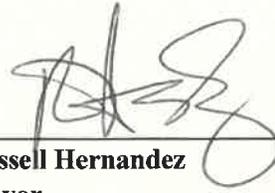
Mayor Hernandez commented

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4).**

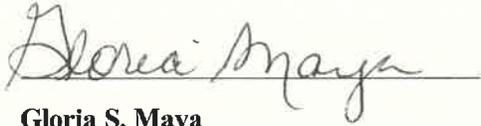
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.**



**Russell Hernandez**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**



**Gloria S. Maya**  
Town Clerk/Treasurer



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