



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

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

**REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee (6:06)
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

STAFF: Ben Azcarate, Marshal
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Kirk Scott Andy Embury
Susan Krueger Jimmy Nevarez
Heather Nevarez Mary Helen Ratje

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 Cadena, 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.

Mayor Hernandez requested the removal of item 4b) from the agenda.

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

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

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

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** – June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Molzen/Corbin – Parking Lot Improvements – 31,428.71. *Removed from agenda*

- c) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Molzen/Corbin - Parking Lot improvements - \$22,000.54. *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Quality Window Tinting – Public Safety Building Renovations - \$2,135.32. *Approved by consent agenda*
- e) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** - CES – Calle de Santiago - Bridge Improvements - \$123,366.78. *Approved by consent agenda*
- f) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** – CES – Calle de Santiago - Bridge Improvements - \$100,078.73. *Approved by consent agenda*
- g) ***APPROVAL: PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Antix, Inc. – Public Safety Building Renovations – \$3,974.00. *Approved by consent agenda*
- h) ***APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #062007** – 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Suite #6, submitted by Assembly Create, LLC. Requesting approval for a sign permit. ZONE: Commercial (C). *Approved by consent agenda*
- i) ***APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #062008** – 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Suite #6, submitted by Assembly Create, LLC. Requesting approval for a sign permit. ZONE: Commercial (C). *Approved by consent agenda*
- j) ***APPROVAL: PERMIT CASE #062015** – 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Suite #3A, submitted by Kristin Knight. Seeking permission to put up a sign for her Mental Health business. ZONE: Commercial (C). *Approved by consent agenda*

Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Motion passed unanimously

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

Ms. Krueger commented on item 6a).

Mr. Padilla commented on item 6a).

Mr. Caro commented on item 6a).

Ms. Fresquez commented on item 6a).

6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #062009** – 2320 Calle de Santiago, submitted by Eric Liefeld & Trina Witter. Requesting approval to construct a fence around the north, south and east property line. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062009.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062009 – 2320 Calle de Santiago, submitted by Eric Liefeld & Trina Witter. Requesting approval to construct a fence around the north, south and east property line. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mr. Liefeld commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

- b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #062010** – 2488 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Old Town Investments (Madelyn’s). Requesting approval to build a wall/fence on commercial property. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062010.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062010 – 2488 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Old Town Investments (Madelyn’s). Requesting approval to build a wall/fence on commercial property. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC), Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

- c) **APPROVAL: PZHAC SUBDIVISIONS #062018** – 3000 Snow Rd., submitted by Santana Ochoa. Requesting approval to subdivide in order to install a manufactured home on the property. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062018.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062018 – 3000 Snow Rd., submitted by Santana Ochoa. Requesting approval to subdivide in order to install a manufactured home on the property. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF) as amended, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Mr. Magallanez commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Original Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-2)

Mayor Hernandez Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena No
Trustee Johnson-Burick No
Trustee Nevarez Yes

Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062018 – 3000 Snow Rd., submitted by Santana Ochoa with the zone reflected as R1. Requesting approval to subdivide in order to install a manufactured home on the property. ZONE: Residential – Single Family (R1), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Mr. Magallanez commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

Mayor Hernandez Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

2nd Amended Motion: To postpone PZHAC Case #062018 – 3000 Snow Rd., submitted by Santana Ochoa until legal opinion provided. Requesting approval to subdivide in order to install a manufactured home on the property. ZONE: Residential – Single Family (R1), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Mr. Magallanez commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

2nd Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2; No-3)

Mayor Hernandez No

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick No

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez No

d) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-40 – Setback Adjustment (MTC 18.60.300).
Mr. Salazar gave an overview of Resolution 2025-40 – Setback Adjustment (MTC 18.60.300).

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-40 – Setback Adjustments (MTC 18.60.300), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Pending Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-2)

Mayor Hernandez Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena No

Trustee Johnson-Burick No

Trustee Nevarez No

e) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-41 – Municipal Election

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-41 – Municipal Election, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

f) DISCUSSION ONLY: Wireless Communication Facilities Amended Ordinance 18.54 (Draft).

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the Wireless Communication Facilities Amended Ordinance – 18.54.

Ms. Bausova commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

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

Ms. Bausova commented

Ms. Krueger commented

8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

a) *Ongoing Projects Listing*

b) *Calendar of Events*

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

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.

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

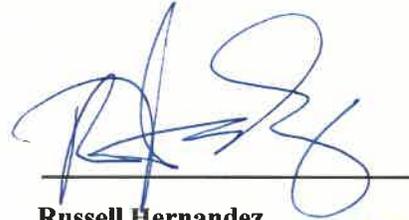
Mayor Hernandez asked if the board would like to have a Special Meeting to address some of the items prior to the first meeting of the fiscal year, which would be on July 14th. Tentatively scheduled for July 8th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

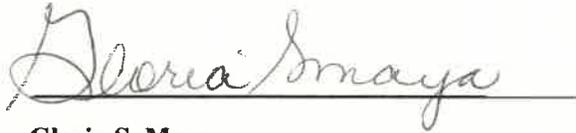
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 2025.



**Russell Hernandez
Mayor**

ATTEST:



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



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