

# Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

## City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 10:00 am

The meeting was held at Blue Hole Convention Center, 1085 Blue Hole Road, Santa Rosa NM 88435.

### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

By the honorable Mayor Nelson Kotiar – 10:04 am

### B. ROLL CALL

Taken by City Clerk Amy Campos

<u>Governing Body</u>	<u>Present</u>
Nelson Kotiar, Mayor	X
Erasmio Bravo, Councilman	X
Joey Silva, Councilman	X
Joseph Romero, Councilman	X
Roberta Blea, Councilwoman	X

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kotiar led the Pledge of Allegiance; it was recited by everyone present.

### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Agenda for Regular Meeting April 8, 2025

*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to move Action Item #4 Community Mural to #1. Motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Silva. Motion carries.*

**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**

### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes March 31, 2025

*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve both meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion carries.*

**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**

### F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Comments open to the public

2. Lisa Brassell – Representing Lake City Youth & Family; CTE Program; 100% Guadalupe Mural; 100% Guadalupe – Access to 10 vital services (Behavioral Health, Housing & Food Security); Mental Health crisis in Guadalupe County; Need to take action; Provide crisis stabilization unit; Developing a programs for this crisis; It will take money and a place to utilize.

3. Elizabeth Higgins – 100% Guadalupe Mural; Survey was distributed throughout the community; Work on mural will take place April – May 2025; Eli Quinn designed; 5 student volunteers; Located on the south wall of the Luna Community College building; Requesting to put handicap signs on posts and remove from the building to accommodate mural space; Pride for Guadalupe County; Beautify the downtown area; Inspire youth.

Erasmio Bravo  
Councilman

Joey Silva  
Councilman

Nelson Kotiar  
Mayor

Joseph Romero  
Councilman

Roberta Blea  
Councilwoman

4. Tim Dodge & Sherri West – Representing Santa Rosa High School; CTE Program and GRIP; Mental Health for youth needs to be addressed; Sun n Sand’s sign for Capstone Project for student; School and community working together; Drafted agreement for attorney review; Metropolitan Redevelopment Act.
5. Netta Montgomery – Thank you for the feathered flags for Craft Fairs & Farmers’ Market; Grant for Clean & Beautiful through NM Tourism Department; Application was submitted for \$20,000; Should know by July; Cleanup Day on Earth Day – April 22, 2025; From Family Dollar to TA Truck Stop; Please put in Communicator calendar stating we need volunteers.
6. Eli Quinn – Thank you for your support with the grant application for the mountain bike trails; It was submitted; Asking for your support with the community mural; Volunteer to help paint the Sun n Sand sign.

#### **G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Fire Department – 15 calls for March; Participated in Elementary Fire Awareness/Prevention Week; Conducting Brush Fire Training; Wildland Fire Awareness/Preparedness Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>; Working on program to get smoke detectors for seniors; Grants are available for carbon dioxide detectors for seniors as well; Looking into the application process for this program; Wildfires – Community Readiness?? – Are we prepared?
2. Police Department – Any questions on monthly report? Policy and Procedures are closed to being complete with the help of Lexipol; Drug Cases – Short a District Attorney; Have raised concerns with Tom Clayton; He stated he was working on it; Starting on our State Grants – Summer Overtime; Receiving \$200,000 from the Legislature for 5 Dodge Chargers from Melloy Dodge; OTV Ordinance is needed; Need to get ideas from other community ordinances as well as state statute.
3. Library – Ongoing programs continue; Arts & Crafts, Book Signings, etc.
4. Senior Center – Just received a new ADA compliant van; Please stop by the center and look at it.
5. Finance – Audit report will be posted on the Office of State Auditors website soon; Budget season is here; Will be working on FY2026.
6. Animal Control – Animal Control Director received another \$1,500 grant.

#### **H. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval/Disapproval of Purchase of Upfit for Police Department Side-by-Side presented by *Amy Campos*  
*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries.*  
**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**
2. Approval/Disapproval of Tres Lagunas Golf Course Rate Schedule presented by *Amy Campos*  
*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made to table this action item by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries to Table. Bring item back to May meeting.*  
**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**
3. Approval/Disapproval of Closure of EMS Bank Account presented by *Amy Campos*  
*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries.*  
**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**
4. Approval/Disapproval of Community Mural Project presented by *Amy Campos/Elizabeth Higgins 100% Youth Mentor*  
*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion Carries.*  
**Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye**

5. Approval/Disapproval of Blue Hole Convention Center Addition Project presented by *Mayor Kotiar*

*Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Romero. Motion Carries.*

***Roll Call Vote: Bravo: Aye Romero: Aye Blea: Aye Silva: Aye***

- I. COMMUNICATIONS** – Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic for the Community on April 12, 2025 starting at 11:00 am in the Gazebo Area
- J. NEXT MEETING** – Regular Meeting May 13, 2025 – 10:00 am at Blue Hole Convention Center
- K. ADJOURNMENT** – 11:20 am