

Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025

City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 9, 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 – 10:02 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 June 9, 2025

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the agenda with removal of Action Item #9 as we did not receive the agreement in time for this meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blea and second by Councilman Bravo. Motion carries.

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilman Romero. Motion carries.

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

Special Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025

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

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Comments open to the public

Erasmio Bravo
Councilman

Joey Silva
Councilman

Nelson Kotiar
Mayor

Joseph Romero
Councilman

Roberta Blea
Councilwoman

2. Chris Garner – Representative of PB&H Audit Firm; City’s audit is a public document now; Discussed audit procedures and findings; Mentioned the City’s improvement from a disclaimer to an unmodified audit; Progress has been made.
3. Lisa Brassell – Representing 100% Guadalupe and as a concerned citizen; Audit results were good information to know; Hiring and firing affects audit findings; Securing services – Housing & Transportation (gave Council handout); City action needed to have properties cleaned up; Abandoned properties are also an issue; No penalties being given to anyone; Community needs safe and affordable housing, behavioral health programs, assisted living, teachers, lawyers, etc.; Transportation is need for seniors and disable citizens; County-wide public transportation system is needed; Need transportation to non-emergent behavioral health treatment/appointments; Solutions need to be implemented; Local jobs will be provided; Community Committee Participation; Ordinance revisions and adherence/enforcement of those ordinances; Visitor Center at Ilfeld Building; Rt. 66 Committee Participation.
4. Mark Gallegos and Charles Garcia – Mayor stated “Good work at Blue Hole”; Good job on Golf Tournament during Memorial Holiday; Have another tournament on 4th of July or Labor Day; Thanks to Councilman Silva for attending the Golf Committee Meeting this morning.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Animal Control – 4 dogs came in for the month of May (3 returned to owner and 1 still at the kennels); Animal Trust Fund bill passed; \$5 million available statewide beginning July 1st; Received a \$1,500 grant for an outdoor play area; Attended Feral Dog Training in Las Vegas New Mexico; Feral Cars – working with two associations to get a program started; Another vaccine clinic is scheduled for the month of July.
2. Finance – Summer Recreation deposits update; Seems to be off to a slow start this year for some reason; Dispatch was hit by lighting during the recent thunderstorm; No one was injured, but the system sustained damaged; System was down for some time in which De Baca County Dispatch in Fort Sumner took all 911 calls; NM State Police Dispatch in Las Vegas also assisted with any other system inquiries needed; The system was brought back up to 75% right away and now is completely back up; Meeting with the service company and Guadalupe County about purchasing another console; Will update when notified of the outcome of this meeting.
3. Project Manager – Existing dam is gone; New dam is being started; Concrete placement will be September; Existing silt and sediment removed; Dredging is forthcoming; Blue Hole restrooms have been completed; Contractor issues during construction; Lighting upgrades should start soon on 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, and Highway 54(\$2.1 million); Pedestrian bridge is in design phase; Received funding for one bridge; 5th Street infrastructure replacement continues; Need to find funding for paving still; Emergency sewer pipe replacement has been completed; Sliding doors at Blue Hole Convention Center and Senior Center have also been completed.

H. PRESENTATION – Tim Hagaman with the Economic Development Department

Update for FY 2026; Incentives and Outdoor Recreation Equity Funding available; Succession planning for businesses that are going to be closing to continue on with new citizens coming into the communities; Santa Rosa is known as a great fishing area; Maybe recruit fish hatchery type businesses; Utilize Mainstreet Program for vacant buildings; Signage – where to go (important); LEDA program is also available; Sign up for email notifications at EDD.NM.GOV.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Approval to Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve adjournment to Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.

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

Adjourned to Executive Session at 11:31 am.

2. Approval to Return from Executive Session

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the return from Executive Session. 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

Returned from Executive Session at 11:49 am. Only the items listed under Executive Session were discussed and no final action was taken. *Motion to approve this statement was made by Councilman Bravo and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.*

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

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval/Disapproval of Termination of Parks Maintenance Technician presented by *Mayor Kotiar*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Bravo to accept the resignation of the Parks Maintenance Technician and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.

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

2. Approval/Disapproval of Payment to Junior Builders for Concrete Barriers for Wibit presented by *Amy Campos*

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

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

3. Approval/Disapproval of Renewal of Tyler Technologies Database for FY 2026 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

4. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 25-22 Tres Lagunas Golf Course Fees Rate Schedule Update presented by *Amy Campos*

Mayor Kotiar asked for a motion to approve the action item. A motion was made by Councilman Silva and second by Councilwoman Blea. Motion Carries.

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

5. Approval/Disapproval of Ordinance No. 460: City of Santa Rosa Traffic Code Ordinance presented by *Amy Campos*

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

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

6. Approval/Disapproval of Ordinance No. 461: Animal Control Ordinance 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

7. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 25-23 Animal Control Rate Schedule 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

8. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution 25-21 Adopting the FY 2027-2031 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) presented by *Heather Dostie*

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

K. COMMUNICATIONS – City Attorney – Mayor wants to hire Levi Chavez II; Current attorney contract will expire on June 30, 2025; City Administrator – Mayor wants to nominate Richard Perea; Will bring before Council. We might have a Special Meeting this month – will let the Council know.

L. NEXT MEETING – Regular Meeting July 8, 2025 – 10:00 am at Blue Hole Convention Center

M. ADJOURNMENT – 12:14 pm