



Town of Edgewood
Regular Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:00

The Town of Edgewood Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 in the Town Hall of Edgewood Commission Chambers - 171A State Rd. 344.

I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, & ROLL CALL

Mayor Brennan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Stephen Murillo, Commissioner Patrick Milligan, Commissioner Kenneth Brennan, Commissioner Filandro Anaya attended remotely

Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Manager Nina McCracken, Town Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Jones, Police Chief Roger Jimenez

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. NM Flag Salute

"I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures."

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Brennan asked if there were any requested amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda is deemed approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Cheryl Huppertz commented about how the Town meetings are being broadcast to the public. She asked why the meetings were only broadcast on you tube, which does not allow for Public Comment.

Resodent Linda Holle commented about the lack of Town documents readily available on the Town website. She spoke about resolutions, ordinances, minutes, financials, budgets, and audits, etc.

Town Manager McCracken read the attached written comment from resident Tom Sullivan into the record.

A. [ToE Feb.252025](#)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Brennan asked if there were any questions, concerns or amendments to the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, the Consent Agenda is deemed approved.

- A. Approve/Amend/Disapprove Minutes/Check Report**
i.

V. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

- A. Patrick Milligan**

Commissioner Milligan passed

- B. Stephen Murillo**

Commissioner Murillo thanked all in attendance for coming out to this evening's meeting. He said that the Roads Workshop was a success and thanked all who attended and participated in the workshop as well.

- C. Phil Anaya**

Commissioner Anaya passed

- D. Ken Brennan**

Commissioner Brennan clarified for all that, since we have a Commissioner attending remotely, every vote must be a Roll Call Vote.

VI. MATTERS FROM THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Jones gave the following update:

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report 02.25.2025

1. Our 2nd Qtr Qtrly Report was approved by DFA, the Department of Finance Administration – thank you to the Finance Department and all staff for their dedication to doing the right thing!
2. We have moved the processing of Payroll and Benefits back to the Finance Department. Thank you to Helena Meyer from the PD for taking on the difficult task when the Town really needed her.
3. We have hired a Grant Coordinator who will start on March 17.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Jimenez had no update for this meeting.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager McCracken presented the attached written update and introduced the new attached forms.

- A.** [Agenda request form](#)
[Proposals Staff](#)
[Town Manager 2nd February 2025 \(1\)](#)

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action on selection of top candidates for Vacant Commission position.

The Commissioners thanked all who applied for the Vacant position. The Commission agreed to select two finalists who will be invited to the March 11 meeting to answer further questions from the Commission and the public. The new Commissioner will be selected at the March 11 meeting. The Commissioners each expressed their top candidates. Commissioner Murillo selected Mr. Ashbaugh and Mr. Rariden as his top two finalists. Commissioner Milligan also selected Mr. Ashbaugh and Mr. Rariden. Commissioner Anaya selected Mr. Scott and did not have a seconded selection. Commissioner Brennan selected three candidates: Mr. West, Mr. Ashbaugh and Mr. Rariden. Again, all the applicants who came in to interview were thanked for their sincere interest in serving the town. Commissioner Anaya logged off the meeting at this time.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo moved that Mr. Ashbaugh and Mr. Rariden be invited to our next meeting to have time to speak to the community and to have questions asked of them by the community before our final vote to fill the vacant Commission position.

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo Aye

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan Aye

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

**B. Discussion/ Action Call for a Public Hearing to amend Ordinance 2018-06 Animal Control Ordinance Article 5.8
Nuisances/Noise Violations**

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan moved to schedule a Public Hearing to amend Ordinance 2018-06 Animal Control Ordinance to March 25th.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo Aye

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan Aye

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

C. Discussion/Action to re-schedule the Public Hearing to Amend the Library Advisory

Board Ordinance to March 11

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan moved to reschedule the Public Hearing to Amend the Library Advisory Board Ordinance to March 11.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

D. Discussion/Action on Approval to pay legal bills

Town Manager McCracken shared some recent invoices for legal services with the Commission. She expressed concern at the high invoice amounts. Commissioner Brennan expressed concerns as well saying that these are bill that we need to pay, but he wants more clarification. Commissioner Milligan is also questioning why we are being invoiced for work on a case that we were informed we were no longer a part of. Commissioner Murillo said also that he needs clarification on what we are being charged for and why. He said he would like to move this issue to a later date to allow for time to get clarification. Town Manager McCracken said that this could be consider for Closed Session. This could be part of threatened or pending litigation .

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo moved to postpone this item to the next regular meeting.

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

E. Discussion/Action Interview Panel and Interview Date for Deputy Chief position

Chief Jimenez said that he and Commissioner Murillo are working on interview questions and requested that an interview panel be created and a date set to begin interviewing candidates, beginning with the internal candidate. There are three applicants, one internal and two external. Commissioner Murillo suggested a first round interview with the interview panel and a second round with the PD staff. Commissioner Murillo, Commissioner Milligan, Chief Jimenez, Town Manager

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McCracken and Clerk Jones(HR) have been suggested to participate on the panel.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo moved to create an interview panel for the Deputy Chief position.

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo
Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

F. Discussion/Action on Sewer Expansion Proposal

Town Manager McCracken informed the Commission that we currently have a developer that will begin developing some land near the EVCA. The developer had stated that they are going to want to hook up to the town's sewer system. Manager McCracken wants to know if the Commission is interested in developing the sewer system. Expanding the system will cost money, but will also help to create a revenue stream.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan moved to direct the Town Manager to continue on with the sewer expansion proposal and bring the Commission information as it becomes available.

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo
Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

G. Discussion and Approval of Grant Agreement SAP 23-H4246

Clerk Jones clarified for the public that this grant agreement is for Water

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan moved to Approve Grant Agreement SAP 23-H4246

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye

Murillo
Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

- H. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2025-014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER(S) AND AGENT(S)

Clerk Jones clarified that this resolution is to confirm MRCOG as our fiscal agent for grant SAP 23-H4246.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo moved to Approve Resolution 2025-014 a Resolution authorizing the Assignment of Authorized Officers and agents.

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo
Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

- I. Discussion/Action to approving moving the April 8, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting to April 7 due to travel and training

Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan moved to move the date of the April 8th regular meeting to April 7th to allow for travel and training.

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kenneth Brennan Aye
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Aye
Murillo
Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. As per Motion and Roll Call Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(7)- Meetings Subject to attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant regarding pending litigation. Specifically, McGill et. al. v John Bassett et. al. D-101-CV-202000328

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As Per Motion and Roll Call Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters- the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation of complaints or charges against any individual public employee. (Town Manager McCracken)

Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo moved to go into Closed Session As per Motion and Roll Call Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(7)- Meetings Subject to attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant regarding pending litigation. Specifically, McGill et. al. v John Bassett et. al. D-101-CV-202000328

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Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan seconded the motion.

<i>Commissioner Kenneth Brennan</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan</i>	<i>Aye</i>

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

**Commissioner District 3 Patrick Milligan moved to come back into Regular Session
Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo seconded the motion.**

<i>Commissioner Kenneth Brennan</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner District 2 Stephen Murillo</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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*Commissioner District 3 Patrick Aye
Milligan*

The Motion Carried 3 to 0.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Actions on items mentioned above.

XII. FUTURE MEETINGS

March 6, 2025 - 2:00pm at Town Commission Chambers - Quasi-Judicial Hearing- Appeal of Approval of a Minor Subdivision

March 6, 2025 - 6:00pm at Town Commission Chambers- Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance 2025-001 Constitutional Carry

March 11, 2025 - 6:00pm at Town Commission Chambers- Regular Commission Meeting

March 11, 2025 - 6:00pm at Town Commission Chambers- Public Hearing for Amendment to Library Ordinance

March 11, 2025 - 6:00pm at Town Commission Chambers- Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Application for Zone District Change

March 25, 2025 - 6:00pm at Town Commission Chambers- Regular Commission Meeting

XIII. FUTURE EVENTS

March 13, 2025 - 6:00pm at Estancia Valley Classical Academy (Independence Hall) - The COW (Community on the Way) Awards Annual Volunteer Awards

March 22, 2025 - 12:00pm at the Community Library - Movie Matinee- More Info to Come!

March 25-29, 2025- Library Scavenger Hunt

XIV. ADJOURN

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Milligan made a motion to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Murillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm

ATTEST:



Ken Brennan, Mayor



Michelle Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

