

Court Chambers
820 Highway 478
Anthony, NM 88021

City of Anthony, NM
Board of Trustees: Budget Workshop
MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25th, 2024

6:00PM

Diana Murillo, Mayor
Gabriel I. Holguin, MPT
Jose Garcia, Trustee
Daniel Barreras, Trustee
Fernando Herrera, Trustee

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by MPT Gabriel I. Holguin
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Trustee Herrera
3. **ROLL CALL** Present:

MPT Gabriel I. Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Jose Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Daniel Barreras	YES	NO
Trustee Fernando Herrera	YES	NO
Mayor Diana Murillo	YES	NO
Quorum Established	YES	NO

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO

3-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

5. DISCUSSION

- a. Presentation on the Financial Reports for May 2024 and 2nd review for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, **Presented by Finance Director, Hiram Gonzalez.**

Regarding the 2024 fiscal year, the Finance Director reviewed the expenditure percentages for the City for every department, all are within their projected expenditures. As of the end of May, the City is at 96% of the projected revenues with a \$654k surplus. The Finance Director does not anticipate big changes from now to the end of the fiscal year. Moving forward with the 2025 fiscal year, the changes that were previously discussed were accounted for, such as under projecting revenues, removing any payroll increase and the elimination of the Parks and Recreational Department. The Chief of Police and Lead Sergeant voiced their concerns with the pay increase freeze and potentially losing officers because of this. Sergeant Guerrero shared the wages for similar sized cities to show the discrepancies in pay. After some discussion, a 5% payroll increase was agreed upon for the Police Department which only totaled around \$56,000. There was an increase in the library's budget due to the transfer of the part-time employee to full-time. There was increase in the Finance Department to include the Parks and Recreational Facilities Director since his budget is being eliminated, his position aligns with some of the grants that the Finance Department manages therefore it was suggested by staff to move this individual. The Finance Director shared with the Board that if it is

decided to eliminate that the department, staff must be transferred somewhere else, they cannot currently be fired or laid off. MPT Holguin wanted it noted that there was a difference between firing and laying off someone. There was further discussion regarding the Parks and Facilities Department and the elimination of the budget, MPT Holguin requested this transfer be held off until all necessary changes are made. With the pending changes there was a decision to reinstall the budget until all policies are amended/changed and a job description is brought to the Board. Moving on to the IT Department, changes that were discussed in prior meetings were added. There was also an increase to the Cap & Equipment to fulfill the purchase of a City marquee. MPT Holguin brought forth the idea of possibility adding funds for a Public Defender and having extended hours for the Library. It was agreed to hold the final budget meeting on July 22nd at 6:00pm. The Board pointed transferring the Park and Rec Director without consent from the Board violated several policies and was beyond the scope of the employees.

6. ADJOURNMENT

1st Motion: Trustee Herrera

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote

MPT Holguin	YES	NO
Trustee Garcia	YES	NO
Trustee Herrera	YES	NO

3-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:03pm.

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Attest:



Karla Oropeza, City Clerk



Diana Murillo, Mayor