

Court Chambers
820 Highway 478
Anthony, NM 88021

City of Anthony, NM
Board of Trustees: Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

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

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6:00pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Diana Murillo **at 6:05pm**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Trustee Garcia

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

A motion was made to move Item 9a from discussion to presentation and to have it presented by the HR Director/CPO instead of Trustee Garcia. As a result, the item was renumbered as Item 8c.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin **YES** NO

Trustee Garcia **YES** NO

Trustee Barreras **YES** NO

Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minute limit for each person)

Martha Gutierrez

Genaro Soriano

Chief Ordonez

Victor Montoya

Cecilia Acosta

Women's Intercultural Center

Adrian Perez

Gabriela Prieto

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. 03/05/2025: Regular Meeting

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin **YES** NO

Trustee Garcia **YES** NO

Trustee Barreras **YES** NO

Trustee Herrera **YES** NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

b. 03/12/2025: Special Meeting

1st Motion: Trustee Herrera

2nd Motion: MPT Holguin

Roll Call Vote:

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

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

7. PROCLAMATION

- a. Proclamation proclaiming March 19th, 2025 ‘Maria Enriquez’ Day, **Presented by Trustee Garcia.**
Trustee Garcia read the proclamation, followed by several Trustees who paid tribute to Mrs. Flores for her unwavering commitment to the City of Anthony. The family, who graciously accepted the proclamation and plaque in her honor, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the recognition of her dedicated efforts to enhance the city and the lives of its residents.

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: MPT Holguin

8. PRESENTATION

- a. Update on the newly implemented Overpayment Policy, **Presented by HR/CPO.**
The HR Director/CPO gave a brief update on the overpayment policy, citing that only one employee was left to sign the acknowledgement.
- b. Update on the sale of ADA vehicle, **Presented by HR/CPO.**
In accordance with State Statute and the required posting notices, the HR Director/CPO stated as of today the posting has been made and will run in Sunday’s newspaper. The City can proceed with the sale/trade after April 15th.
- c. On the implementation of Resolution 2024-015, A Resolution Adopting an Administrative Policy-Timecard Policy, **Presented by HR/CPO.**
MPT Holguin asked why the policy hasn’t been followed and discussed which parts had or hadn’t been implemented. He pointed out that the policy clearly states the Board should receive an update at every meeting on any Timecard changes made during that pay period—something that hasn’t happened since the policy was approved in June 2024. The HR Director/CPO explained that she was on FMLA leave during the time the policy was supposed to take effect. MPT Holguin then requested an update on all Timecard changes since July 1, 2024, since none have been provided so far. To be done at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

~~**9. DISCUSSION**~~

- ~~a. On the implementation of Resolution 2024-015, A Resolution Adopting an Administrative Policy-Timecard Policy, **Presented by Trustee Garcia.**~~

10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- a. Consideration and Action to approve a resolution approving the submission of a project application for Local Government Road Fund Municipal Arterial Program, **Presented by Mayor Murillo.**
Mayor Murillo presented the MAP funding application for the complete planning, design, and right-of-way appraisal services for Chebo Murillo Road, from Ohara Road to Duffer Lane. This application includes a 25% matching requirement, with the resolution being presented as part of the application process. The total project cost is estimated at \$367,000, with the city requesting \$275,000 in funding and contributing a cash match of \$91,000.

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: Trustee Barreras

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES NO
Trustee Garcia	YES NO
Trustee Barreras	YES NO

4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.

Trustee Herrera YES NO

- b. Consideration and Action to approve the Community Development Coordinator Job Description, Presented by HR/CPO.

The HR Director/CPO provided the Board with an update on the previously discussed changes. MPT Holguin inquired about the pay band for this position, to which the HR Director/CPO responded that it falls under a C1 classification, with a salary range of \$20.68 to \$35.02 per hour. She also noted that the position was budgeted at the same pay rate as the former Parks and Recreational Facilities Director, which was \$26.49 per hour. A motion was made to make a minor edit to include a minimum requirement of four (4) years of experience.

Original as amended 1st Motion: Trustee Barreras 2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

Amendment: 1st Motion: Trustee Herrera 2nd Motion: MPT Holguin

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- c. Consideration and Action to approve Hiram Gonzalez as the payee for a \$562.30 petty cash reimbursement check, Presented by the Finance Director.

After consulting with the City's auditors as directed, it was confirmed that the Finance Director could serve as the payee, providing there is proper documentation.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin 2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City of Antony Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) to discuss Limited Personnel Matters regarding the Head Librarian position, City Administration/administrative personnel, City Clerk, HR Director, Finance Director and Police Department. The Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) regarding potential litigation against Mayor Murillo for removal of office for malfeasance and residency in Santa Teresa, New Mexico.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin 2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 3-1 Vote, Motion Passes at 7:17pm
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- b. Open Session. *MPT Holguin presided over the remainder of the meeting. No Action was taken during Executive Session.

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia 2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO

Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 8:05pm
Trustee Herrera YES NO

12. POSSIBLE ACTION

MPT Holguin motioned to take no action on items 12a-12e and hold a Special Meeting on April 16th at 5:00pm to discuss these matters further during an executive session with possible action afterwards.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

- a. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding the City Administration/Administrative Personnel.
- b. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding the City Clerk.
- c. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding the HR Director.
- d. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding the Finance Director.
- e. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding the Police Department
- f. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session regarding potential litigation against the Mayor.

A motion was made to authorize MPT Holguin to obtain three (3) quotes from different law firms, in accordance with the City's procurement policy, for consideration at a future meeting. The purpose of this request is to explore potential legal action against the Mayor for malfeasance in office and residing in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. To clarify, MPT Holguin stated that a future agenda item will authorize the selected law firm to proceed with legal action. He expressed his hope that this matter will be ready for Board review by the next regular meeting, if not sooner.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin YES NO
Trustee Garcia YES NO
Trustee Barreras YES NO 3-1 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera YES NO

13. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Herrera: *Questioned why the City Clerk, Finance Director, and HR Director weren't physically present at the meeting. The City Clerk declined to comment, saying it was a personnel matter that might need an executive session. The City Attorney suggested speaking with the Mayor and, if necessary, scheduling an executive session. An update was also requested on the IPRA regarding the old bleachers at Adams Park. Lastly, he provided an update from the meeting with BHL, noting that they recommend keeping projects that are 30%-100% complete with Wilson & Co.*

Trustee Garcia: *The City Attorney was asked if any legal action could be taken to ensure the Mayor stays for the entire meeting, as concerns were raised about her frequent departures during the "Items from the Mayor and Trustees" segment. The City Attorney, representing the entire City including the Mayor, clarified that he could only speak to what is outlined in state statute. It was suggested that a policy could be created or updated to address the issue. Trustee Herrera agreed and motioned to discuss the current attendance policy for the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. Additionally, Trustee Garcia concluded his comments by questioning Chief Ordonez and Sgt. Bueno about their procedures related to current federal mandates on immigration.*

1st Motion: Trustee Herrera

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera	YES NO	

MPT Holguin: Reiterated the importance of moving forward with legal action against the Mayor and noted the success other had with the recent removal of the Chair from the Canutillo Independent School District Board and a similar lawsuit that was filed against the Mayor in Tatum, New Mexico.

The City Attorney provided an update on MPT Holguin's request regarding the City of Anthony Public Library, explaining the process at the state level and clarifying that there is no specific procedure at the municipal level. The City Attorney further stated that a proclamation would be sufficient for renaming the public library. MPT Holguin made a motion to include an item on the next agenda for renaming the public library, via proclamation, to the 'Maria Belen Flores Memorial Public Library'.

1st Motion: MPT Holguin

2nd Motion: Trustee Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes.
Trustee Herrera	YES NO	

14. ADJOURNMENT

1st Motion: Trustee Garcia

2nd Motion: Trustee Herrera

Roll Call Vote:

MPT Holguin	YES NO	
Trustee Garcia	YES NO	
Trustee Barreras	YES NO	4-0 Vote, Motion Passes at 9:09pm.
Trustee Herrera	YES NO	




Diana Murillo, Mayor

{SEAL}
Attest:



Karla Oropeza, City Clerk



CITY OF ANTHONY

Regular BOT Meeting

Public Comments, Please Sing in. THANK YOU 😊

Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person.

1. Marta Gutierrez
2. Vanessa Ordonez
3. Cecilia Acosta
4. Adrian Perez
5. Benaro Soriano
6. Victoria Montoya
7. Sef Almahairbi
8. Gabriela

