

AGENDA

**GALLUP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026; 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GALLUP CITY HALL, 110 WEST AZTEC AVENUE**



Marc DePauli, Mayor

Linda Garcia, Councilor, Dist. 1
Sarah Piano, Councilor, Dist. 3

Sierra Yazzie Asamoah-Tutu, Councilor, Dist. 2
Ron Molina, Councilor, Dist. 4

Frank Chiapetti, City Manager

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A. Roll Call

B. Pledge Of Allegiance

The members of the body and the public are invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Comments By Public On Non-Agenda Items

D. Presentation/Information Items

1. Recognition Of Seniors Who Participated In Senior Olympics

Opportunity for the City of Gallup to properly recognize our Seniors who participated in the Senior Olympics in Las Cruces, NM held from June 17-21.

Fiscal Impact:	None
Recommendation:	To recognize our Seniors for their efforts at the start of the council meeting
Speaker's Name	Steven Wargo

Documents:

[GALLUP SENIOR OLYMPIANS 2026.PDF](#)

2. Presentation Of Proclamation: Law Enforcement Child Month

The Mayor and Councilors will present a Proclamation declaring the Month of July, 2026 as Law Enforcement Child Month in the City of Gallup.

Fiscal Impact:	None.
Recommendation:	Presentation Item Only
Speaker's Name	Mayor Marc DePauli

3. Review Of Calls For Service For The 4th Of July

This presentation item is to review the calls for service for the 4th of July in the City of Gallup.

Fiscal Impact:	None. Presentation Item Only
Recommendation:	Presentation Item Only
Speaker's Name	Fire Chief Jon C Pairett

Documents:

[2026 4TH OF JULY PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

4. Presentation By Hari Achuthan - President & CEO Of Convalt Energy

Hari Achulthan is President & CEO of Convalt Energy. The company is looking to locate at the Gallup McKinley Tradeport to manufacture solar panels. Mr. Achulthan will present an overview of the company plans to locate and build in Gallup.

Fiscal Impact:	None - Presentation only
Recommendation:	Presentation Item Only
Speaker's Name	Hari Achulthan

E. Consent Agenda

These items are placed on the Consent Agenda so City Council can designate by unanimous consent those routine items they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any item does not meet the approval of all Council members or if a citizen so requests, it will be heard as a separate item.

Action Needed:

Motion to approve or acknowledge Items 1- 7 on the Consent Agenda by unanimous vote:

1. Approval Of Minutes

Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026

Fiscal Impact: None.
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Speaker's Name None.

Documents:

[DRAFT MINUTES APR 28 2026 REG MTG.PDF](#)
[DRAFT MINUTES MAY 12 2026 REG MTG.PDF](#)

2. Appointments To The Planning & Zoning Commission

Kent Wilson has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The terms of Matthew Long and Kyle Spolar will expire on July 31, 2026. Mr. Long and Mr. Spolar are interested in serving another two-year term and are recommended for reappointment. Curtis Hayes is recommended for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Commission created by Mr. Wilson's resignation.

The Mayor and Councilors appreciate the willingness, dedication and commitment of the individuals recommended for appointment. The Mayor and Councilors would also like to express their sincere appreciation to Mr. Wilson for his years of dedication and service as a member of the Commission.

Fiscal Impact: None.
Recommendation: Approve the appointments of Matthew Long, Kyle Spolar and Curtis Hayes.
Speaker's Name Mayor Marc DePauli

3. Event Permit - Road Closure For Children's Museum Color Run

The Gallup Children's Museum is requesting road closures for a color run fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at Rehoboth Christian School. Organizers request the closure of portions of Church Rock Street, Tse Yaaniichii Lane, and Vanden Bosch Parkway. Please see the attached permit application for the scope of event and proposed traffic control plan.

Fiscal Impact: TBD - Staff time for road closure
Recommendation: Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[CHILDRENS MUSEUM COLOR RUN 2026.PDF](#)

4. Event Permit - Champion Ford

Champion Ford is requesting the closure of Coal Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets for their fifth anniversary celebration on July 25, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: City staff time
Recommendation: Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name: Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[CHAMPION FORD PERMIT_ JULY 25 UPDATE.PDF](#)

5. Event Permit - Route 66 Rides, July 24-26, 2026

The Route 66 Centennial Planning Committee is hosting the 2026 Route 66 Rides event July 24-26, 2026 throughout the community. This is a free event and open to the public. It will celebrate Gallup and Route 66, and will include hot air balloons, classic cars, motorcycles, music, food, and fun. The full schedule of events can be viewed at: www.visitgallup.com/route66rides

Per the event permit application, organizers request road closures on Coal Street, Aztec Avenue, and Route 66. The Route 66 closures will need to occur on Friday, July 24 for the planned balloon glow, and on Saturday, July 25 for the famed Tunnel of Fire. Coal Street and Aztec Avenue will be closed in phases throughout Saturday, July 25 for the car show and arrival of vehicles to Courthouse Square following the Tunnel of Fire. Multiple City departments and other agencies are coordinating for the event and planned road closures.

Fiscal Impact: TBD - Staff Time for Road Closures
Recommendation: Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name: Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[ROUTE 66 RIDES 2026 EVENT PERMIT.PDF](#)

6. Event Permit - Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial

The 104th annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial is slated for July 31 through August 9, 2026 at various locations throughout the community. Organizers expect thousands of attendees at Red Rock Park and in historic downtown Gallup for the evening and day parades. The parades will be held Thursday, August 6 and Saturday, August 8. There will also be a 5k run/walk held at the Ellis Tanner Trading Company. The event organizer has worked to coordinate with City staff and area first responders to enhance safety at each event location. City Council approval is requested for the road closures described in the attached permit application.

Fiscal Impact: Staff time to support parades
Recommendation: Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name: Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[INTER-TRIBAL 2026 PERMIT.PDF](#)

7. Approval Of Northwest New Mexico Council Of Governments Membership Agreement, And Board Appointment

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) has submitted its annual Membership Agreement for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The annual membership dues for FY2027 are \$75,383.00.

Fiscal Impact:	None, as membership dues are provided in the FY2027 budget.
Recommendation:	Approval of the FY2027 Membership Agreement and Board Appointment form.
Speaker's Name	Natasha Hayes, Executive Assistant

Documents:

[NWNMCOG_FY27 MEMBERSHIP COVER LTR.PDF](#)
[NWNMCOG_FY27 MEMBERSHIP AGMT.PDF](#)
[NWNMCOG_FY27 BD APPT_REVISED.PDF](#)

F. Discussion/Action Topics

1. Appointment Of A Mayor Pro Tempore

Article II, Section 10 of the City of Gallup Charter provides for the following:

"It (the Council) shall elect from its membership a standing Mayor Pro Tempore who, in the absence or incapacity of the Mayor, shall have the same power and duties as Mayor..."

Mayor DePauli recommends the appointment of Councilor Linda Garcia to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until December 31, 2027.

Fiscal Impact:	None.
Recommendation:	Appoint Councilor Linda Garcia to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore until December 31, 2027.
Speaker's Name	Mayor Marc DePauli

2. Resolution & Budget Adjustment - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Grant

The City of Gallup was awarded a grant from the New Mexico Department of Transportation to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the George Galanis Multicultural Center. The funding is approximately \$895,000 to purchase and install two DC Fast Chargers (Level III) with two charging ports each, for a total capacity of charging four vehicles simultaneously.

This project is a collaboration between the Electric Department and Tourism

Office as an effort to draw more traffic to the downtown area. Staff are not aware of any other public electric vehicle charging units in the vicinity of historic downtown Gallup. Upon installation and completion of the charging units, drivers of electric vehicles will have the opportunity to stop in downtown and hopefully patronize local businesses while their vehicles charge. The NMDOT grant was specifically for DC Fast Chargers, which can typically charge a vehicle in under an hour. Lower level charging equipment, which takes significantly longer to charge vehicles, was ineligible per the grant requirements.

The chargers will also be a revenue source for the Tourism Office. Staff have agreed that the Tourism Office will purchase the electricity from the Electric Department, which will then be sold to consumers. Depending on the vendor and type of charging equipment selected, there may also be revenue sharing with the provider of the equipment. It is a standard practice in the EV charging equipment industry and other municipalities to have a revenue split of 90/10 to pay for ongoing equipment monitoring, maintenance, and access to software which facilitates charging and payments. The 90/10 split in this instance means the City would collect 90-percent of proceeds, with 10-percent going to the EV equipment vendor.

Council approval is requested to: A) Approve the attached resolution delegating authority to the City Manager for acceptance and execution of the grant, and B) Approve budget adjustments for revenue and expenditures for Project No. JU2603 in the 307 fund to implement the grant. This grant is paid on a reimbursement basis.

Fiscal Impact:	\$894,584 in revenue and expenditures for Project No. JU2603 in the 307 fund
Recommendation:	Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name	Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[C0245026_CITY_OF_GALLUP_EV_CAPITAL_AGREEMENT.PDF](#)
[CITY OF GALLUP FY2026 DCFC GRANT APPLICATION.PDF](#)
[R2026-29 EV INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT.PDF](#)

3. Budget Adjustment In 219 For FY 26-27 To Account For Recently Awarded Grants For Senior Center.

Budget Adjustment in 219 for FY 26-27 to account for recently awarded grants for Senior Center which do not match the amounts originally budgeted. This adjustment is to also include changes in the percentages employees are paid from in congregate, home delivery and transportation sections of the 219 budget.

Fiscal Impact:	Budget adjustment into fund 219 for revenues and expenditures as well as the Grants that were awarded to the City of Gallup.
Recommendation:	Approve budget adjustment to account for monies received from recently awarded grants.
Speaker's Name	Steven Wargo

Documents:

4. **Approval Of Settlement Agreement With The Gallup Police Officers Association (GPOA)**

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Gallup and GPOA provides for a reopening on the topic of economics this year. The proposed settlement agreement provides for the following:

1. **Across the Board Increase:** Each Bargaining unit member will receive a four-point two percent (4.2%) increase to their current hourly rate of pay, effective the first day of the first full pay period after this agreement is approved by the City Council
2. **Retirement Payout:** Retirement sick leave accrual payout increased from thirty-three percent (33%) to fifty percent (50%) of hourly rate for eligible bargaining unit members.
3. **Floating Holiday:** Each bargaining member will receive a floating holiday to be used up to fifteen (15) days prior or up to 15 days after the bargaining members' birthday. This floating holiday does not accumulate yearly and is forfeited after the forgoing period.

The City Council authorized these benefits and were included in the FY 2027 budget.

Fiscal Impact:	None - benefits are already included in the FY 27 budget.
Recommendation:	Approve Settlement Agreement with GPOA
Speaker's Name	Marcus Largo

5. **Approval Of Settlement Agreement With The United Mine Workers Of America (UMWA)**

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Gallup and GPOA provides for a complete reopening of negotiations for a successor agreement this year. The proposed settlement agreement provides for the following:

1. **Across the Board Increase:** Each Bargaining unit member will receive a five percent (5%) increase to their current hourly rate of pay, effective the first day of the first full pay period after this agreement is approved by the City Council.
2. **Retirement Payout:** Retirement sick leave accrual payout increased from thirty-three percent (33%) to fifty percent (50%) of hourly rate for eligible bargaining unit members.
3. **Section K. New Classifications:** Update section language as outlined in the agreement respecting newly created positions performing covered duties. Additions to recognized Classifications: Customer Care Field Technician, FOG Inspector, Water and Sewer Line Locator.
4. **Article XI – Seniority, Section G – Job Bidding/Transfers:** Update section languages as outlined in the agreement relevant to recognized bargaining unit position vacancies.
5. **Article XX, Section A:** Update the recognized holiday schedule to include: Juneteenth, Spring Recess, National Navajo Code Talkers Day, Indigenous Peoples Day.
6. **Article I, Section G – Term of Agreement Proposal:** Update to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in accordance to the settlement agreement.

The term of the agreement is for three (3) years commencing on the date of execution by both parties, expiring on June 30, 2029 at midnight.

Fiscal Impact: None - Benefits are already included in FY2027 budget.

Recommendation: Approve Settlement Agreement with UMWA.

Speaker's Name Marcus Largo

Documents:

[UMWA-COG 2026 TA AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

6. Public Hearing: Proposed Transfer Of Ownership And Location Of Canopy Dispenser Type Liquor License No. DIS-000832 To Burnt Corn Holdings, LLC D/B/A Virgi's Restaurant Liquor & Lounge

Burnt Corn Holdings, LLC seeks the transfer of ownership and location of Canopy Dispenser Liquor License No. DIS-000832 with on-premises consumption located at 2720 W. 66 Avenue, Gallup, New Mexico. The City Council is to decide whether to approve or disapprove the transfer of the license.

The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division has granted preliminary approval. Legal Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Gallup Sun on June 12, 2026 and July 10, 2026, and posted on the City's website. The Application, the Director's preliminary approval, Legal Notice, and Zoning Certification Letter are attached.

New Mexico law provides that a local governing body shall hold a public hearing on the question of whether the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division should approve the transfer of the license. The City Council may disapprove the transfer if: (1) the proposed location is within an area where the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by the laws of New Mexico; (2) the issuance would be in violation of a zoning or other ordinance of the governing body; or (3) the issuance would be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of the residents of the City. The location is not in a prohibited area and the issuance would not be in violation of a zoning or other City ordinance. To disapprove the transfer on public health, safety or moral grounds, the City Council must find the issuance of the license would be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of City residents by substantial evidence presented during the Public Hearing. Testimony concerning the negative effects of alcohol alone is not sufficient to justify such a finding.

As used in the Liquor Control Act, "canopy license" means a license which was initially issued prior to January 1, 1988 pursuant to laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 117 and which permits the licensee to dispense alcoholic beverages in the same manner as permitted by a dispenser's license, subject to special provisions for replacement of canopy licenses.

Licenses are tied to a specific physical address and Local Option District. Each distinct physical location requires its own dedicated license. Upon or before approval of the above-referenced Canopy Dispenser Type Liquor License, the transfer of Dispenser Type Liquor License No. DIS-000552 approved by the City Council on May 12, 2026 will be suspended or transferred to another location.

Fiscal Impact: Section 3-3-3 of the City Code imposes an annual license tax upon persons holding state licenses; Gross Receipts Tax revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Recommendation: None. The City Council's decision must be based solely upon the evidence presented at the hearing.

Speaker's Name Jerry A. Hamm

Documents:

[HILTON GARDEN INN LIQUOR LIC TRANSFER OWNERSHIP AND LOCATION.PDF](#)

[NOTICE OF HEARING HILTON GARDEN INN LICENSE TRANSFER.PDF](#)

G. Comments By Mayor And City Councilors

H. Comments By City Manager

I. Motion To Adjourn

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