

AGENDA

**GALLUP CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026; 12:00 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

This meeting will be accessible through YouTube:
<https://youtube.com/@cityofgallup>

A. Roll Call

B. Pledge Of Allegiance

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

C. Discussion/Action Topics

1. Permit Application - July 4 Stars & Stripes

Staff are planning the 2026 Stars and Stripes Celebration, slated for Saturday, July 4 at the Gallup Sports Complex. This event is free and open to the public. To enhance public safety, a road closure is needed on Park Avenue between Zuni Road and Fourth Street. This will control access to the park and provide a clear ingress and egress for emergency vehicles, if needed. The event will follow a similar format as recent years. The public event will begin at noon with a gourd dance, vendors and games. There will also be a concert, softball tournament, watermelon & cake, and the 500 drone show. Several City departments and other area agencies are involved in the planning and will be present at the event.

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

Documents:

[JULY 4 2026 PERMIT.PDF](#)

2. Resolution R2026-24; (RRGS) Program Amendments And Interconnection Agreement

The City Council is being asked to review and discuss proposed amendments to the City's Renewable Resource Generating System (RRGS) Program through Resolution R2026-24, along with an updated Renewable Parallel Interconnection Agreement for customers wanting to participating in the program.

The proposed amendments are intended to modernize the RRGS Program, establish clear participation requirements, define residential and non-residential program capacity allocations, implement load-based system sizing standards, establish solar array sizing requirements, and provide requirements for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). These updates are designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the RRGS Program while maintaining the safe and reliable operation of the City's electric utility system. The amendments also provide a consistent framework for administering future renewable energy interconnections and managing available program capacity.

The updated Renewable Parallel Interconnection Agreement has been revised to align with the proposed RRGS Program amendments and current industry interconnection standards. The agreement clarifies customer and utility responsibilities, establishes updated technical and safety requirements, incorporates Battery Energy Storage System provisions, formalizes inspection and Permission to Operate (PTO) requirements, and provides protections necessary to maintain electric system reliability and public safety. The revised agreement also reflects net-load monitoring using the new AMI system.

The purpose of this Special Council Meeting is to provide Council with a detailed overview of the proposed changes, discuss the rationale behind the amendments and agreement updates, receive Council feedback, and answer questions prior to consideration of formal adoption.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.
Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2026-24 and the updated Interconnection Agreement
Speaker's Name Chuck Nourse

Documents:

[RENEWABLE PARALLEL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
APPENDIX A_V2_FINAL.PDF](#)
[RESOLUTION R2026- RRGS PROGRAM
AMENDMENTS_V3_FINAL.PDF](#)

3. Approval Of Resolution No. R2026-26; Annual NM Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan - Senior Center

The State Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the Aging and Long-Term Services Division requires local governments to systematically develop and annually submit a five (5) year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) as a means of refining development needs and identifying funding sources. The ICIP is then used by all State agencies involved in funding local government projects as a means of analyzing proposed capital outlay bills during the State Legislative sessions.

For your consideration, attachment (a) provides a complete listing of all proposed ICIP projects. All project estimates are "conceptual" in nature (within -25% to 75% of completed project costs) and are not exact. Project cost estimates are repeatedly refined as each project is planned, programmed, designed and ultimately constructed. Projects are not listed in any priority order other than the top five (5) projects listed in the most recent fiscal year which in this case is FY2027.

The Gallup Senior Program is asking the Gallup City Council to approve Resolution R2026-26 for the FY2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan projects due on July 1, 2026.

Fiscal Impact:	None.
Recommendation:	Staff recommends approval of the FY2028-2032 ICIP listing; Resolution No. 2026-26
Speaker's Name	Steve Wargo, Senior Center Program Manager

Documents:

[GALLUP ICIP RESOLUTION NO. R2026-26 SENIOR CENTER.PDF](#)
[ICIP FY2028-2032 SR CTR 13253 DTD 06242026.PDF](#)

4. Approval Of Resolution No. R2026-25; Annual NM Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan

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For your consideration, attachment (a) provides a complete listing of all proposed ICIP projects. Projects are the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for the next five (5) years as presented and were approved by the City Council during the 2026-2027 budget process. All project estimates are "conceptual" in nature (within -25% to 75% of completed project costs) and are not exact. Project cost estimates are repeatedly refined as each project is planned, programmed, designed and ultimately constructed. Projects are not listed in any priority order other than planned year.

Last, DFA will no longer allow any changes after submission and before the State Legislature convenes. Staff Needs City Council's:

1. Tentative identification of the 2028 top five legislative priorities; and
2. Approval of the projects as listed in the form of a resolution, attachment (c).

There is no direct impact on the City's budget, however, the State ICIP may be used as a consideration by the Governor, State Agencies, and/or State Legislature in their grant approve process.

Staff recommends that the Council identify the City's top five (5) tentative projects for Legislative funding. As a starting point for City Council's discussion, Staff proposes for the City Council's consideration the following top five (5) priorities:

1. Distribution System Upgrades-Replace Cast Iron Lines & Valves
2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements/Solid Process & Reuse Filtration
3. New Airport Terminal, FTZ, CRE & Warehouse
4. New Regional Library Construction
5. New Regional Animal Shelter

Fiscal Impact: None.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the ICIP project listing and priorities; Resolution No. 2026-25.

Speaker's Name Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez, City Project Manager

Documents:

[GALLUP ICIP RESOLUTION NO. R2026-25.PDF](#)

[ICIP FY2028-2032 GALLUP 13001 DTD 06252026.PDF](#)

5. Request For The Use Of \$55,439 From General Fund To Cover Outstanding Invoices For 2nd Street And 3rd Street Pedestrian Crossing Safety Projects

This item was presented to the City Council on May 26, 2026, and was subsequently tabled to allow for further clarification.

Background: On July 26, 2022, the City Council awarded Wilson & Company's proposal for professional design services regarding pedestrian safety improvements at the Second (CP2205) and Third Street (CP2207) grade crossings. This project originated from the City Manager's office. After an initial solicitation for bids yielded no results, the City Manager collaborated with the NMDOT Rail Division to engage Wilson & Company, given their expertise in rail projects. The City worked with NMDOT Rail Division staff from the project's inception to secure funding. However, following the retirement of the key Rail Division contact, communication was disrupted.

Robert Fine with the Rail Division reached out after our final reimbursement request was submitted for invoices through September 30, 2025, The ending date for both agreements. He stated that the Rail Division is working on new grant agreements and he is aware that the design for this project is still ongoing. Therefore, he stated that we will receive new grant agreements but will need to pay the outstanding invoices from October 1, 2025 to May 25, 2026. Mr. Fine suggested that we request a pause for this project with Wilson & Co until the new agreements have been successfully executed. After discussing this with the city manager, Frank approved that this request be made to Wilson & Co and that we will need to pay the outstanding invoices. Wilson & Co has agreed to pause the project until the new agreements are in place.

Therefore, we are not requesting to close these projects yet because we are

waiting for the final reimbursement. Additional discussion will need to occur regarding these two agreements and the forthcoming agreements. Today we are requesting for general funds to pay the outstanding invoices to Wilson & Co. for the following amounts; City of Gallup Ped Grade Xing @ 2nd \$30,737.05 and City of Gallup Ped Grade Xing @ 3rd \$24,701.77. We want Wilson & Co to be paid so that when we restart and finish up the design, all of the outstanding invoices will be paid, and we can begin the grant agreements and everything else fresh.

Fiscal Impact: \$55,440 from the General Fund; with a break out of \$30,738 for project CP2205 in professional services and \$24,702 for project CP2207 in professional services.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the use of General Funds to pay the outstanding invoices.

Speaker's Name Alicia M. Santiago, Grants & Contracts Manager

Documents:

[INVOICES - CITY OF GALLUP PED GRADE XING 2ND.PDF](#)

[INVOICES - CITY OF GALLUP PED GRADE XING 3RD.PDF](#)

D. Motion To Adjourn

Pursuant to the “Open Meetings Act”, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 of the State of New Mexico, this Agenda was posted at a place freely accessible to the public 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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