

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico held in the Council Chambers at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor DePauli.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Marc DePauli
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Sierra Yazzie Asamoa-Tutu Sarah Piano Ron Molina
Also present:	Frank Chiapetti, City Manager Erika Pirotte, Deputy City Attorney

Councilor Molina Made the motion to move Discussion/Action Topic 5 to Discussion/Action Topic 1. Seconded by Councilor Yazzie. Roll call: Councilors Molina, Yazzie, Garcia, Piano and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items:

Rose Eason spoke in opposition to the implementation of mass surveillance systems. Ms. Eason outlined the operational mechanics of Flock Safety, raising concerns regarding the commercial use of taxpayer funds to track private citizens and the potential for a third-party corporation to sell mass data. She presented local crime rates statistics and addressed the financial utilization of the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) process by private entities and urged the Council to prioritize citizen privacy over corporate data models.

Suzanne Hammons addressed the Council in opposition of the City's proposed use of Flock Safety. She highlighted Fourth Amendment concerns, the potential for law enforcement data misuse and the lack of analytical studies supporting Artificial Intelligence (AI) safety claims. She provided specific instances of wrongful identification by automated systems and requested the Council to focus on human connection rather than tech companies and explained why she chose to reside in Gallup.

David Eason presented information on the history and purpose of the Declaration of Independence in anticipation of America's 250th Anniversary. Mr. Eason outlined the core tenets of the Fourth Amendment using legal precedent from *Olmstead v. United States*. He mentioned Gallup's most patriotic designation and community involvement in the Bataan Death March, defined patriotism as allegiance to founding values, underscored the importance of public safety using historical examples from Tsarist Russia and urged the Mayor and Council to protect public safety without infringing on individual privacy rights.

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Labor Persinger presented information regarding his background in AI and his achievement of technological singularity. Mr. Persinger noted unique local geographical properties and stressed the importance of street stewardship in Gallup. He mentioned untrustworthiness of modern technology, including hacking risks, system misuse and the AI "Black Box," problem. Mr. Persinger addressed enforcement of existing laws, provided information on the Clean for Gallup project he created and noted current problems on the streets.

Christine Eason spoke regarding the City Council's recent discussion on crime and the proposed implementation of 24-hour surveillance cameras. Mrs. Eason stated that the surveillance technology poses potential risks and consequences to the municipality. For the official record, she submitted screenshots from an independent researcher's investigative video where he reported on unencrypted video footage, accessible with minimal effort and shared her perspective on local governance practices.

Leanne Gilson thanked the Council for their efforts regarding community safety but spoke in opposition to the proposed Flock Security systems, citing concerns over community impact. Ms. Gilson provided examples of video footage and data management issues from other municipalities and suggested that public funds be directed to other community projects, highlighted the library's current ranking on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list, thanked Mayor DePauli for proposing alternative library sites and requested that the Mayor and Councilors prioritize community building initiatives.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Presentation/Information Items:

1. Proclamation Recognizing May 4th through 8th, 2026 as Economic Development Week in the City of Gallup – Bruce Armstrong, Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Armstrong presented the proclamation in honor of the 10th Anniversary of Economic Development Week in Gallup created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to celebrate achievements of economic developers. He announced several events scheduled during Economic Development Week.

2. Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month – Jude Flores

Mr. Flores reported an increase in motorcycle accidents during May. He attributed the rise to warmer weather conditions, which correlated with higher numbers of active motorcyclists on public roads and encouraged everyone to be vigilant.

Mayor DePauli presented the Proclamation declaring the month of May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month.

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3. Teraplex Presentation – Greg Thompson, Teraplex Co-founder

Mr. Thompson presented a PowerPoint introduction for Teraplex, expressing interest in developing a data center in McKinley County and noting plans for further discussions before finalizing agreements. He presented defined data center functions, outlined the specific project proposed for Gallup and detailed strategies to construct and maintain the facility without depleting municipal resources. Mr. Thompson highlighted Gallup's suitability for the project, global infrastructure growth metrics, market demands and potential local economic benefits. The project overview included details on the location, a phased development approach, building designs, facility operations, land use and a long-term vision. He provided targeted customers, current partnerships, projected service revenues, a funding model requiring no public funds and plans for direct local investment. Mr. Thompson provided a project timeline spanning Quarters 1 through 4 and Phases 1 through 5, running from 2026 through 2032. He reviewed data regarding facility power requirements, water usage, job creation and mitigation plans for noise and environmental impacts, stating that further details would be provided once agreements are reached and parties are comfortable.

Discussion followed regarding proposed data center's infrastructure, specific location, environmental impact, effluent water usage, line routing, solar energy, effects on local electric rates, projected employee wage rates, long-term ecological data, recognition of the developer's environmental sustainability efforts and community investment and tribal leaders that have been in opposition of data centers within or adjacent to tribal jurisdictions.

4. Presentation – Gallup Film & Media Expo Update – Matt Robinson, Marketing and Tourism Manager

Mr. Robinson announced the 4th Annual Gallup Film and Media Expo, scheduled for May 7 and 8th at Red Rock Park. He noted that the first day of the expo focuses on students, providing opportunities to meet with industry vendors and professionals. Mr. Robinson recognized the Gallup Film Committee's role in coordinating the involvement of students from local media educational pathways and introduced Julius Roanhorse from the committee.

Mr. Roanhorse requested support from the Mayor and Council for local film industry development initiatives. Mr. Roanhorse provided the background on New Mexico's position within the national film market, noting infrastructure expansion efforts in rural communities and competitive dynamics with other states. He detailed his professional work establishing the Media and Film program for the National Indian Youth Council, identifying the Gallup Film and Media Expo as an initial project. He referenced the American Film Market student program model in Santa Monica, California as the framework for the proposed local student programming. Mr. Roanhorse reported on discussions with Gallup McKinley County Schools regarding local media curriculum,

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highlighted the state film industry tax incentives and extended an invitation to the upcoming expo.

Crystal Thomas, co-organizer, addressed the Council regarding the development of film industry infrastructure in the city. Ms. Thomas identified Gallup's culture, landscape and location as key assets for attracting productions. She outlined goals to increase community readiness for film projects and noted the operational variables involved including production costs, community hospitality and local economic impact.

Brief discussion followed regarding Mr. Robinson and Mr. Roanhorse's enthusiasm, significance of representation in the industry and opportunity for the youth, appreciation for Mr. Robinson and Gallup Film Committee member's efforts, the economic benefits of getting a film soundstage and production studio in Gallup and available training programs offered by Gallup Film Committee.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 24, 2026.
2. Budget Adjustment from Fund Balance
3. Budget Adjustment for Brush Hog Attachment
4. Budget Adjustment for a Sub-Grant Agreement for the McKinley County DWI Task Force Naming the Gallup Police Department as the Sub-Grantee in the Amount of \$24,000
5. Memorial Day and Veterans Day Permit
6. Approval of Budget Adjustment for use of Opioid Settlement Funding and Authorization for City Manager to Execute Contracts
7. Approval of Intergovernmental Services Agreement and Budget Adjustment for Youth Shelter and Family Services
8. Approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement and Budget Adjustment and Budget Adjustment for Municipal Court

Councilor Piano requested Item 6 pulled from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion.

Councilor Piano made the motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5, 7 and 8. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Garcia, Yazzie, Molina and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

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6. Approval of Budget Adjustment for Use of Opioid Settlement Funding and Authorization for City Manager to Execute Contracts – Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Manager

Ms. Martinez confirmed that the funding delay and the use of stop-gap measures will have no impact on existing programs. She explained specific causes of the delay and reported that the grant is expected to arrive between early and mid-May.

Councilor Piano made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for use of the Opioid Settlement Funding and authorization for the City Manager to execute contracts. Seconded by Councilor Yazzie. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Yazzie, Molina, Garcia and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Effluent Option Agreement with Teraplex Data Centers, LLC – Erica Pirotte, Deputy City Attorney

Ms. Pirotte outlined the initial 2023 effluent option agreement with Coles Gray, LLC, highlighted the original July 25, 2026 deadline and two previous amendments governing property acquisition and constructions. She clarified that Teraplex Data Center, LLC acquired the agreement interest from Coles Gray, LLC and submitted a third amendment for Council's consideration. Approval of the amendment extends the property acquisition date to 2027, postpones construction to 2029, applies the fiscal year 2026 purchase price and delays the take-or-pay obligation until seven years after the effective date.

Mayor DePauli provided historical context on municipal effluent utilization, which began in 1962 with a seven-mile irrigation pipeline serving the local golf course. He stated that the Carbon Coal mine reclamation project, located where Teraplex Data Centers LLC now plans to build, subsequently utilized a three-and-a-half-mile pipeline connected to the City's wastewater facility. The City later expanded this infrastructure to support the municipal Sports Complex for roughly 20 years before transitioning effluent irrigation to local soccer fields. Mayor DePauli summarized that the pending agreement outperforms past contracts by securing city revenue and establishing clear termination rights and supports the City's path toward zero-discharge.

Ms. Pirotte noted that the building, management, and overall execution of the effluent water delivery pipeline system to the site remain strictly the responsibility of the developer.

Discussion followed regarding water metrics, daily treated volumes, average golf course water usage, water quality efforts, the balance between guaranteed effluent allocations and actual city supply, existing effluent purchase contract with Gallup Land Partners,

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funding for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant capable of doubling daily treatment capacity including a loan from New Mexico Environmental Department in the amount of \$24 million and a \$16 million Water Trust Board grant/loan capable of doubling the daily treatment capacity and providing the infrastructure needed to potentially treat reuse water to drinking water standards.

Councilor Yazzie expressed concern regarding the future precedents the decision might establish and questioned whether the Council intended to initiate those outcomes.

Councilor Piano requested clarification confirming that the project requires no new infrastructure due to the existing pipe installation, with the developer bearing sole responsibility for any subsequent repairs or modifications.

Mayor DePauli invited public comment regarding the Discussion/Action topic.

Jean Phillips stated that based on her experience and research, companies proposing data centers frequently fail to meet their low-impact projections. She expressed concern that the municipality would bear the negative consequences on municipal resources if the company's promises are unmet and that she sees no benefit to the City from the project. Ms. Phillips noted that effluent water could be redirected to better uses, said that the project yields too few jobs relative to its resource drain, cited potential negative impacts on wildlife and requested real public discussions with the residents who will be affected by the development.

Larry Winn provided comment based on his experience organizing a Water Town Hall 23 years ago and serving as Water Board chairman for nine years. Mr. Winn cited data centers' national reputation for resource strain, his skepticism of what was presented and concern that it is being taken at face value. He mentioned a discussion with Mr. Thompson before the meeting about bringing stakeholders together and asserted that this collaborative process should happen before any formal council vote. He provided information regarding the Colorado River Compact's current operational guidelines for handling severe shortages and Arizona's projected 51% supply decrease that will cause a regional rush to purchase water rights. According to Mr. Winn, Gallup's long-term water rights remain insecure, leaving the municipality vulnerable if forced to compete financially against wealthier cities. He urged the Council to explain the urgency behind the timeline, citing instances where other municipalities postponed data center agreements to conduct further study. He requested that officials explicitly address the public's anxiety regarding the project. Mr. Winn highlighted his vote for Mayor DePauli was motivated by the Mayor's deep water expertise and his own desire to trust the Council's final decision.

Patricia Sheely expressed concern regarding the absence of evidentiary facts and questioned the city's alternatives if the development requires additional water, stated that Gallup may eventually need its effluent water for potable consumption due to diminishing groundwater supplies and a declining aquifer. Ms. Sheely noted that the

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aquifer is not replenishing due to a lack of snowfall highlighting the prolonged timeline required for natural recharge and stated that the municipality must implement long-term planning to prevent the future depletion of the city's water resources.

Dr. Connie Liu referenced conversations with several patients from the Red Water Pond community in Sanders, Arizona, concerning the impacts of a mining dam collapse that polluted the Puerco River with hidden waste 40 years ago. She raised objections to the data center proposal based on unforeseen ecosystem risks, stating that no data center can operate in an environmentally friendly manner. Dr. Liu recommended that the Council seek input from Navajo Nation biologists and local environmental protectors before approving and noted the displacement of the pinon jay after land where the bird thrived was raised and the general lack of awareness.

Katherine Morrissey raised objections to the data center based on its water consumption during an ongoing drought. She pointed out that the developer's presentation which acknowledged supplemental water from the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. Ms. Morrissey questioned the operational reliability of the facility's solar power during non-daylight hours or overcast weather, asking how the necessary grid backup connection would impact local consumer utility bills. She inquired about the destination and condition of the effluent water once cycled through the facility, expressed opposition to permitting a high-volume water consumer in a high-desert region and asked the Council to evaluate the long-term health outcomes for local residents.

Brandy Laughter questioned the geographic footprint of the proposed data center and the demographic impact on her surrounding neighborhood on the west side. She inquired whether the corporate developers had engaged with the local tribal community or could accurately identify the Navajo chapters in the affected area. Ms. Laughter listed the Chapters that would be affected by a data center on the west side, noted that the Diné population was underrepresented among the meeting attendees and asked Council if they had traveled to those chapters to speak with tribal elders regarding the facility. She stated that development within Native American Country demands the consideration of indigenous populations and regional wildlife and formally stated her family's opposition to the data center.

Labor Persinger advocated for strict transparency and the acquisition of firm, verifiable commitments detailing the company's precise actions. He requested that the Council delay immediate action to protect the public interest, noting that companies historically exploit legal loopholes to evade following through with agreements. Speaking from his experience with numbers and his financial investments in artificial intelligence, Mr. Persinger stated that New Mexico's infrastructure features 22 active data centers and 35 pending construction projects. He emphasized that while the Council must thoroughly study the environmental and structural repercussions of a data

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center, artificial intelligence is an unavoidable technological shift that presents a major opportunity for the municipality.

Irena Begay presented a written statement concerning environmental balance and the potential consequences of a data center installation. She commented on the utilization of natural resources, the management of effluent water and broader environmental footprint concerns. Ms. Begay advocated for prioritized preservation efforts and specific health concerns, including autoimmune diseases and cancer.

Abigail Littlefield stated her resentment regarding the topic and noted the proposed construction of a new wastewater treatment plant that could potentially purify effluent water to drinking levels and the sustainability of transferring millions of gallons of effluent water to the data center, defined sustainability as a fourteen-year outlook spanning seven years past and future. Ms. Littlefield highlighted indigenous values and people as the source of the city's profit, noted the necessity of understanding these concepts and stated that indigenous values have no monetary value. Ms. Littlefield cited her own research labeling data centers as environmental threats and accused corporations of public deception. She expressed concern over a projected water shortage facing her generation, the substitution of environmental values with corporate values and the survival of indigenous culture.

Rachel Brown stated her opposition to corporate resource extraction for profit at the expense of the community, citing the historical mining impacts in Picher, Oklahoma. Ms. Brown described Teraplex's presentation as shortsighted, requested details on how the city would benefit from storing data, data storage types and opposition to a surveillance state. Ms. Brown argued against the description of effluent water as a wasted resource, noted the unpredictability of ecosystem impacts and questioned plans for the facility after the data center loses its utility.

Felicia Yazzie, resident, spoke on environmental issues affecting future generations, focusing on water supply, global warming, and heat emissions from data centers. She cited a published article regarding data center environmental impacts and the development of heat islands. Following comments on existing environmental changes in Gallup, Ms. Yazzie advised the Council to complete further research and consider the environmental legacy left to younger family members.

Ms. Pirotte summarized the proposed third amendment to the Effluent Option Agreement.

Mayor DePauli stated skepticism toward data centers and clarified that the evening's proposal only concerns an agreement to utilize 13% of the wastewater treatment plant's industrial water supply. He stated that the action is not a development approval for a data center but is instead the approval of a water agreement previously arranged with a company planned to mount steel.

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Councilor Yazzie noted the community's negative response to the item, stated that the Council represents the public rather than the company and cited a New Mexico Environmental Law Center lawsuit against Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County concerning a lack of due diligence and community benefits. Councilor Yazzie advised the Council to table the matter.

Councilor Molina questioned the ramifications of tabling the item.

Ms. Pirotte stated that if the proposal fails, the second amendment terms remain binding, requiring the developer to exercise the option by July 25, 2026, or face potential City termination. The existing agreement also permits City termination if construction does not begin by July 25, 2027, and schedules the take-or-pay commencement for July 25, 2029. Ms. Pirotte provided further clarification with regard to the City's time to act on the matter in accordance to the terms of the current agreement.

Barry Brown advised the Council to pursue further research on the proposal due to the high volume of public opposition. He also noted that the presentation provided unclear information regarding future additional water requirements for the project.

Councilor Garcia thanked the public speakers and voiced support for tabling the item to conduct additional research.

Councilor Molina echoed Councilor Yazzie's statement on public representation and noted concerns regarding lost local industry. He stated his public service goals are to attract business and address local drug issues. While agreeing that more information is needed on the proposal, he reminded everyone of the city's essential need for business development.

Councilor Yazzie made the motion to defer any action on Discussion /Action Topic 5 Effluent Option Agreement with Teraplex Data Centers' LLC. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Yazzie, Garcia, Piano and Molina voted yes. Mayor DePauli voted no. Motion carried.

2. Resolution No. R2026-14; Accepting the FY 2025 Audit – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland announced that the City received its approved audit back from the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) and introduced Chris Gartner, the Managing Partner who managed the audit this year, to present the basic elements and explain the final results of the audit.

Mr. Gartner delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the scope of the audit, including the application of generally accepted auditing standards, internal control evaluations and the communication of significant findings. He issued an unmodified

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opinion on the financial statements, identifying it as the highest level of assurance possible and confirmation of fair presentation. The final report included two additional components, the Yellow Book report and the Federal Grant Compliance report, both of which received unmodified opinions. Mr. Gartner reviewed staff's cooperation confirming the firm experienced no difficulties conducting the audit, encountered no disagreements with management, identified no outside auditor consultations and issued zero adjustments and confirmed Council can maintain full confidence in the financial numbers during annual decision-making, outlined last year's findings and compared the status of the two findings against the current year's results.

Discussion followed regarding the resolution of the prior year's audit finding pertaining to insurance payments and clarification that this matter was resolved and will not appear in the upcoming fiscal year's audit, grant reimbursements and appreciation to Ms. Holland, her staff, and the participating departments for their efforts.

Councilor Piano made the motion to approve R2026-14. Seconded by Councilor Molina. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Molina, Yazzie, Garcia and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

3. Resolution No. R2026-13; 3rd Quarter FY 2026 Budget Adjustments and Report of Actuals – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland stated that the budget process is in its final stages and reviewed reports from the Department of Finance Budget Management System regarding personnel, operations, capital outlay, transfers, and actual figures. She reported temporary cash transfers from the general fund and highlighted the cash-basis reporting methods utilized by the Department of Finance Administration. Ms. Holland explained some budget categories decreased, notable increases were recorded across several sectors including funding increases by \$3 million for Wastewater, approximately \$800,000 for the Water Department, \$600,000. for the Fire Department and \$200,000. for street repairs. She incorporated a \$100,000. grant for the trade port, a \$75,000. allocation for housing and unspecified increases for law enforcement, Risk Management, and the Senior Center.

Discussion followed regarding grant reimbursement timelines, the failure to collect reimbursable grants, specific fiscal year-end accounting impacts of delayed reimbursements and the largest delayed allocations the Senior Center and the airport.

Councilor Piano made the motion to approve Resolution R2026-13. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Garcia, Yazzie, Molina and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

4. Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$2,200,600. for the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project – Jacqueline Leyba, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

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Ms. Leyba presented the proposed adjustment for the engineering design and procurement services regarding pumping plant number eight stating that a set of bid documents, incorporating plans and specifications, will be developed based on the completed 30% design package. She explained the scope of work includes securing Department of Transportation permitting in correlation with the Bureau of Reclamation and confirmed that the project will be financed through a previously received Bureau of Reclamation grant, which is 100% reimbursable.

Discussion followed regarding fund distribution, payment request initiation procedures, overall project completion schedule, financial and operational reviews including asset ownership determination and rate study progress and evaluation of ongoing operations and replacement negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Navajo Tribal Utility.

Councilor Molina made the motion to approve the budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,200,600 for the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilor Piano. Roll call: Councilors Molina, Piano, Garcia, Yazzie and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

5. Adoption of the Gallup Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) 2026 – Clyde “C.B.” Strain, Planning and Development Director

Mr. Strain presented Resolution No. R2026-15 to adopt the Gallup Comprehensive Safety Action Plan 2026 clarifying that comprehensive safety action plans constitute the baseline requirement under the United States Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, aimed at reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users. Mr. Strain clarified that the safety plan utilizes data analysis to define roadway challenges and deploy targeted interventions against systemic risks and operates under the Safe System Approach, driving a strategic shift to elevate safety culture, expand stakeholder collaboration, and reengineer infrastructure to anticipate human error and absorb impact forces to minimize fatalities. He explained the plan further integrates optimized crash response protocols designed to mitigate secondary accidents, maximize patient survivability, and improve severe injury outcomes. Mr. Strain introduced Bohannon Huston Senior Planner Claire Haley to continue the presentation.

Ms. Haley conducted a PowerPoint briefing on the Gallup Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero Commitment, a Gallup Planning and Development initiative funded by the New Mexico Department of Transportation Multimodal and Programs Bureau to achieve compliance under the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program. She summarized required plan components, anchoring its findings on Gallup crash data from 2019 through 2023 to compare local fatality rates with state and federal metrics, utilized a geographic heatmap to isolate local fatal and serious injury crashes, adding that the State of New Mexico is targeting safety upgrades on state highways.

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She presented detailed community survey data, ranking local priorities in order of importance as roadway design and construction, enforcement, programming and evaluation planning and policy. She provided notable community feedback including accessible sidewalks, safer crossings and improved street lighting and introduced project selection criteria weighing crash history, projected costs, vulnerable road users, public support, technical feasibility and disadvantaged neighborhoods. She clarified that this project pipeline remains flexible to capture grant funding opportunities and explained Vision Zero, a required planning element based on the policy that traffic deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable. Ms. Haley outlined municipal commitment options, confirming that failing to meet future targets carries no negative funding repercussions, provided community survey feedback on Vision Zero, suggested adoption of the CSAP with a Vision Zero Resolution and suggested a pledge to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injury by the year 2045.

Discussion followed regarding the state highway department's involvement in the program, emphasis that zero-fatality goals require direct collaboration with the Department of Transportation, specific state highway fatalities, amendment procedures for local projects omitted from the current action plan and state transport department ineligibility for this community-specific grant funding and recommendation to share the data with state officials to encourage independent funding requests.

Further discussion followed regarding concerns that excluding railroad infrastructure and the highways from the plan creates a barrier to achieving zero fatalities, last year's grant application rejection and current discussions with BNSF Railway regarding pedestrian crossing improvements and joint funding opportunities, integrating rail crash data for future safety metrics and a review of survey responses detailing public project prioritization and the complexity of Gallup's transportation and pedestrian safety issues.

Councilor Molina made the motion to approve the adoption of the Gallup Comprehensive Safety Action Plan 2026 with an addendum to add railroad safety to the plan. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Molina, Garcia, Piano, Yazzie and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Garcia highlighted her attendance at Administrative Appreciation Day, commended Human Resources Director Marcus Largo and organizing staff for the event's success and recommended that department directors enable the attendance of administrative staff at future appreciation events.

Councilor Piano announced and encouraged everyone's attendance at several local events and the start of the Route 66 Centennial traveling exhibit.

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Comments by City Manager and City Attorney

Mr. Chiapetti thanked Chief Pairett and the Gallup Fire Department for their efforts in putting out a recent fire at an apartment complex in Gamerco.

There being no further business, Councilor Piano made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Piano, Garcia, Yazzie, Molina and Mayor DePauli all voted yes.



ATTEST:


Alicia Martinez, Deputy City Clerk


Marc DePauli, Mayor