

AGENDA

**GALLUP CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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
David Eason, City Attorney

Members of the public may submit comment either in person or by telephone. To submit comment by telephone, please call 505-863-1254 to leave your name and a return phone number.

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

Members of the public are invited to comment on matters not appearing on the meeting agenda.

D. Presentation/Information Items

1. Presentation On Proposed North Hogback Trail

The area east and north of the motocross track on the east side of the Hogback towards the White Cliffs. AGB will present a proposed non-motorized trail system. This will be a presentation only as the group flushes out other permission for property access and final trail plat.

Fiscal Impact:	None
Recommendation:	Presentation Item Only
Speaker's Name	Brian Leddy

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 1-5 on the Consent Agenda by unanimous vote:

1. Approval Of Minutes

December 22, 2025 Special Meeting

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

Documents:

[DRAFT MINUTES DEC 22 2025 SP MTG.PDF](#)

2. Library Board Appointment

Mayor DePauli is recommending Rebecca Bertinetti and Ben Welch to the Library Advisory Board:

Rebecca Bertinetti is a life-long resident of Gallup and has raised her family here. She has always been active in education and currently works for GMCS.

Ben Welch is a life-long resident of Gallup and is recently retired from the City of Gallup. Ben is an advocate for Veterans and his job experience with working with the citizens of Gallup make him an ideal candidate to represent them.

Fiscal Impact:	None
Recommendation:	confirm mayor's recommendations
Speaker's Name	Marc DePauli

3. Approval Of Use And Budget Adjustment Of Opioid Settlement And Housing Trust Funds In The Amount Of \$70,000.

The City of Gallup Behavioral Health Division would like to request emergency funding to keep residents in the NOVA 3 Recovery Housing Program housed. The current operator abandoned the program, leaving 40 residents and 10 Children potentially without a place to live. This includes one veteran and several people with disabilities and serious medical conditions. This has caused stress

with current residents, and we are working with them to prevent relapse.

In partnership with the Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement (Hozho) and the Housing Justice Coalition, we are requesting \$70,000 to develop a housing program and hire staff to sustain the program. Hozho is willing to take on the program and hire a Program Manager and a Property Manager, along with other supportive staff, to sustain the program.

Fiscal Impact:	\$70,000 total funding request to include \$35,000 of Opioid Settlement Funds and \$35,000 of Housing Trust Funds.
Recommendation:	Approval of use and Budget Adjustment of Opioid Settlement and Housing Trust Funds in the amount of
Speaker's Name	Debra L Martinez, Behavioral Health Manager

4. Permit Application - St. Patrick's Day Event

The City of Gallup, in conjunction with partners on the Gallup Route 66 Committee, is planning a Route 66-themed St. Patrick's Day event slated for Saturday, March 14. The event is planned to be hosted on Coal Avenue Commons and at El Morro Theatre. The event will take place from noon to 5 p.m., but the permit requests 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accommodate street closure/reopening. The event will be free to the public. The format will be very similar to Arts Crawl, and downtown businesses will be encouraged to participate using a variety of strategies. Leading up to the event, a community scavenger hunt will be held with drawings to take place at the event.

Fiscal Impact:	No direct impact
Recommendation:	Respectfully request approval
Speaker's Name	Matt Robinson - Tourism & Marketing Manager

Documents:

[EVENT PERMIT COG ROUTE 66 COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

5. Approval Of Resolution No. R2026-9 To Accept State Of New Mexico's Animal Welfare Fund Grant Agreement 25-J9503-08

Staff is requesting the City Council approve Resolution No. R2026-9, accepting the New Mexico Animal Welfare Fund Grant Agreement 25-J9503-08 in the amount of \$200,000 to plan, design, construct, and improve animal shelter facilities, including kennel replacement, fencing, and drainage upgrades to the city of Gallup's Animal Shelter.

Fiscal Impact:	Budget adjustment in Revenue and Expenses in the amount of \$200,000
Recommendation:	Approve Resolution No. R2026-9; approve requested revenue and expenditure budget
Speaker's Name	Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez, City Project Manager, Community Development Dept.

Documents:

F. Discussion/Action Topics

1. Budget Adjustment For Animal Control Capital Purchase

The Animal Control Department is needing to purchase 28 animal kennel bank cages, 2 surgical exam lights, and 2 anesthesia machines from the Humane Society in order to continue daily operations, since taking over shelter services. This amount was negotiated and agreed upon between the two entities.

A budget line item adjustment in the amount of \$58,417.00 from our supplies budget into capital purchases/equipment and machinery to cover the cost of this equipment.

Fiscal Impact:	None- Funds are already accounted for in our budget
Recommendation:	Approval of Budget Adjustment for Animal Control
Speaker's Name	Tiffany Hubbard

Documents:

[DETERMINATION-GALLUP HUMANE SOCIETY.PDF](#)
[CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE PRICES.PDF](#)

2. Community Development Department Budget Adjustment Request

The newly created Community Development Department is requesting a budget adjustment to increase funds into the accounts listed in the attachment. The Community Development Department started as one person in May 2025 and has now, as of January 2026, grown by an additional three staff members to total 4 in the department. The initial budget for one was \$27,000. With this additional staff, in order to accommodate their needs and as I am learning scope of work around the Project Manager position, I am requesting an additional \$30,000 to the budget. The breakdown for the \$30,000 is shown in the attachment listing the specific increase for the specific accounts.

This request is made in an effort to develop the skill set of the Community Development Team and to ensure the departments can function efficiently meeting project needs.

Fiscal Impact:	\$30,000 Budget Adjustment from fund balance
Recommendation:	Approve budget request
Speaker's Name	Keegan Mackenzie-Chavez, City Project Manager, Community Development Dept.

Documents:

[COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT BUDGET INCREASE 2.3.26.PDF](#)

3. Recommendation Of Award For Bid No. ITB-2609 To H.O. Construction Inc, For The City Of Gallup Carbon Coal McKinley County Industrial Park Waterline

This project consists of installing new waterlines on Carbon Coal Road & Industrial Park Road at the newly developed Industrial Park site in the City of Gallup, New Mexico in the amount of \$1,087,854.38

The Carbon Coal Road waterline will consist of installing approximately 2,395 linear feet of 12-inch CL350 ductile iron pipe. Work will also include gate valves, air release valves, a fire hydrant assembly, waterline tie-in, fittings, specials, trenching, rock excavation, backfilling, and traffic control.

The Industrial Park waterline will consist of installing approximately 535 linear feet of 8-inch CL350 ductile iron pipe. Work will also include gate valves, air release valves, a fire hydrant assembly, fire post indicator, high pressure water service meter, fittings, specials, trenching, rock excavation, backfilling, and traffic control.

This project # JU2307 will be funded by US Department of Commerce EDA 08-79-05634.

Fiscal Impact: Funded by EDA 08-79-05634
Recommendation: We recommend approval of the bid award
Speaker's Name Jan Darrell Boone

Documents:

[EVALUATION TABULATION ITB-2609.PDF](#)
[RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD.PDF](#)
[08-79-05634_CITYGALLUP_SAC_2022.09.29.PDF](#)
[08-79-05634_CITYGALLUP_CD-450_SIGNED.PDF](#)

4. Future Of Lexington Hotel

A decision needs to be made on the status of the Lexington Hotel. Either fix it which will require extensive work to brace the walls and completely rebuild the interior floors and walls or demolish the building. Estimated cost for fixing the building will be >2 million dollars. Demolition will cost in the range of \$750,000 - 1,250,000. The NMSIF is requesting the City to make a decision regarding this to close out the initial claim. The 2nd and 3rd claims have been denied.

Fiscal Impact: Based on decision of the council \$750,000 - roughly \$3,000,000
Recommendation: Demolish
Speaker's Name Marcus Largo

Documents:

[C-G LEXINGTON HOTEL.PDF](#)
[DECISION MEMO REGARDING LEXINGTON HOTEL CLAIM - 2024032279 \(1\).PDF](#)

5. Extend Contract For City Attorney & Contract For Selected Legal Issues

The contract for Dave Eason expires on 2/14/26. He has requested to work until the end of March to ensure a smoother transition with the Deputy City Attorney. He has also requested to contract beyond March on issues dealing with the Trade Port and NGWSP.

Fiscal Impact:	32 days with benefits \$21,500. Contract amount TBD
Recommendation:	Council consider and act on request
Speaker's Name	Marc DePauli

G. Comments By Mayor And City Councilors

H. Comments By City Manager And City Attorney

I. 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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