

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Lunas, County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico met Thursday, June 11, 2026 in regular session at 6:00PM. Roll call was taken, and the following were present: Mayor Charles Griego, Councilor Gino Romero, Councilor James Runyon, & Councilor Matthew Chavez. Councilor Christopher Ortiz was excused. The meeting was conducted in person and recorded through TEAMS.

Mayor:	Charles Griego
Mayor Pro Tem:	Christopher Ortiz (Excused)
Council:	Matthew Chavez James Runyon Gino Romero

Also present were: Gregory Martin, Mykayla Moody, Nancy Jo Gonzales, Luis Brown, and Craig Donohue. In accordance with Ordinance 114A, the following agenda was prepared and circulated as required:

- 1. Ordinance 485 – Municipal Planning Commission**
- 2. Requesting permission to enter a contract with an individual for YSC coordination**
- 3. Appointment of Library Advisory Board**
- 4. Resolution 26-10 – Declaration of Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions and Fireworks Restrictions**
- 5. Acquisition of Sewer Easement to serve Plaza Luna Lofts Apartments**
- 6. Los Lunas Blvd A300962 Change Order #2**
- 7. 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Workshop**
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - a. Offer to Settle Condemnation Litigation regarding VLL v. Roy D. Mercer, VLL v. Crowley, and VLL v. Prewitt**
 - b. Relocation Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and Public Service Company (PNM)**
 - c. Hire Police Officer – Police Department**
 - d. Hire Assistant Systems Administrator – Information Technology Department**
 - e. Hire Zoning & Development Inspector – Planning Division – Community Development Department**
 - f. Hire Payroll & Benefits Specialist – Finance Department**
- 9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes from May 21, 2026, Council Meeting**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT.**

• **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

At 6:00PM, Mayor Griego brought the meeting to order and welcomed the audience.

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Griego asked Chief Frank Lucero to lead the Council and TEAMS participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **PUBLIC INPUT FORUM.**

Mayor Griego asked the audience if there was anyone who wanted to address the council that did not have an item on the agenda – there were none.

1. Ordinance 485 – Municipal Planning Commission

Mayor Griego called for a motion from the Council to recess the regular meeting and convene in a public hearing. 6:03PM

<u>APPROVAL:</u>	Motion to recess the regular meeting and convene in a public hearing.
<u>MOVED:</u>	Councilor Runyon
<u>SECONDED:</u>	Councilor Chavez
<u>CARRIED:</u>	Motion passed on a vote of <u>3 (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.</u>

Community Development Director Alex Ochoa presented Ordinance No. 485, amending Chapter 2.36 of the Village Code related to the Municipal Planning Commission (Planning and Zoning Commission). The ordinance updates commissioner compensation as

previously discussed during budget workshops and includes a comprehensive revision of the chapter to modernize language, remove outdated provisions, and ensure compliance with applicable state statutes. Mr. Ochoa reviewed the Commission's membership structure, appointment process, terms of office, officer positions, meeting requirements, powers and duties, and procedures for vacancies and removals. The ordinance also clarifies meeting scheduling requirements, quorum standards, and the distinction between advisory and decision-making authority. Compensation for Commission members was revised to reflect a rate equivalent to approximately \$120 per meeting, replacing the previous \$30 per meeting rate. No public comments were received during the public hearing.

Mayor Griego asked for a motion from the Council to close the public hearing and return to regular session. 6:11PM

APPROVAL: Motion to close the public hearing and return to regular session
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding Ordinance 485

APPROVAL: Motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 485
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

2. Requesting permission to enter a contract with an individual for YSC coordination

DWI Program Coordinator Ginny Adame presented a request for approval to enter into a contract with David Adame to continue serving as the Youth Success Core Coordinator at the TNT Boxing and Youth Mentoring Center. Ms. Adame disclosed that the contractor is her husband and provided the information for transparency purposes. She explained that the coordinator is responsible for recruiting and developing mentors and peer mentors, overseeing mentoring activities, and administering the Youth Success Core program in partnership with Juvenile Justice Services and Teen Court. The program serves adjudicated youth and includes substance misuse and violence prevention curriculum, tutoring services, and access to the boxing and mentoring program. Council discussed the scope of the program and its services for participating youth.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the contract with Mr. David Adame

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the contact with David Adame to serve as the Youth Success Coordinator
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

3. Appointment of Library Advisory Board

Library Director Cynthia Shetter presented recommendations for appointments to the Library Advisory Board. She noted that the Board is comprised of volunteer members and recommended the appointment of Jim Rickey, Michelle Osowski, Kristi Whistler, Jean Davies, and Laura Burr to serve terms as outlined in the recommendation letter provided to Council. Staff requested Council's consideration of the proposed appointments. No questions were raised following the presentation.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the Library Advisory Board

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the recommended Library Advisory Board
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

4. Resolution 26-10 – Declaration of Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions and Fireworks Restrictions

Fire Chief John Gabaldon presented Resolution No. 26-10 declaring extreme or severe drought conditions within the Village and implementing fireworks restrictions as authorized by state law. Chief Gabaldon explained that ongoing drought conditions, low humidity, high temperatures, dry vegetation, and increased fire risk necessitated the restrictions. The resolution prohibits the sale and use of certain fireworks, including missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets, and ground audible devices, while also restricting the use of other permissible fireworks to paved or barren areas with a readily accessible water source. The resolution further prohibits the use of all fireworks in designated wildland areas and establishes safety requirements for public fireworks displays conducted by or on behalf of the Village. Chief Gabaldon emphasized the importance of fire prevention and encouraged residents to attend the Village's public Fourth of July fireworks display as a safe alternative.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding Resolution 26-10

APPROVAL: Motion to approve Resolution 26-10
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

5. Acquisition of Sewer Easement to serve Plaza Luna Lofts Apartments

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo and Village Attorney Larry Guggino presented an agreement related to obtaining access for sewer infrastructure serving a development project. Staff explained that the only feasible route for the necessary infrastructure required crossing property owned by the School of Dreams Academy. During discussion, Council raised concerns regarding future traffic circulation and access impacts resulting from the closure of a southern access point. Staff explained that the school would continue to have primary access through existing roadways and that discussions with the school and the New Mexico Department of Transportation regarding long-term traffic management and future access improvements were ongoing. Council also discussed the importance of maintaining the proposed connection solely for emergency ingress and egress purposes, particularly in the event of an emergency evacuation. Staff indicated that the agreement could be amended to clarify that the connection would be limited to emergency access. Following discussion, Council expressed support for incorporating the clarification into the agreement.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the Acquisition of Sewer Easement to serve the Plaza Luna Lofts Apartments

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the sewer easement with the added language to the third paragraph with the consideration that it will only be used for emergency purposes.
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

6. Los Lunas Blvd A300962 Change Order #2

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo and Molzen Corbin representative Wyatt Kartchner presented an update on the Los Lunas Boulevard Extension Project and requested approval of a change order associated with the construction contract. Staff reported that significant progress has been made, including roadway construction, paving, curb and gutter installation, and bridge construction across the Rio Grande. Due to favorable river conditions, work within the river channel has advanced ahead of schedule, with most bridge pier construction and pile driving substantially complete.

The proposed change order addressed several construction adjustments, including additional excavation of unsuitable materials, detour pavement modifications, bridge pile depth revisions, storm drain modifications, testing requirements, and material price adjustments. Staff explained that while the change order represents an increase of approximately \$453,000 before tax, project savings in other areas have offset costs, leaving the overall project approximately \$1 million below the original bid amount. Staff noted that construction is progressing well and remains within budget expectations.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the Los Lunas BLVD Change Order

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the Los Lunas BLVD A300962 Change Order #2
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

7. 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Workshop

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo and Assistant Public Works Director Brittany Armijo presented the proposed 2028–2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP), a five-year planning document used to identify, prioritize, and seek funding for future infrastructure projects throughout the Village. Staff reviewed project priorities and funding considerations, noting that inclusion in the ICIP is important for future grant and funding opportunities.

Discussion included the Los Lunas West Loop project, park improvement projects, and the proposed MBR II wastewater treatment facility expansion, which is identified in the Village’s long-range utility planning efforts to accommodate future growth and address aging infrastructure. Staff explained that projects may be adjusted and reprioritized before final adoption of the ICIP and encouraged Council members to review the project rankings and provide feedback prior to the final resolution. No action was taken, and staff advised that the ICIP would return for Council consideration and approval at a future meeting.

8. Executive Session.

Mayor Griego requested a motion from the Council to enter into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H), for discussion of matters authorized to be considered in a closed session. 7:11PM

APPROVAL: Motion to enter into executive session
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

At 8:28PM, Mayor Griego requested a motion from the Council to reconvene the meeting following executive session discussion.

APPROVAL: Motion to reconvene regular session
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the Offer to Settle Condemnation Litigation regarding VLL v. Roy D. Mercer, VLL v. Crowley, and VLL v. Prewitt, Mayor Griego stated that the council had a discussion with the Village attorney and gave direction for negotiating a settlement.

Regarding the Relocation Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and Public Service Company (PNM), Mayor Griego stated that after reviewing, discussion was had between the council and Village attorney to negotiate with PNM.

Regarding the hiring of a Police Officer – Mayor Griego recommended Robert Ferreyra

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Robert Ferreyra
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the hiring of an Assistant Systems Administrator – Mayor Griego recommended Emily Flores

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Emily Flores
MOVED: Councilor Chavez
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the hiring of a Zoning & Development Inspector – Mayor Griego recommended Michael Montoya

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Michael Montoya
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the hiring of a Payroll & Benefits Specialist – Mayor Griego recommended both candidates due to the need of the position and the qualifications of the candidates. Mayor Griego's first recommendation - RayAnna Benevidez

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of RayAnna Benevidez
MOVED: Councilor Chavez
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the hiring of a Payroll & Benefits Specialist – Mayor Griego's second recommendation – Demiree Moore

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Demiree Moore
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

9. MINUTES

Mayor Griego asked if there were any amendments/corrections to the May 21, 2026 Council Meeting minutes – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the May 21, 2026 Council Meeting minutes
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

Gregory D. Martin, Village Administrator

Charles Griego, Mayor