

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Lunas, County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico met Thursday, May 21, 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. Community Wellness Council (Health Council Valencia County)**
- 2. Relocation Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and New Mexico Gas Company**
- 3. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and Los Lunas Fire Fighters Association Local 4297**
- 4. Donation/Disposition of Surplus Breathing Air Compressor and Fill Station Equipment**
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - a. Acquisition of Sewer Easement to serve Plaza Luna Lofts Apartments**
 - b. Hire Facility Maintenance Technician II – Facility Maintenance Division – Parks & Recreation Department**
 - c. Hire Park Ranger – Open Space Division – Parks & Recreation Department**
 - d. Hire Two (2) Recreation Aides-Part Time – Recreation Division – Parks & Recreation Department**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes from May 7, 2026, Council Meeting**
- 7. 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 Pat Jaramillo 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. Community Wellness Council (Health Council Valencia County)

Pamela Skinner, Coordinator for the Community Wellness Council and 100% Valencia, provided the Council with the organization's annual update regarding public health and wellness initiatives throughout Valencia County. Ms. Skinner introduced Alexis Kathy, the new Health Promotion Specialist with the Department of Health, who will be working out of the Los Lunas Public Health Office promoting services including WIC, family planning, cancer screening, and harm reduction programs.

Ms. Skinner discussed ongoing efforts related to the statewide coordination of the 988-crisis response system, including addressing liability concerns between 911 and 988 emergency response services. She also reported on the acquisition and placement of five Narcan distribution boxes throughout Valencia County, including locations in Los Lunas, Belen, Rio Communities, and Meadow Lake. The Narcan boxes are free and intended to provide lifesaving overdose intervention resources to the public. The initiative is a partnership involving the Community Wellness Council, Valencia County, the Valencia County Opioid Remediation Collaborative, and Women in Leadership, Inc.

Additional updates were provided on the ongoing 100% Valencia initiative and its ten task forces addressing community priorities including medical and dental services, behavioral health, transportation, housing, food security, youth mentoring, parenting supports, schools, and employment. Ms. Skinner highlighted transportation coordination efforts that established a direct transit

route between the Valencia Transportation Center and UNM-Valencia Campus. Ms. Skinner also discussed efforts to coordinate Regional 13 behavioral health funding opportunities through the SB3 initiative, noting that approximately \$13 million in funding may become available for mental and behavioral health programs in the region. Survey results from the organization's community needs assessment identified medical services, dental services, early childhood support, food access, parenting support, and behavioral health as the highest community priorities.

Lastly, Ms. Skinner provided information regarding the Community Wellness Council's updated resource directory, which has been integrated into the 988 Directory, New Mexico Share, and other statewide referral systems to improve public access to health and community services throughout Valencia County.

2. Relocation Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and New Mexico Gas Company

Village Administrator Gregory Martin presented a relocation agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and New Mexico Gas Company related to the I-25 Los Lunas Boulevard Corridor Project. The agreement provides for the relocation of existing gas lines and a regulator station that conflict with the roadway improvements. Gregory Martin explained that under New Mexico law, the Village is responsible for reimbursing utility relocation costs associated with public roadway projects. The estimated cost of the relocation work is approximately \$4.1 million and will be funded through recently awarded state legislative appropriations for the project. Gregory Martin noted that the work is anticipated to begin in June and that no gas service interruptions are expected during construction. Molzen Corbin will review all submitted invoices to ensure costs are appropriate and comply with the agreement before payment approval.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the relocation agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and New Mexico Gas Company.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the relocation agreement
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.**

3. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and Los Lunas Fire Fighters Association Local 4297

Human Resources Director Marcos Castillo presented the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Los Lunas and the Firefighters Union Local 4297 for Council consideration. Mr. Castillo explained that the negotiating team included Human Resources staff, Fire Chief Gabaldon, Deputy Chief Tommy Madrid, and legal counsel. The agreement includes a 6.35% wage increase based on the compensation study previously approved by Council. In addition, the agreement provides firefighters with an additional 24 hours of bereavement leave, allowing for a total of 48 hours to better accommodate the nature of firefighter shifts. Mr. Castillo noted that this is a mid-term contract agreement expiring at the end of Fiscal Year 2027, at which time all contract items will return to negotiations.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the collective bargaining agreement.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Los Lunas Fire Fighters Association
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.**

4. Donation/Disposition of Surplus Breathing Air Compressor and Fill Station Equipment

Fire Chief John Gabaldon presented a request for approval of the donation or disposal of surplus breathing air equipment previously purchased in 2008. Chief Gabaldon explained that the equipment has been replaced with a newer, higher-capacity system capable of filling the department's updated 5,000 PSI air cylinders. The surplus equipment, originally valued at approximately \$36,000, is no longer compatible with the Village's operational needs. Chief Gabaldon stated that the equipment would be donated to a fire department in Rio Arriba County, as identified through coordination with the State Fire Marshal's Office, where it will continue to

benefit emergency response operations. He also noted that additional surplus fire equipment may be brought before Council at a later date for similar donation consideration.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the donation of the surplus breathing air compressor and fill station equipment.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the donation of the surplus breathing air compressor and fill station equipment
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.**

5. 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. 6:33PM

APPROVAL: Motion to enter into executive session
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.**

At 7:20PM, 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 Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Regarding the acquisition of Sewer Easement to serve Plaza Luna Lofts Apartments, Mayor Griego announced that Council discussed entering into an agreement to modify the existing lease agreement with the School of Dreams Academy, including proposed changes related to easements, water rights, and impacts. The item will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.

APPROVAL: Motion to place this item on the next regular meeting agenda for consideration.
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 Facility Maintenance Technician II – Mayor Griego recommended Joshua Duran

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Joshua Duran
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 hiring of a Park Ranger – Mayor Griego recommended Aden Pairett

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Aden Pairett
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 (2) Recreation Aides-Part Time – Mayor’s first recommendation was Ava Eylicio

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Ava Eylicio
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.**

Regarding the hiring of (2) Recreation Aides-Part Time – Mayor’s second recommendation was Jaime Borunda

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the hiring of Jamie Borunda
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.**

6. MINUTES

Mayor Griego asked if there were any amendments/corrections to the May 7, 2026 Council Meeting minutes – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the May 7, 2026 Council Meeting minutes
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.**

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Gregory D. Martin, Village Administrator

Charles Griego, Mayor