

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Lunas, County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico met Thursday, May 7, 2026 in regular session at 6:00PM. Roll call was taken, and the following were present: Mayor Charles Griego, Councilor Christopher Ortiz, Councilor James Runyon & Councilor Matthew Chavez. Councilor Gino Romero was excused. The meeting was conducted in person and recorded through TEAMS.

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

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

- 1. Public Hearing: 26-01-R 976 Los Lentes Rd. NE Zone Map Amendment**
- 2. FY 2027 Interim Budget**
- 3. Resolution 26-08 Participation in Capital Outlay Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation**
- 4. Fixed Asset Disposal**
- 5. Code Enforcement/Animal Control Records Destruction**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes from April 23, 2026, Council Meeting**
 - b. Minutes from April 14&16, 2026, Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop(s)**
- 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 the Los Lunas High School DECA Students to lead the Council and TEAMS participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Proclamation:** Recognition of the achievement of the Los Lunas High School DECA Chapter

Senior Economic Developer, Victoria Archuleta introduced the Los Lunas DECA Chapter that was present at the meeting. Representatives from the DECA chapter addressed the Council regarding the program's growth, accomplishments, and future goals. Student officers introduced themselves and explained that chapter membership increased from 158 to 314 students, making it the largest and fastest-growing DECA chapter in New Mexico. Students highlighted achievements including earning gold-level certifications, qualifying 27 students for international competition in Atlanta, Georgia, and placing in the top 10 internationally in sports and entertainment marketing.

Students discussed challenges related to operational restrictions placed on the school store, which reduced revenue opportunities and limited hands-on business experience for members. Despite these challenges, the chapter completed multiple community service campaigns and secured approximately \$10,000 in sponsorships, including support from the Village. The students expressed appreciation for the Village's sponsorship and outlined future goals of expanding partnerships with local businesses, developing internship opportunities, and obtaining additional sponsorships and grants to support student leadership and career development opportunities. Mayor and Council thanked the DECA representatives for their presentation and commended the students on their accomplishments, growth, and professionalism. Council members expressed appreciation for the students' efforts and praised them for delivering an informative and well-prepared presentation.

- **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:

- Maria Klee addressed the Council on behalf of residents in the Otero and Arona Road area regarding the proposed east side extension project from Highway 47 to the Manzano Expressway. She stated that residents became aware of the proposed alignment routes through social media and local news reports and expressed concerns about the potential impact the project could have on homes, agricultural land, and the surrounding community. Ms. Klee questioned the level of public outreach and communication regarding the project and noted that residents have since organized to pursue alternative options. She also referenced the Valencia County Comprehensive Plan and encouraged consideration of preserving agricultural lands, historic communities, and acequia systems.

- An unidentified speaker addressed the Council regarding concerns with the proposed east side extension project and its impact on local residents, farmland, and homes. The speaker expressed a desire for greater cooperation between the Village and County on infrastructure planning and raised concerns about the proposed roadway design, traffic access, and public safety. The speaker requested reconsideration and reevaluation of the proposed alignment and intersection design, and suggested alternative routing options that would reduce impacts on residential properties and agricultural land. During discussion, the Mayor advised that the project alignment decisions had been made through a lengthy process involving the County and recommended submitting a formal public records request for additional project information and history.
- Annette Castillo addressed the Council regarding concerns related to the proposed east side extension project, ongoing development, and resource availability within the community. Ms. Castillo expressed concerns about the potential impact of increased traffic, continued residential growth, and proposed development projects on local infrastructure and water resources. She stated that residents are concerned about whether adequate resources and services exist to support continued expansion and questioned the long-term sustainability of growth in the area. Discussion followed between Ms. Castillo and the Mayor regarding housing demand, infrastructure planning, and water resource concerns. Ms. Castillo encouraged the Council to carefully consider future development impacts on existing residents and community resources. Mayor Griego directed the individuals who spoke during the Public Input Forum to Michael Jaramillo, Public Works Director, and advised them to submit a public records request for any additional information or documents they may need.

1. Public Hearing: 26-01-R 976 Los Lentes Rd. NE Zone Map Amendment

Mayor Griego called for a motion from the Council to recess the regular meeting and convene in a public hearing. 6:33PM

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

Community Development Director, Alex Ochoa presented a request for a zone map amendment for property located at 976 Los Lentes Road NW submitted by AG Services on behalf of Duke City Properties Investment, Inc. The applicant requested a change in zoning from Agricultural Residential (AR) to R-1 Low-Density Single-Family Dwelling. Mr. Alex Ochoa noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the condition that the applicant coordinate with Public Works prior to subdivision of the property to ensure adequate roadway and utility access.

Council discussion focused on property access, roadway easements, lot configuration, and future subdivision requirements. The applicant's representative stated that the development plan would likely be revised to address access concerns and may reduce the number of proposed lots. Mr. Alex Ochoa clarified that the current request was limited to zoning only and that any future subdivision or platting requests would return to Council for further review and approval.

Mayor Griego asked for a motion from the Council to close the public hearing and return to regular session. 6:43PM

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

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the Zone Map Amendment

APPROVAL: Motion to adopt the findings of the Planning and Zoning and approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

2. FY 2027 Interim Budget

Finance Director Cheryl Cates presented the FY2027 Interim Budget for Council consideration and approval. Ms. Cates reported anticipated revenues of approximately \$251.5 million, reflecting a decrease from the previous fiscal year primarily due to reductions in one-time grants, legislative appropriations, and capital project funding related to infrastructure, the I-25 interchange project, and

water and sewer projects. She noted that despite the overall decrease, the General Fund remains financially strong and is projected to increase by approximately 16.3% over the current fiscal year.

Ms. Cates reviewed key budget highlights, including approximately \$31 million allocated for employee salaries and benefits, which includes approved staffing changes, step increases for eligible employees, and compensation adjustments for police officers and firefighters based on the 2026 compensation study. She also discussed changes to employee health and dental insurance providers for FY2027.

Capital outlay projects account for approximately \$145 million, or 72.5% of the total budget, while debt service payments remain low at approximately 1.4% of the overall budget. Ms. Cates also outlined several budget adjustments made since the workshop, including revisions to property tax revenues, reductions in software and attorney fee expenditures, additional actuarial service costs, funding transfers related to infrastructure projects, and the addition of \$8 million in confirmed revenue for the I-25 project.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the FY 2027 Interim Budget.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the FY 2027 Interim Budget
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

3. Resolution 26-08 Participation in Capital Outlay Administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation

Public Works Director Michael Jaramillo presented Resolution 26-08 regarding participation in capital outlay funding administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Mr. Jaramillo informed the Council that the Village recently received confirmation that \$8 million in capital outlay funding previously believed to have been reassigned remained available for the Los Lunas Boulevard project. He explained that the funding would help address project costs, including utility relocations that will be the responsibility of the Village.

Mr. Jaramillo stated that the agreement included in the Council packet was a standard capital outlay reimbursement agreement requiring the Village to expend funds upfront and seek reimbursement through the state. He further explained that although the agreement includes a one-year expiration period, extensions may be requested if additional time is needed. He noted that a significant portion of the funding is expected to be used for utility relocation costs, including a proposed New Mexico Gas transmission line relocation estimated at approximately \$3.5 million. Mr. Jaramillo also stated that the funding could assist with additional project improvements and future phase needs associated with the Los Lunas Boulevard project. He emphasized that the funding does not require repayment and would provide important support for project contingencies and infrastructure-related expenses.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding Resolution 26-08.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve Resolution 26-08
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

4. Fixed Asset Disposal

Public Works Assistant Director Brittany Armijo presented a request for approval of the deletion and disposal of several fixed assets identified as obsolete or non-operational. The items included aging vehicles and equipment from the Solid Waste, Streets, and Library divisions, including dump trucks, a side-loading trash truck, a passenger van, a mobile tire baler, and a generator. Ms. Armijo explained that the assets had exceeded their useful life, been replaced with newer equipment, or were no longer cost-effective to repair. She stated that approval would allow the Village to declare the items as surplus property and dispose of them through the public government surplus website in accordance with established procedures.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the Fixed Asset Disposal.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the disposal of these items on the public surplus website.
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Ortiz
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

5. Code Enforcement/Animal Control Records Destruction

Deputy Clerk Mykayla Moody presented a records destruction request for the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Division within the Community Development Department. Ms. Moody stated that the request included two boxes of records that had met the required retention periods under the New Mexico Municipal Records Retention Schedule.

The first box contained animal registrations, trap releases, bite reports, rabies vaccination documentation, animal release forms, door hangers, owner release forms, and notices of violation dated from January 2007 through December 2022, all of which had met the required retention period of one year after case closure. The second box contained code enforcement citations dated from October 2015 through December 2022, which had met the required retention period of three years after file closure.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation regarding the destruction of records.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Records Destruction
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

6. MINUTES

Mayor Griego asked if there were any amendments/corrections to the April 23, 2026 Council Meeting minutes – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the April 23, 2026 Council Meeting minutes
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Runyon
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

Mayor Griego asked if there were any amendments/corrections to the April 14&16, 2026 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop minutes – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve the April 14&16, 2026 FY2027 Budget Workshop minutes
MOVED: Councilor Runyon
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 FOR (Councilor Runyon – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) AND 0 AGAINST.**

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.

Gregory D. Martin, Village Administrator

Charles Griego, Mayor