

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

1. The work session was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Councilmembers present included: Mayor Rachel Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Spruell, Robert Dobry, Matthew Keefauver, April Randle, Bill Lewis and Lydia DeHaven. Staff members present included: Finance Director Randy Bailey, Lieutenant Rogelio Maynard, General Services and Interim Public Works Director Casey Simpson, Interim Community and Economic Development Director/City Planner Jason Armstrong, Project Engineer Ian Roberson, Parks and Recreation Director Creighton Wright, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jenni Bandy, City Manager Drew Sanders, City Attorney Patrick Coleman, and City Clerk Danielle Wells. There were two members of the public in audience.
2. A draft Stormwater Master Plan was presented by Jones and DeMille Engineering Cortez Office Manager and Engineer Ty Koppenhafer and Water Resources Engineer Ricky Anderson. Director Casey Simpson helped present as well. The discussion focused on Cortez's stormwater system, current conditions, and long-term planning. A GIS Story Map was presented as an overview, while the full engineering report provided technical detail. The scope included reviewing existing stormwater data, comparing it with current City Code, conducting hydrologic modeling, and developing a prioritized project list with preliminary plans. Cortez's hillside location was noted as a natural advantage, however existing catch mains are small and limited. Projects were grouped geographically, with priority given to protecting residential and commercial infrastructure. A 10-year cost estimate showed needs far exceed current funding. Funding options discussed included creating a stormwater utility fee based on impervious surface area, grant funding, and budget allocations. The plan envisions system improvements, such as widening pipes, with some new projects. Funding and planning options plan to be brought to Council in the next few months.

The work session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.