

**Special Meeting of the Roswell City Council  
Large Conference Room – City Hall  
Thursday, March 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 24-23.**

The meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| Christopher Cortez  | Present       |
| Juan Oropesa        | Present       |
| Cristina Arnold     | Present       |
| Angela Moore        | Present       |
| Carlos Marrujo, Jr. | <b>Absent</b> |
| Robert Corn         | Present       |
| Juliana Halvorson   | Present       |
| Will Cavin          | Present       |
| Ed Heldenbrand      | Present       |
| Darrell Johnson     | Present       |

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Jennings joined via phone at 4:01 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda - approve the agenda for March 28, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilor Cavin moved to approve the agenda for March 28, 2025. Councilor Arnold was the second.

**VOTE:** A voice vote was unanimous with Councilor Moore being absent.

Motion passed 9-0 with Councilor Moore being absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following discussed raising GRT: Jeff Cabana, Camaryn Henington, Paul White, Jeneva Martinez, and Olga Gallegos (Burritos & More)

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Jennings joined in person at 4:18 pm.

1. Hold a public hearing and approve emergency Ordinance 25-02: An Ordinance Adopting a Municipal Flood Recovery Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) Hess Yntema discussed the item.

## BACKGROUND

Following the flooding of October 2024, the City had approximately \$260,000,000.00 in damages. The City lacks sufficient funds to fund its recovery efforts. In the 2025 legislative session, SB 31 and SB 383 created a \$150,000,000.00 revolving loan at 0% interest and created a 3/8th cent tax to fund funding for recovery efforts, respectively. This proposed GRT increase can be used exclusively for funding flood recover bonds. The new GRT automatically sunsets when the debt is retired.

- GRT in NM ranges from 4.875% to 9.425%. Roswell is currently at 7.8958 and would increase to 8.27%
- GRT will remain below the municipalities of: Bosque Farms, Taos, Taos Ski Valley, Red River, Los Lunas, Questa, Espanola, Truth or Consequences, Deming, Vaughn, and Santa Rosa.
- GRT will remain at rates similar to: Silver City, Tijeras, Sunland park, Las Cruces, Grants, Ruidoso, Gallup, Alamogordo, Tucumcari, Cuba, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Farmington, Aztec, Bloomfield, and Belen.

**MOTION:** Councilor Halvorson to approve emergency Ordinance 25-02: An Ordinance Adopting a Municipal Flood Recovery Gross Receipts Tax (GRT). Councilor Johnson was the second.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Councilor Arnold left the meeting at 5:20 pm and returned at 5:22 pm.

## ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Christopher Cortez | Present |
| Juan Oropesa       | Present |
| Cristina Arnold    | Present |
| Angela Moore       | Present |
| Robert Corn        | Present |
| Juliana Halvorson  | Present |
| Will Cavin         | Present |
| Ed Heldenbrand     | Present |
| Darrell Johnson    | Present |

Ordinance 25-02 was enacted 9-0 with Councilor Marrujo being absent.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Approved on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

(City Seal)

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Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

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Amalia Martinez, City Clerk

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