

1 Special Meeting of The City of Roswell Council
2 To Be Held on Friday, May 30, At 4:00 P.M.
3 City Hall – Large Conference Room
4 425 N. Richardson Ave.
5 Roswell, NM 88201
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7 **Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through**
8 **10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 24-23.**
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10 The meeting reconvened at 4:02 p.m. with Mayor Jennings presiding.
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12 **MOTION:** Councilor Halvorson made a motion to come back into session and continue the
13 Preliminary Budget for 2026. Councilor Johnson was the second. A voice vote of 10-0 was
14 unanimous.
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16 **ROLL CALL:**

17	Juan Oropesa	Present
18	Juliana Halvorson	Present
19	Ed Heldenbrand	Present via phone
20	Will Cavin	Present
21	Christopher Cortez	Present
22	Darrell Johnson	Present
23	Robert Corn	Present
24	Cristina Arnold	Present
25	Angela Moore	Present
26	Carlos Marrujo, Jr.	Present

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28 1. Consider approval of the agenda for the May 28, 2025, Special City Council meeting.
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30 **REGULAR ITEMS**

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32 2. Resolution 25-23 - Consider recommending adoption of Resolution 25-23 approving the City
33 of Roswell fiscal year 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget. Toni Gomez presented this item.
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35 After some discussion, Toni Gomez talked about the following changes. See Exhibit A attached
36 to the minutes.
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38 **BACKGROUND:** The final budget is required by the State of New Mexico Department of
39 Finance and Administration. The Preliminary Budget was developed on a basis of need and
40 cooperation between the City Manager and departmental staff. Once a Preliminary Budget has
41 been adopted, only the beginning cash figures can be adjusted for the adoption of the final 2025-
42 2026 budget.
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44 Councilor Cavin called for the question. Councilor Marrujo seconded the motion.
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1 **ROLL CALL:**

2 Juan Oropesa - Yes
3 Juliana Halvorson - Yes
4 Ed Heldenbrand - No
5 Will Cavin - Yes
6 Christopher Cortez - Yes
7 Darrell Johnson - Yes
8 Robert Corn - No
9 Cristina Arnold - No
10 Angela Moore - Yes
11 Carlos Marrujo, Jr. – Yes
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13 Motion passed 7-3 with Councilors Heldenbrand, Corn, and Arnold voting no.
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15 **Councilor Heldenbrand:** Councilor Corn has expressed concerns about the lack of transparency
16 in this process and emphasized the need for greater transparency. I expect Councilor Corn and the
17 City of Roswell Finance Committee to thoroughly review this budget once all necessary
18 adjustments have been made and recorded. After that, we will make the appropriate adjustments
19 or present them to the Council as we see fit, as this process has felt rushed. I understand the reasons
20 behind this urgency, but I do not believe it is appropriate for this to serve as our final budget.
21 While I recognize that this document is evolving, I would like to see more analytical work
22 conducted before it is finalized. I also expect the Council to be open to revisiting this issue in the
23 future. As for August, we will have a chance to settle down. I have a question for Mr. Cole
24 regarding the wage increases. Could you clarify when the two-step raises will take effect? One
25 increase occurs in July, and the other will take effect on January 1. Thank you for that clarification.
26 I don't approve of that either, but that is fine. I yield.
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28 **MOTION:** Councilor Corn made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-23. Councilor Moore was the
29 second.
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31 **ROLL CALL:**

32 Juan Oropesa Yes
33 Juliana Halvorson Yes
34 Ed Heldenbrand No
35 Will Cavin Yes
36 Christopher Cortez Yes
37 Darrell Johnson Yes
38 Robert Corn Yes
39 Cristina Arnold No
40 Angela Moore Yes
41 Carlos Marrujo, Jr. Yes
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43 Motion passed 8-2 with Councilor Heldenbrand and Councilor Arnold voting no.
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Approved on this 7th day of August 2025.

Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

Amalia Martinez, City Clerk

CITY OF ROSWELL											
FY 2025-2026 BUDGET											
GENERAL FUND											
Pg 4 & 5	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
	1101	922610	Transfers out to Mass Transit	\$ -	\$ (456,235.11)	\$ -	\$ (780,385.00)				
	1101	922611	Transfers out to Museum	\$ (1,034,584.19)	\$ (784,123.70)	\$ -	\$ (1,270,382.00)				
	1101	922613	Transfers out to Golf	\$ (544,430.56)	\$ (707,433.96)	\$ -	\$ (531,488.00)				
	1101	922630	Transfer out to Community Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (325,000.00)				
			General Fund Revenue			\$ -					
Pg 10 & 11	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
	11014021	521210	Full-Time Overtime	\$ 3,405.61	\$ 2,433.24	\$ 2,904.62	\$ 3,500.00	Heidenbrand	Cavin	9-0	Arnold voting no
	11014021	654802	Contract Professional Services	\$ 2,601.76	\$ 5,454.01	\$ 2,612.50	\$ 34,500.00				\$ 20,000.00
	11014021	654801	Contract-Indig Cncil/Interpret	\$ 32,772.87	\$ 36,399.28	\$ 33,022.87	\$ 51,500.00				\$ 40,000.00
			Municipal Court Expense								
Pg 13	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
	11014041	654802	Contract-Audit Prof Services	\$ 31,479.16	\$ 127,559.47	\$ 206,550.40	\$ 150,000.00	Corn	Halvorson	9-0	Arnold voting no Reduce from \$215,000.00
	11014041	663301	Computer-Subscription/License	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,161,814.00				Increase from 845,000.00 (ClearGov, Oracal, Enterprise, NextSuite and Tyler)
			Finance Expense								
Pg 15	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
	11014051	654805	Contract-Legal Services	\$ 226,338.94	\$ 234,971.25	\$ 157,034.20	\$ 150,000.00	-	-	-	was \$180,000.00
			Legal Expense								
Pg 16	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
	11014061	585901	Employee Training	\$ 2,138.32	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 10,584.00	\$ 160,000.00	Halvorson	Marrujo	9-1	Arnold voting no Decrease from \$334,828.00
			Human Resources Expense								
Pg 19	Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
								Halvorson	Marrujo	9-1	Arnold voting no

Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	Heldenbrand	Cortez	8-0	Halvorson and Oropesa being absent
22624124	793501	MiscExp-General Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,596.00				
		Hazmat (Fire) Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	Cavin	Corn	8-0	Halvorson and Oropesa being absent
22654123	793501	MiscExp-General Grant	\$ -	\$ 11,534.08	\$ 6,174.00	\$ 1,330,508.00				
		Fire Protection Grant Expense								
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
25144657	793501	MiscExp-General Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,156.00				
		JAG Federal Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
26003015	654801	Contract-Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621,968.81	\$ 550,253.00				
		American Rescue Plan Act Expense	\$ -	\$ -						
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
2610	911101	Transfers in Firm General Fund	\$ -	\$ 456,235.11	\$ -	\$ 780,385.00				
		Mass Transit Revenue	\$ -		\$ -					
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested	Moore	Cortez	7-1	Arnold voting no, Halvorson and Oropesa being absent
2611	911101	Transfers in Firm General Fund	\$ 1,034,584.19	\$ 784,123.70	\$ -	\$ 1,270,382.00				
		Museum and Art Center Revenue			\$ -					
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
26114221	521210	Full-Time Overtime	\$ 13,226.63	\$ 16,701.65	\$ 10,289.19	\$ 2,357.00				
		Museum and Art Center Expense								
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							1st	2nd	Voice Vote	Comment
Org	Object	Description	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Requested				
2612	912622	Transfers in Firm Lodgers' Tax	\$ -	\$ 899,173.43	\$ -	\$ 923,517.00				

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5200	965201	Enterprise Tsfs Out Landfill	\$ (1,161,914.14)	\$ (1,848,378.45)	\$ -	\$ (388,268.00)						
		Sanitation Revenue										

