

Regular Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee
Held in the City Hall's Mike Mathews Conference Room
August 17, 2026

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 26-12.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. with Chairman Darrell Johnson, Councilor Kurt Gass, Councilor Juan Orpesa, and Councilor Robert Corn, being present, and Councilor Carlos Marrujo being absent.

Staff Present:

Nathaniel Mascarenas, Debbie Reyer, Abraham Chaparro, Andrew Valadez, Naomi Steward, James MacCornack, Hess Yntema, Frank Rincon, Bobbi Thompson Louise Romero II, Valente Ruiz, Amalia Martinez, Mac Rogers, Angela Garcia, Mayor Tim Jennings, Councilor Cristina Arnold, Councilor Juliana Halvorson, Councilor Will Cavin, Ted Garcia, Stacey McGuigan

Guest(s) Present:

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer, Julius Smith, Vivian Moore, Brandi McClain, Brooke Marker, Del Journey, Greg Graves, Desiree Ratton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Robert Corn moved to approve the agenda for August 17, 2026, as presented. Councilor Kurt Gass was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Carlos Marrujo being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the July 20, 2026 Minutes:

Councilor Gass moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2026 meeting as presented. Councilor Corn was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Carlos Marrujo being absent.

REGULAR ITEMS (ACTION ITEMS):

2. Consider recommending approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$55,757.83 for purchase of a new septic system from TLC in the amount of \$105,575.83 utilizing state contract 30-00000-23-00084BA to the Finance Committee.

Abraham Chaparro presented a recommendation for a budget adjustment in the amount of \$55,575.83. He explained that the project requires installation of a new line, a larger tank, new distribution lines, and removal of existing equipment. Mr. Chaparro reported that TLC submitted a quote exceeding the originally approved amount due to the additional work required. He further stated that no other local companies expressed interest in bidding on the project. ***Councilor Gass moved to recommend approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$55,757.83 for the purchase of a new septic system from TLC in the amount of \$105,575.83 utilizing state contract 30-00000-23-00084BA to the***

Finance Committee. Councilor Corn was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Marrujo being absent.

3. Recommending resolution 26-XX regarding a new multi-generational area, The Spring River Zoo, Roswell Adult Center, and Peppermint Park

City Manager Hess Yntema presented a preliminary overview of proposed improvements to enhance and maximize the use of the Spring River Zoo and Adult Center. He reported that the annual operating cost of the Spring River Zoo is approximately \$1,000,000, while the Adult Center's annual operating cost is approximately \$349,000. Mr. Yntema also discussed the potential opportunity to utilize FEMA funding and noted that the city would have an 18-month period to complete any approved project improvements.

Mr. Yntema outlined several conceptual options for the Adult Center and surrounding areas, including development of a community garden in partnership with the Roswell Garden Club, basketball and tennis courts, pickleball courts, soccer fields, a dog park with three separate runs, fishing pole and racket rentals, rentable event space, reconstruction of the carousel, a state-of-the-art children's gymnasium, and the construction of an ADA-accessible bridge and walking path around the pond.

During discussion, Rita Kane-Doerhoefer suggested relocating parking areas to improve accessibility to the classroom and workshop buildings. Staff noted that this item had also been referred to the Public Safety and Legal Committee for review and that no action taken at this time would interfere with consideration of the proposal by those committees. **Councilor Corn moved to table this item. Councilor Gass was the second. A voice vote of 4-0 was unanimous, and the motion passed with Councilor Marrujo being absent.**

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

4. Infrastructure Committee open to discussion on sewer rate structure

Councilor Cristina Arnold stated there are concerns about the sewer rates charged when issues are identified leaving some citizens to be billed at a higher rate until the sewer rates are averaged again after the winter months. Councilor Cristina Arnold provided an example of how customer should be able to keep the water on while seeking assistance and suggested raising funds for a case manager to assist with resolving these specific issues.

Councilor Corn stated it would be optimal to address the individual issues instead of reconstructing the billing system.

Discussion took place for the following department report(s):

5. Fleet & Solid Waste Report
6. Roswell Transit Report:
7. Streets Report:

Frank Rincon stated that the contractor San Bar is scheduled to start the restriping 2nd St. later in the week of 08/17/2026.

James MacCornack reported he is working with the contractor to schedule the next big project of

Hot Recycle and Overlay this fall for the target area College to 2nd and Union to Main. Councilor Robert Corn inquired about the Atkinson project. James MacCornack responded the project has been submitted to NMDOT TPF project for funding and formal awards are done around October and November as the top project for District 2. Robert Corn Inquired about McGaffey from Main to Atkinson. James confirmed the project was submitted to NMDOT TPF list.

8. Special Electronics' Report:

9. Utilities Report:

Chairman Darrell Johnson inquired about the status of the emergency pump station on Hobson Road. James MacCornack reported that the project remains on schedule, with a target completion date of November 2027.

Andrew Valadez reported that the city has realized approximately \$200,000 in cost savings by performing line maintenance and servicing activities in-house through the Water Maintenance Division.

Chairman Johnson also requested an update on the reservoir tank project. Mr. MacCornack stated that a new package had been received from Tank Industry Consultants and that staff had begun the process of contacting contractors to move the project forward.

10. Engineering Report:

James MacCornack stated the CDBG project for \$2,000,000 for the Edgewood Subdivision was submitted to the state to address the water lines.

11. Cemetery Report: Report not submitted

12. Parks Report: Report not submitted

13. Zoo Report: Report not submitted

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Rita Kane-Doerhoefer stated there will be a pollinator garden out at the cemetery and asked for volunteers.

Mr. Julius Smith commented on the zoo and if kept open would make a difference for children and rehabilitation to increase the engagement with the animals there.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 2:59:17 PM