

Special Meeting, Roswell City Council
Held at City Hall, Mike Mathews Conference Room
425 N. Richardson Ave., Roswell, NM 88201
Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

Notice of this meeting has been given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution No. 26-12.

The meeting convened at 3:18 P.M. with Mayor Jennings presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Juan Oropesa	Present
Darrell Johnson	Present
Carlos Marrujo, Jr.	Absent
Riley A. Armstrong	Present
Kurt Gass	Present
Juliana Halvorson	Present
Cristina Arnold	Present
Robert Corn	Present
Angela Moore	Absent
Ed Heldenbrand	Absent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda - approve the agenda for the August 17, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved to approve the agenda for the August 17, 2026, Special City Council Meeting. Councilor Halvorson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Juan Oropesa	Yes
Darrell Johnson	Yes
Riley A. Armstrong	Yes
Kurt Gass	Yes
Juliana Halvorson	Yes
Cristina Arnold	Yes
Robert Corn	Yes

1 **MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

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3 **REGULAR ITEMS**

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5 2. Election of Mayor Pro Tem - Consider holding an election for Mayor Pro Tem. NMSA 1978 §
6 3-12-3. Governing body; powers and duties. A. The governing body of a municipality having a
7 mayor-council form of government shall: (1) elect one of its members to act as Mayor Pro Tem
8 in the absence of the mayor.

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10 **BACKGROUND:** Each year, the governing body has elected one of its members to serve as
11 Mayor Pro Tem. The person elected to the office serves for a year and is responsible for
12 performing the duties of the mayor in the event that the mayor is unable to do so. To ensure
13 continuity of leadership and the orderly conduct of City business, the City Council will conduct
14 an election and select a council member to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the balance of the term.

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16 **MOTION:** No motion was made; therefore, the item died for lack of a motion and no action was
17 taken by the Council.

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19 **FOR THE RECORD:** Councilor Marrujo Jr. arrived at 3:28 P.M. and joined the meeting.

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21 3. Resolution 26-51: Adoption of Resolution 26-51: A Resolution of the City of Roswell
22 Affirming its financial support and commitment to MainStreet Roswell and the New Mexico
23 MainStreet Program

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25 **BACKGROUND:** The requested funding will support downtown revitalization efforts and
26 initiatives aimed at enhancing economic development, historic preservation, and community
27 engagement within the MainStreet district.

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29 MainStreet Roswell focuses on strengthening the downtown corridor through business
30 recruitment and retention, support for local entrepreneurs, and the promotion of existing
31 businesses. Key initiatives include beautification and place making projects, organization of
32 community events and festivals, marketing and promotion of downtown Roswell, and
33 preservation of historic assets that contribute to the area's unique character.

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35 Approval of this funding request will allow MainStreet Roswell to continue implementing
36 strategic programs that drive foot traffic, support small business growth, and enhance the overall
37 vitality and attractiveness of downtown Roswell as a destination for residents and visitors alike.

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39 The City of Roswell signed a Biennial MOU with the local government partner to fund at
40 minimum \$52,000 for MainStreet Roswell to be in compliance with New Mexico Main Street

1 and Main Street America Programs. This information can be found on page 7 of the agreement
2 that has been attached to this agenda packet.

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4 **MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved for the adoption of Resolution 26-51: A Resolution of
5 the City of Roswell Affirming its financial support and commitment to MainStreet Roswell and
6 the New Mexico MainStreet Program. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

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8 **DISCUSSION:** Dale Journey addressed the Council regarding the funding request for MainStreet
9 Roswell. During discussion, several Councilors expressed concerns regarding the organization's
10 compliance with reporting requirements and the timing of financial documentation provided to the
11 Council. It was noted that financial statements and cash balance information had been submitted
12 shortly before the meeting, limiting the Council's opportunity to review the materials in advance.
13 Councilors discussed the importance of receiving requested financial information in a timely
14 manner to support consideration of funding requests. Information was also provided regarding the
15 City's Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MainStreet Roswell and the City's
16 commitment to provide a minimum of \$52,000 in funding to remain in compliance with the New
17 Mexico MainStreet and Main Street America programs.

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19 **FOR THE RECORD:** Councilor Arnold stepped away from 4:21 P.M – 4:25 P.M

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21 **AMENDED MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved to amend Resolution No. 26-51, as
22 presented on page 5, line 35, of the Special City Council Meeting agenda packet, to allocate
23 \$52,000 in funding in lieu of \$75,000. Councilor Halvorson seconded the motion.

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25 **VOTE:** A voice vote was taken. Councilors Gass and Arnold voting against the amendment. The
26 motion carried.

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28 **MOTION PASSED: 6-2**

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30 **ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:** Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved for the adoption of
31 Resolution 26-51 as amended: A Resolution of the City of Roswell Affirming its financial support
32 and commitment to MainStreet Roswell and the New Mexico MainStreet Program. Councilor
33 Arnold seconded the motion.

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35 **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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37	Juan Oropesa	Yes
38	Darrell Johnson	Yes
39	Carlos Marrujo Jr.	Yes
40	Riley A. Armstrong	Yes

1	Kurt Gass	No
2	Juliana Halvorson	Yes
3	Cristina Arnold	Yes
4	Robert Corn	Yes

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6 **ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 7-1**

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8 4. Approval for a budget adjustment and approval to purchase a TANA Shark DT Waste Shredder
9 utilizing CES Contract#2022-10-C102-ALL from Four Rivers Equipment in the amount of
10 \$1,248,845.90.

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12 **BACKGROUND:** The Solid Waste Department would like to buy a new TANA Shark DT
13 Waste Shredder from Four Rivers utilizing CES Contract #2022-10-C102-ALL,

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15 This will be utilized to shred tires at the landfill, which can then be used as Alternative Daily
16 Cover (ADC), placed in the cell to be buried, or be sold to vendors for a variety of uses. We had
17 a Demo between TANA and Vermeer on July 28th, 2026 to be able to compare the two pieces of
18 equipment and the TANA vastly outstripped the Vermeer, especially in regards to shredding
19 Tires. This piece of equipment can shred up to 25 tons of tires an hour.

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21 Currently the landfill has an excess of 30,000 tires, and the Airport has an excess of 5,000 tires.
22 With us advertising about the shredder, not only will Chaves County bring their tires but Lincoln
23 County has expressed their interest of shipping their tires this way.

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25 To buy replacement parts the City of Roswell can apply for the RAID Grant for a
26 reimbursement.

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28 **DISCUSSION:** Councilors asked questions regarding the proposed purchase of the TANA Shark
29 DT Waste Shredder, including the intended use of the equipment, anticipated benefits to landfill
30 operations, and available funding sources. Councilors also discussed the priority of the purchase
31 and expressed concerns regarding the cost of the equipment and the timing of the expenditure.
32 Staff provided information regarding the tire backlog at the landfill and airport, the shredder's
33 operational capabilities, potential revenue opportunities, and the availability of reimbursement
34 funding through the RAID Grant program for replacement parts.

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36 **FOR THE RECORD:** During discussion, Councilor Oropesa called for the question.
37 Subsequently, Councilor Oropesa withdrew his motion.
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MOTION: Councilor Halvorson moved to approve a budget adjustment and approval to purchase a TANA Shark DT Waste Shredder utilizing CES Contract # 2022-10-C102-ALL from Four Rivers Equipment in the amount of \$1,248,845.90. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Juan Oropesa	Yes
Darrell Johnson	No
Carlos Marrujo Jr.	Yes
Riley A. Armstrong	Yes
Kurt Gass	No
Juliana Halvorson	Yes
Cristina Arnold	Yes
Robert Corn	No

MOTION PASSED: 5-3

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS: Kerry Moore, Edward Alvarez, Richard McKinley, Sonia Bolaños, Geneva Martinez, Morgan Fennig, Vivian Moore, and Joanne Baker addressed the Council regarding the proposed Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) local option gross receipts tax. Speakers expressed concerns that many residents may not fully understand the purpose and potential impacts of the proposed tax. Comments included concerns regarding the financial effect on local residents, particularly senior citizens and individuals living on fixed incomes. Several speakers opposed increasing taxes on local consumers and businesses and encouraged the City to pursue economic development initiatives without placing additional financial burdens on residents. Some speakers also expressed concerns regarding population decline and residents leaving Roswell due to economic conditions.

Richard Bradfute and Debbie Lee also addressed the Council and spoke in support of placing the proposed LEDA local option gross receipts tax on the November 3, 2026 ballot, stating that the measure would provide voters with the opportunity to decide whether to establish a dedicated funding source for economic development initiatives within the community.

5. Resolution 26-41: Adoption of Resolution 26-41: A Resolution to put a one-fourth of one percent local economic development act local option Gross Receipts Tax on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

BACKGROUND: New Mexico communities have the legal authority to provide public support for economic development through the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA), but most lack the capacity to do so consistently. LEDA provides a local option gross receipts tax (LEDA

LOGRT), the revenue of which, upon voter approval, municipalities and counties dedicate to public support for qualifying entities furthering or implementing economic development plans and projects. Municipalities may adopt a LEDA LOGRT increment of up to one-fourth percent (1/4%, or 0.25%).

"Public support" includes the provision of: • Land, buildings or other infrastructure • New broadband infrastructure that does not serve a public facility • Public-works improvements essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity (THINK SITE READINESS) • Direct loans or grants for land, buildings or infrastructure • Technical assistance to cultural facilities • Loan guarantees securing the cost of land, buildings or infrastructure • Grants for public-works infrastructure improvements essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity (THINK SITE READINESS) • Grants or subsidies to cultural facilities • Land for a publicly held industrial park (THINK SITE READINESS) • Land for a publicly owned cultural facility • Construction of a building for use by a qualifying entity

"Qualifying entities" are: • Those that manufacture, process or assemble manufactured products or agricultural products • Commercial enterprises for storing, warehousing, distributing or selling products of agriculture, mining or industry • Restaurants and lodgers • Indian nations, tribes or pueblos or federally chartered tribal corporations • Telecommunications sales enterprises • Facilities for farmers' markets • Metropolitan redevelopment project developers • Cultural facilities • Retail businesses in municipalities with populations of 15,000 or less; or • in municipalities with populations of more than 15,000 if the project does not receive state backing; or • in a county's unincorporated area

DISCUSSION: Councilors discussed Resolution No. 26-41 and asked questions regarding the purpose of the proposed LEDA local option gross receipts tax, the types of projects and entities eligible to receive funding, and the potential economic development benefits to the community. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of the tax on residents and businesses, public understanding of the ballot measure, accountability for the use of funds, and whether alternative funding sources could be pursued. Staff provided information regarding the allowable uses of LEDA funding and the process by which funds could be allocated to qualifying economic development projects.

MOTION: Councilor Armstrong moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-41 (Option No. 2), a resolution to place a one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) local option gross receipts tax on the November 3, 2026 ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gass.

See attachment: Resolution No. 26-XX, (Option 2)

1 **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

3	Juan Oropesa	Yes
4	Darrell Johnson	Yes
5	Carlos Marrujo Jr.	Yes
6	Riley A. Armstrong	Yes
7	Kurt Gass	Yes
8	Juliana Halvorson	Yes
9	Cristina Arnold	No
10	Robert Corn	Yes

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12 **MOTION PASSED: 7-1**

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14 6. Ordinance 26-10: approval to authorize to advertise for a public hearing to consider adopting
15 proposed Ordinance 26-10: Adoption of a Local Economic Development Act Local Option Gross
16 Tax Receipts.

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18 **BACKGROUND:** New Mexico communities have the legal authority to provide public support
19 for economic development through the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA), but most
20 lack the capacity to do so consistently. LEDA provides a local option gross receipts tax (LEDA
21 LOGRT), the revenue of which, upon voter approval, municipalities and counties dedicate to
22 public support for qualifying entities furthering or implementing economic development plans
23 and projects. Municipalities may adopt a LEDA LOGRT increment of up to one-fourth percent
24 (1/4%, or 0.25%).

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26 "Public support" includes the provision of: Land, buildings or other infrastructure • New
27 broadband infrastructure that does not serve a public facility • Public-works improvements
28 essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity (THINK SITE READINESS) •
29 Direct loans or grants for land, buildings or infrastructure • Technical assistance to cultural
30 facilities • Loan guarantees securing the cost of land, buildings or infrastructure • Grants for
31 public-works infrastructure improvements essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying
32 entity (THINK SITE READINESS) • Grants or subsidies to cultural facilities • Land for a
33 publicly held industrial park (THINK SITE READINESS) • Land for a publicly owned cultural
34 facility • Construction of a building for use by a qualifying entity

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36 "Qualifying entities" are: • Those that manufacture, process or assemble manufactured products
37 or agricultural products • Commercial enterprises for storing, warehousing, distributing or selling
38 products of agriculture, mining or industry • Restaurants and lodgers • Indian nations, tribes or
39 pueblos or federally chartered tribal corporations • Telecommunications sales enterprises •
40 Facilities for farmers' markets • Metropolitan redevelopment project developers • Cultural

1 facilities • Retail businesses o in municipalities with populations of 15,000 or less; or o in
2 municipalities with populations of more than 15,000 if the project does not receive state backing;
3 or o in a county's unincorporated
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5 **MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved to approve Ordinance 26-10: Authorize to advertise for
6 a public hearing of adoption of a Local Economic Development Act Local Option Gross Tax
7 Receipts with a 10-year sunset clause, as presented. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion.
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9 **DISCUSSION:** Councilor Arnold stated that she believed the proposed Local Economic
10 Development Act (LEDA) local option gross receipts tax was a worthwhile initiative but expressed
11 concerns regarding the timing of its implementation. She raised questions regarding the City's
12 investment holdings and whether alternative funding sources could be utilized before considering
13 a tax increase. Discussion also included the potential impact of the tax on residents and the long-
14 term economic development benefits the measure could provide.
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16 **ROLL CALL VOTE:**
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18	Juan Oropesa	Yes
19	Darrell Johnson	Yes
20	Carlos Marrujo Jr.	Yes
21	Riley A. Armstrong	Yes
22	Kurt Gass	Yes
23	Juliana Halvorson	Yes
24	Cristina Arnold	No
25	Robert Corn	Yes

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27 **MOTION PASSED: 7-1**
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29 **ADJOURNMENT**
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31 Meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.
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33 Approved on this 10th day of September 2026.
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36 (City Seal)
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39 ATTEST
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Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

1 Amalia Martinez, City Clerk
2 Clerk

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