

Special Meeting, Roswell City Council
Held at City Hall, Mike Mathews Conference Room
425 N. Richardson Ave., Roswell, NM 88201
Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:00 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 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Jennings presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda - approve the agenda for the September 3, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved to approve the agenda for the September 3, 2026, Special City Council Meeting. Councilor Halvorson seconded the motion.

VOTE: A voice vote was taken, and the agenda was approved unanimously, with Councilor Marrujo absent.

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

CLOSED SESSION

2. Hold a closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H (2) to discuss limited personnel matters pertaining to the city manager and the finance department.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilor Marrujo arrived at 4:03 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved to enter closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2), to discuss limited personnel matters pertaining to the City Manager and the Finance Department. Councilor Gass seconded the motion. Councilor Halvorson and Mayor Jennings

recused themselves from the conversation regarding the Finance Department due to their affiliation with Pioneer Bank.

DISCUSSION: To maintain a quorum, it was determined that the matter would be divided into two separate discussions. The Council would first enter closed session to discuss matters pertaining to the Finance Department. Upon conclusion of that discussion, Councilor Halvorson and Mayor Jennings would join the closed session to discuss limited personnel matters pertaining to the City Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED: 10-0

FOR THE RECORD: The Council entered closed session at 4:11 p.m.

MOTION: At 5:34 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Corn moved that the meeting reconvene. Councilor Arnold was the second. Mayor Pro Tem Corn stated for the record that the matters discussed in closed session were limited to those specified in the motion to close the meeting and that no action was taken during the closed session.

VOTE: A voice vote was taken, and the motion to reconvene the meeting carried unanimously.

REGULAR ITEMS:

3. Action as a result of a closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H (2) to discuss limited personnel matters pertaining to the city manager.

MOTION: Councilor Halvorson moved to retain the City Manager through September 30, 2026, the effective date of his resignation. Councilor Moore seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Riley A. Armstrong	No
Robert Corn	No
Darrell Johnson	No

Cristina Arnold	Yes
Juan Oropesa	Yes
Ed Heldenbrand	No
Kurt Gass	No
Juliana Halvorson	Yes
Angela Moore	Yes
Carlos Marrujo, Jr.	Yes

The motion resulted in a **5-5 tie** vote. Mayor Jennings cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the motion.

MOTION PASSED: 6-5

4. Action as a result of a closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H (2) to discuss limited personnel matters pertaining to the finance department.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilor Halvorson and Mayor Jennings recused themselves from discussion and voting due to their affiliation with Pioneer Bank.

MOTION: Councilor Gass moved to remove Toni Gomez from the position of Treasurer without cause. Councilor Moore seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Oropesa requested clarification regarding the effect of the motion and whether a vote in favor of the motion would imply that the Treasurer was responsible for the issues under review. The City Manager explained that approval of the motion would remove the Treasurer from that position, while she would continue to serve as Finance Director. Councilor Oropesa then asked the Treasurer whether she believed she was solely responsible for the matters being discussed. The Treasurer responded that multiple factors were involved and that she did not bear sole responsibility. When asked whether she believed the Council was treating her fairly, the Treasurer stated that the investigation remained incomplete. Councilor Oropesa also inquired about her chain of command and sources of guidance on financial decisions. The Treasurer stated that she reports to the Mayor and City Council and consults with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), the Mayor, Councilors, and the City Manager as needed. In response to a question regarding her loyalty to the organization, the Treasurer cited her dedication to her work and commitment to the city.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Riley A. Armstrong	No
Robert Corn	Yes
Darrell Johnson	Yes
Cristina Arnold	No
Juan Oropesa	No
Ed Heldenbrand	No
Kurt Gass	Yes

Angela Moore Yes
Carlos Marrujo, Jr. No

MOTION FAILED: 5-4, with Councilor Halvorson and Mayor Jennings recused from discussion and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Approved on this 8th day of October 2026.

(City Seal)

Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

ATTEST

Amalia Martinez, City Clerk