

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
5:30 PM, DONALD E. CARROLL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
June 4, 2026**

**SHARON MCDONALD, MAYOR
JOSHUA RARDIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM
BAXTER PATTILLO, COMMISSIONER
STEPHEN BURNETT, COMMISSIONER
WARREN ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER**

**AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARK TAPLEY, COMMISSIONER
STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ, ACTING
CITY MANAGER
VACANT, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present, noting that the city was unable to reach Commissioner Robinson by phone.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Rachel Hughs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Tapley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Hernandez moved to Approve.
Commissioner Tapley seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tamara Hansen acknowledged Fire Inspector Michael Lucas for identifying a potential fire hazard at Betty Dare. She expressed disappointment with the Commission, stating they had not asked questions during the previous week's Public Works briefing. She said that infrastructure, such as the nine vacancies at the wastewater treatment plant, should be prioritized over the golf course. Regarding the golf course, she reported that a weekly scramble was allowed to play through while watering was in effect despite a posted schedule.
2. Chris Benitez (letter read by Tamara Hansen) stated that Arizona Avenue was like an "off-road racetrack" and requested the district's new commissioner step up to address the issue.
3. Katie Owens stated that the condition of First Street was a priority because the road was going to kill somebody.
4. Sherri Adkinson said the city manager recruitment was a "boondoggle" and requested that no one be hired until a transparent public process was held. She asked for public disclosure of the full settlement agreement and questioned hiring a "three-time loser" instead of the current acting city manager.
5. Michael Bradley, Golf Course Superintendent, stated that the soil requires roughly two years of treatment to begin functioning properly. He advocated for a four-year RFP for management and the restaurant to give the staff and soil time to thrive before considering ending the division.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider, and act upon, the Golf Course RFP. *(Stephanie Hernandez, Acting City Manager)*

Acting City Manager Hernandez stated that she requested clear direction on the RFP due to the upcoming retirement of the current operator, Grant (G&L Golf). She explained that the original RFP was good for four years plus four, but Grant's contract had been extended multiple times and was set to expire at the end of June. She noted she was drafting an extension through December 2026 so the pro shop and restaurant would not close, which would effectively close the golf course.

Commissioner Hernandez asked if the recently approved budget included additional staffing or equipment for the golf course. Acting City Manager Hernandez confirmed it did not, as city management, not the Commission, handles staffing requests, and no additional staffing was approved except for Dispatch and IPRA.

Commissioner Burnett suggested structuring the RFP with the management side as a base bid and the maintenance side as an alternate. Commissioner Tapley noted that previous presenters did not want the contract without having a say in maintenance. Finance Director Huff clarified that bidders would have to respond to both parts of the RFP, so the city could compare apples to apples before deciding whether to award parts separately or as a whole.

Commissioner Pattillo moved to Approve the RFP as is, including maintenance.

Commissioner Tapley seconded the motion.

Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Motion to Recess into Executive Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2) for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters (City Manager recruitment) and NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(7) for discussions subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City is or may become a participant. (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Tapley moved to Recess into Executive Session at 6:04 PM

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

3. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session and read the statements related to the Executive Closed Session. (Roll Call Vote Required)

Commissioner Rardin moved to Reconvene to Open Session at 7:09 PM.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

4. Action, if any, related to the Executive Closed Session. (Roll Call Vote Required)

Mayor McDonald stated that the Commission was updated by the attorney on litigation matters and that no action or decision was made regarding the recruitment of a city manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rardin moved to Adjourn at 7:12 PM.

Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.

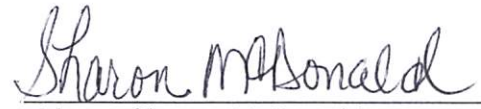
Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Rachel Hughs

(Prepared by Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on DATE.



Mayor Sharon McDonald