



Alamogordo City Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting Agenda

August 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Donald E. Carroll City Commission Chambers
City Hall, 1376 E. Ninth Street

Sharon McDonald Mayor
Joshua Rardin Mayor Pro-Tem, District 4
Baxter Pattillo District 1
Stephen Burnett District 2
Warren Robinson District 3
Al Hernandez District 5
Mark Tapley District 6

Robert Stockwell City Manager
Vacant City Attorney
Rachel Hughs City Clerk

MISSION STATEMENT as Adopted by the City Commission on March 24, 1995.

The City of Alamogordo is a Municipal Corporation that exists solely for the purpose of providing the best possible services to our customers, the citizens of Alamogordo. We are committed to providing these services with honesty, integrity, compassion, fairness, and a commitment to excellence.

We are committed to the long-term financial stability and responsible growth of the City and all decisions will be driven by our commitment to provide the best services possible in a financially sound and responsible manner given the economic realities facing the City.

In accordance with Section 10-15-1.D, NMSA 1978 (2010 Cumulative Supplement), this agenda has been posted on the east bulletin board located in the south of the City Hall and in the glass case located outside the north entrance of the City Hall, distributed to the appropriate news media, and posted on the City website: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us> within the required time frame. As a courtesy, the entire Agenda Packet has also been posted on the City of Alamogordo website: <http://ci.alamogordo.nm.us>

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Announce the presence of a Quorum.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents must sign up with the City Clerk to address the City Commission. The standard allotted time is 3 minutes, but the Mayor reserves the right to change depending on the number of public comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required for an Ordinance or Resolution)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approve the minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting on July 28, 2026, and the Special Meeting on July 30, 2026. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*
2. Consider, and act upon, the Professional Services Contract between the Alamogordo Police Department and the Alamogordo Public Schools for three (3) School Resource Officers, as previously approved by the City Commission in the FY27 Budget. *(David Kunihiro, Chief of Police)*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

3. Update on license plate reader and live-view camera project. *(David Kunihiro, Chief of Police)*
4. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-30 in support of pausing the proposed demolition of the Sunspot Observatory. *(City Manager, Robert Stockwell)* **(Roll Call Vote Required)**

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO
CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Report Date: 08/04/2026

Report No: 1.

Submitted By: Rachel Hughs

Subject: Approve the minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting on July 28, 2026, and the Special Meeting on July 30, 2026. *(Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)*

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Budgeted:

Fund:

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Background:

This is required by the Open Meetings Act.

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 PM, DONALD E. CARROLL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
July 28, 2026**

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

**AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARK TAPLEY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT STOCKWELL, CITY MANAGER
VACANT, CITY ATTORNEY
RACHEL HUGHS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Robinson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Tapley moved to Approve the agenda.
Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of EMT-B Certificates to Fire Staff. (*Justin Powell, ENMU Roswell EMS Program Director and Melissa Carter, ENMU Roswell Adjunct EMS Instructor*)

Melissa Carter presented certificates to five EMT Basic graduates. They completed 180 hours of training, including 90 hours of classroom time and 90 hours of skills training, plus additional clinical hours on ambulances. Certificates were presented to John Stroop, Nathan Preisner, Juan Valles, Eric Martinez, and John Stewart.

2. Update on the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. (*Adam Hoppes, Executive Director*)

Adam Hoppes provided a comprehensive update on Chamber initiatives. He highlighted the completion of the Gateway Freedom Monument (F4 Phantom jet project), which involved over 200 volunteers and \$175,000 in private donations. He celebrated the city's win of the Altus Trophy for 2025, marking the second win in three years. Mr. Hoppes discussed housing shortages, noting the need for over 900 units for Holloman Air Force Base, and shared that a developer was currently in due diligence to convert a local hotel into long-term stays. He also detailed the "Microplex" branding strategy to combine Otero and Lincoln Counties to attract larger businesses by reaching a population threshold of 100,000.

Mr. Hoppes spoke about an airline that could provide regional jet service at Holloman Air Force Base. Commissioner Robinson asked about the price tag for an air service study. Mr. Hoppes estimated the cost at approximately \$30,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Rardin asked if regional jet service at Holloman would be open to the public. Mr. Hoppes confirmed it would be open to the public, likely through a separate entrance or gate. Mayor McDonald asked about the timeframe for the study. Mr. Hoppes stated they hoped to publish the RFP in 30 to 45 days, and 60 at the latest. Commissioner

Hernandez commented on the Leadership Otero program, noting its value in educating future leaders about local assets like the School for the Blind.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Coach David Barunda, representing American Legion Post 34 Force, introduced the American Legion state champion baseball team. He said that this was the city's first state title in this category since 1984. He introduced the players and coaches and noted the team would be heading to a regional tournament in California.
2. Katie Owens expressed concern regarding the recent increase in water bills. She stated that her bill for a one-room apartment had risen significantly and asked the Commission to reconsider the billing structure, particularly for those on fixed incomes.
3. Noelani Nagamini spoke in favor of the proposed Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, stating she was excited to apply and wanted to help make a difference in the community today rather than waiting until adulthood.
4. Gina Donahue requested a palm tree maintenance ordinance. She reported that debris from neglected palm trees had caused \$20,000 in damage to her air conditioning unit and created safety hazards for neighbors. She showed photos to the Commission and a draft proposal to the City Clerk.
5. Kim Murillo praised the citywide cleanup event, noting the "neighborly love" shown by volunteers. She also expressed support for the youth advisory council and thanked the Mayor for her vision.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Robert Stockwell reported that City Hall had transitioned back to being open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Burnett reported that he had spoken with City Manager Stockwell about implementing a budget billing plan for water customers to help residents on fixed incomes manage their bills. He mentioned attending a fundraiser golf tournament that raised over \$25,000 for Bass Otero.

Mayor McDonald thanked the commissioners and sponsors who participated in the July 18 citywide cleanup. She noted that 34 properties were completed despite the heat, with around 60 people helping. She thanked everyone who participated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hernandez moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

3. Approve the minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting on July 14, 2026. (*Rachel Hughs, City Clerk*)

4. Consider, and act upon, approval of the Annual Reports from City Boards and Committees for Fiscal Year 2026. (*Robert Stockwell, City Manager*)

5. Consider, and act upon, an agreement with Otero County for receipt of a \$35,000 reimbursable grant award for the Alamogordo Public Library to avail library collections to Otero County residents. (*Eileen Flint, Community Services Director and Kim Underwood, Library Manager*)

6. Consider, and act upon, an agreement with Otero County for Alamo Senior Center services to County residents. The total amount budgeted is \$52,305.00 (\$30,789.00 for home-delivered meals and \$21,516.00 for transportation). (Eileen Flint, Community Services Director and Magdalena Morales, ASC Manager)

7. Consider, and act upon, Great Blocks Contract Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$34,188.11. (Shelley Dowhanik-Baron, Community Development Director)

8. Consider, and act upon, awarding of the contract 2026-004 Fixed Route Transportation Services to Zia Therapy Center, Inc. (Jimmy Vargas, Public Works Director)

9. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-27 approving the agreement for the annual membership between the City and the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/ COG, to include a contribution of \$9,121. (Rachel Hughs, City Clerk) (Roll Call Vote Required)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Consider, and act upon, Ordinance 1724 for adoption and final publication, an Ordinance repealing Chapter 22, Subdivision Requirements, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and adopting updated Subdivision Regulations in Chapter 20, Land Development Code. (Shelley Dowhanik-Baron, Community Development Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Community Development Director Dowhanik-Baron presented the final reading of the ordinance. She reported that staff had removed the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) portions from the ordinance, as previously requested, and we will incorporate them in a separate portion of the land development code in the future. She addressed the question about uh the cost to a developer if we assess a 3% fee to cover the cost of future maintenance of drainage detention ponds. The 3% is already in the existing code; we are asking that it be carried over for an allowance in the new subdivision ordinance that we levy against a developer if, in the future, it would come before the Commission in terms of a fee schedule. She addressed the inquiry about the specific cost to developers and gave an estimate for the Fairgrounds and the white Sands Blvd commercial subdivision. Stating that a 3% cost would be \$20,000, levied against the developer. The annual detention facility maintenance costs are \$20,000, and a \$47,000 fee for a 47-home development. She stated the fee was not onerous given the ongoing maintenance needs.

**Commissioner Pattillo moved to Approve.
Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-26 creating a Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (Shelley Dowhanik-Baron, Community Development Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Community Development Director Dowhanik-Baron and Sherrie Edmund presented a proposal to involve high school and middle school students in community decision-making, leadership development, and future planning for the City. The commission provides meaningful opportunities to learn how government works while contributing their ideas and perspectives to issues that affect the community. It would mirror the existing commission by establishing a leadership role for youth. The commission would consist of 16 youth members from grades 8 through 12, including a potential NMSU-Alamogordo freshman. Community Development Director Dowhanik-Baron said that there was a Mayor's Youth Advisory Council many years ago and noted that Commissioner Pattillo was the "poster child" for the program, having served on that council. The program would include mentors from the community who have already signed up from Christ Community and the Rotary Club. They are considering a 70-minute monthly meeting and after-school workshops. The commission will run itself. We will teach them how to run effective meetings, set agendas, and

develop their own ideas for community projects. Community Development Director Dowhanik-Baron, Sherrie Edmund, and the Mayor will be involved in facilitation.

Commissioner Robinson moved to Approve.
Commissioner Pattillo seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hernandez moved to Adjourn at 7:44 PM.
Commissioner Tapley seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

ATTEST:

Mayor Sharon McDonald

City Clerk Rachel Hughs

(Prepared by Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

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

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

**AL HERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARK TAPLEY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT STOCKWELL, 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. Commissioner Pattillo and Commissioner Burnett were noted as absent. City Clerk Hughs announced there was a quorum present.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Robinson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McDonald.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Robinson moved to Approve the agenda.
Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 0.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-28 approving the Department of Finance Authority Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 2026. (Evelyn Huff, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Finance Director Huff presented the fourth-quarter report for FY26, stating that after Commission approval, it would be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration. She said that the starting cash position for all funds at the beginning of FY26 was \$7.475 million. The city brought in \$98.46 million in revenues and recorded \$86.4 million in expenditures, resulting in a net ending cash position of \$19.4 million. When including \$90.616 million in investments, the total cash at the end of FY26 was \$109,934,227. She explained that all accounts were fully reconciled through bank accounts and statements from the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA). She clarified that the special meeting was necessary because NMFA statements were received later than usual, requiring additional time for staff to process.

**Commissioner Robinson moved to Approve.
Commissioner Tapley seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 5-0-0.**

2. Consider, and act upon, the approval of Resolution 2026-29 amending the Preliminary FY 2026-2027 Budget with year-end cash balances, carry-over fund balances, corrections, and adopting the Final Budget for 2026-2027. (Evelyn Huff, Finance Director) (Roll Call Vote Required)

Finance Director Huff explained that this resolution finalized the FY27 budget by transitioning the final ending cash balances from FY26 into the beginning cash balances for the new fiscal year. The amendments included adjustments for project fund carryovers, specifically noting a significant revenue carryover in Fund 24 due to pending payments from the state. She also highlighted purchase order carryovers for those that remained open or pending at the end of FY26. She stated that unencumbered balances were carried over for the state fire fund as required. She noted

that adjustments were made for travel and controllable property, which had been added back into the budget following discussions with City Manager Stockwell. Additionally, vehicle lease budgets were carried over into FY27, as the city had only recently begun receiving the vehicles.

Commissioner Robinson moved to Approve.
Commissioner Rardin seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rardin moved to Adjourn at 5:39 PM.
Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.
Motion Passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

ATTEST:

Mayor Sharon McDonald

City Clerk Rachel Hughs

(Prepared by Rachel Hughs, City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Report Date: 07/31/2026

Report No: 2.

Submitted By: Teresa Gutierrez

Subject: Consider, and act upon, the Professional Services Contract between the Alamogordo Police Department and the Alamogordo Public Schools for three (3) School Resource Officers, as previously approved by the City Commission in the FY27 Budget. *(David Kunihiro, Chief of Police)*

Fiscal Impact: \$138,510.50

Amount Budgeted: \$277,021.00

Fund: General Fund 011.400.4104.0000.40416 User Fees-APS Reimbursement

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation: Approve the Professional Services Contract.

Background: This is the annual contract between APD and APS for three full-time certified, experienced, uniformed Police Department Officers to be stationed at the secondary schools during the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. APS reimburses the City for 50% of the SRO's salaries and benefits.

**Alamogordo Public Schools
1211 Hawaii
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Phone #575-812-6000**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into on July 22, 2026, by and between the CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, a New Mexico municipal corporation (City), and the ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (District), through the ALAMOGORDO SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, THE City and District desire to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing safety and security at the secondary schools and other law enforcement related functions and school activities.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BY THE PARTIES:

1. The City shall provide three (3) full-time certified, experienced, uniformed Police Department Officers to be stationed at the secondary schools during the upcoming 2026 - 2027 school year. These officers are assigned and shall be supervised by the Community Relations Supervisor of the Alamogordo Police Department. These officers are herein referred to as School Resource Officers (SRO).
2. During the time period that the regular school year is not ongoing, these officers will perform other law enforcement related duties.
3. The District may still request additional uniformed services from the City when the need arises. The request for these events needs to originate from the APS Superintendent, APS Chief of Safety and Security, APS Athletic Director, APS Security Supervisor, or other Superintendent designee. These additional requests are for special activities and functions, including but not limited to the following:
 - A. Sporting Events
 - B. Graduation
4. These uniformed SROs are law enforcement personnel who will provide safety, security and other law enforcement related duties during the school year. The SROs intent is not to be policy enforcement officers for the District. It is intended to provide a positive atmosphere in the spirit of the community-policing concept. This agreement does not limit the District, at any time, from hiring other personnel for the purpose of security.
5. The District will provide office space at all secondary schools for the sole use of the assigned SRO's. Said office space shall contain adequate amenities to include heating,

cooling, dedicated telephone(s) and access to District server for purpose of access to Alamogordo Police Department reporting and/or e-mail systems.

6. The compensation of these SRO positions is to be paid mutually and reflects approximately 50% of the total costs for the City of Alamogordo and the Alamogordo Public School District. The City shall, prior to July 1, 2026, determine the three officers' annual salaries, benefits and any other agreed upon costs; i.e., overtime. In the event a workman's compensation claim is made, the workman's compensation will be solely the responsibility of the City of Alamogordo.

For this contract period, the District will reimburse the City in the amount of \$ 138,510.50. The costs will initially be paid by the City, and reimbursement shall be in quarterly installments from the District on September 1, 2026; December 1, 2026; March 1, 2027 and June 1, 2027.

7. Should the need arise for specialized training, special days off, or leave during the school year, the SRO will be responsible for notifying their respective APD supervisor and the APD supervisor will be responsible for notifying the respective school administration and the APS Chief of Safety and Security. During these absences, a substitute SRO may be provided, if staffing levels allow. When a substitute SRO is not provided the school shall contact APD for assistance.
8. The Alamogordo Police Department shall provide a monthly SRO activity report by school site where SROs are assigned. The report is a statistical report obtained from crimes reported, arrests, juvenile referrals, accidents, traffic and non-traffic citations issued, school requested overtime assignments and any other information the Department would deem worthy of reporting. The report will not include information not to be released under current legal guidelines. The report will be submitted to the APS Chief of Safety and Security no later than the 15th of each month.
9. The School shall provide SRO's access to the District video surveillance system as permitted by law. Currently, District shall allow officers to view law enforcement related incidents on the system and obtain copies of those incidents for investigational purposes by a duly authorized subpoena or court order.
10. The terms of this Contract, and any subsequent renewal thereof, are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the Legislature of New Mexico and the New Mexico Department of Education for the performance of this Contract. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made by the Legislature, this Contract shall terminate, without any penalty or damages whatsoever against the District, upon written notice being given by the District to Contractor. The District's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available shall be accepted by Contractor and shall be final.

11. In the event staffing shortages prevent the Alamogordo Police Department from fulfilling the terms of this contract concerning staffing, the District and City will meet to negotiate a decrease in cost for services.
12. If any term or condition of this Contract shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable. Should any part of this Contract be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Contract should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.
13. The District and the City are the only parties to this Contract. Nothing in this Contract provides any benefit or right, directly or indirectly, to third parties. The Parties shall cooperate fully in opposing any attempt by any third person or entity to claim any benefit, protection, release, or other consideration under this Contract.
14. As between the parties, each party will be solely responsible for liability arising from personal injury, including death, or damage to property arising from the act or failure to action of the respective party or of its officials, agents and employees pursuant to this Agreement. Any and all claims by third parties resulting from this Agreement are subject to the immunities and limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Section 41-4-1 et seq., NMSA 1978, as amended.
15. Within 60 days after the effective date of this agreement, the Chief of Safety and Security, school administration and the Community Relations Supervisor shall meet to outline work duties of the SROs of the 2026-2027 school year.
16. This Agreement for Services shall become effective on July 22, 2026, and continue through June 30, 2027.

Alamogordo Public School District

City of Alamogordo

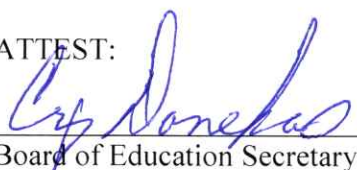

Board of Education President

City Manager

7-22-2026
Date:

Date:

ATTEST:


Board of Education Secretary

Date:

7-22-2026

ATTEST:

Alamogordo City Clerk

Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO
CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Report Date: 08/04/2026

Report No: 3.

Submitted By: Teresa Gutierrez

Subject: Update on license plate reader and live-view camera project. *(David Kunihiro, Chief of Police)*

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Budgeted:

Fund:

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation: Information only.

Background: Police Chief David Kunihiro will make a presentation and give a project update.

Alamogordo Police Department

Project Update: August 11th, 2026



Alamogordo Police Department

February 2025

- City entered a \$500k contract with Flock
- 2-year contract (begins with final installation)
- 60 devices (license plate readers and live-view cameras)

March 2025

- Officers trained on platform and policy

June 2026

- Installation complete

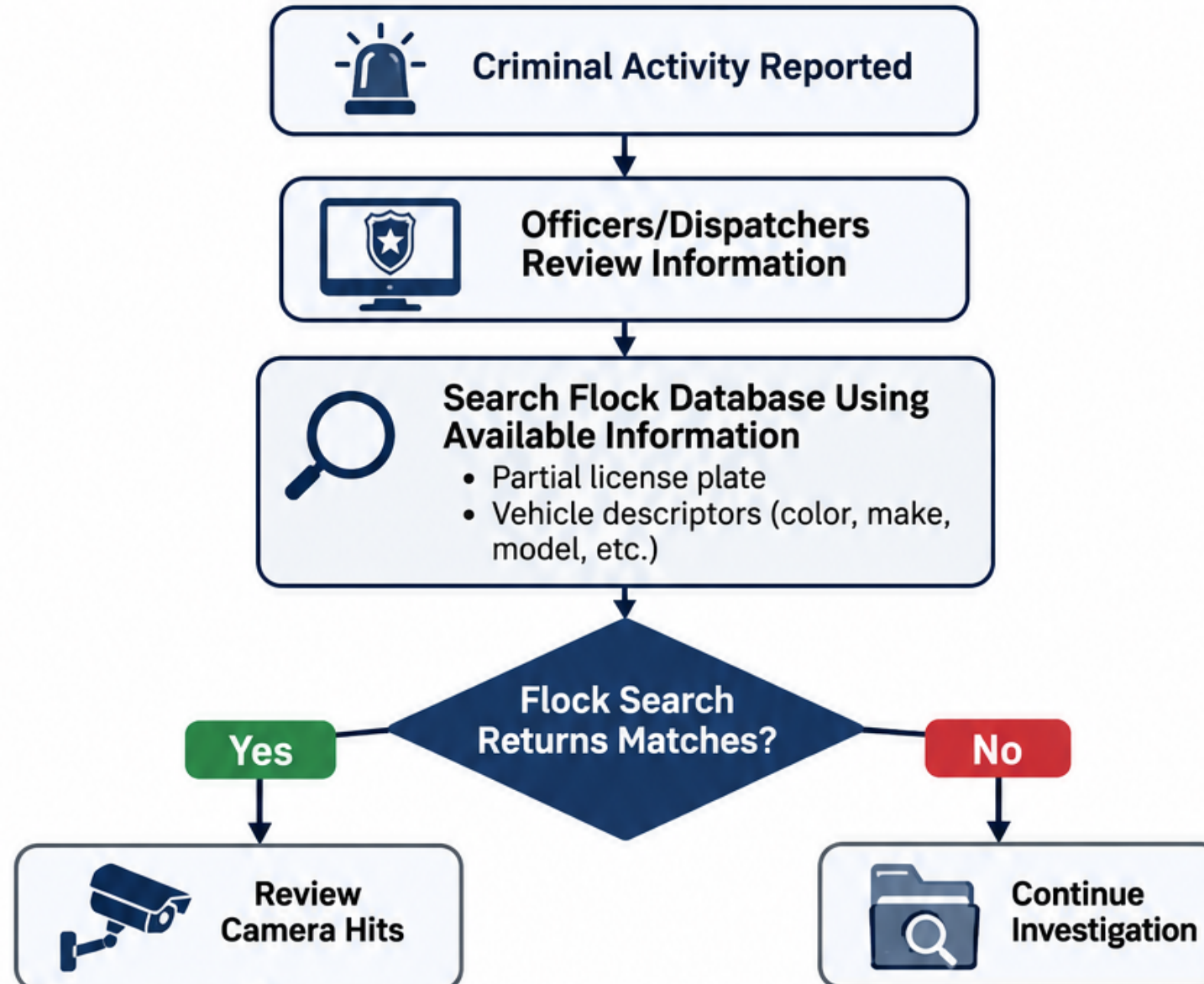


Alamogordo Police Department

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Accept and Continue

- Mandated reason for search
- All searches are audited
- Monthly audits
- 30-day retention for license plate readers
- 7-day retention for videos





Review Camera Hits

Camera Locations Provide Fixed Points Only

- Do NOT continuously track vehicles
- Show where a vehicle was observed
- Can connect a suspect vehicle to a crime in the area

Is the Vehicle
Entered on the
Hotlist?

No



Search is Complete
(No ongoing monitoring)

Yes



**Receive
Hotlist Alerts**

Alert Provides Fixed Point Only

- Indicates where the vehicle was recently detected
- Does NOT provide live tracking

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Flock provides fixed location data, not live tracking.
- ✓ Camera hits show where a vehicle was observed.
- ✓ Hotlist alerts indicate recent detection only.
- ✓ Use Flock data as one tool to support the overall investigation.



Alamogordo Police Department



What does a license plate search show?

- The back of a vehicle
- A closeup of the license plate
- The direction of travel for vehicle
- The road it is driving on
- The date and time it was there



What it does not show:

- Where a vehicle came from, the destination, occupants, speed, owner information, registration information, insurance information, immigration status, etc.

Alamogordo Police Department

Stolen vehicle case

- A person reported their vehicle stolen, prompting an initial theft investigation. Using Flock LPR, investigators quickly located an image of the vehicle being transported on the back of a tow truck.
- A brief follow-up investigation confirmed the vehicle had been legally repossessed—not stolen.
- By quickly verifying the circumstances, investigators avoided an unnecessary stolen vehicle case, saving officer investigative time and preventing dispatch from entering the vehicle into NCIC as stolen.

Alamogordo Police Department

Sexual Assault case

- A food delivery driver allegedly talked his way into the home of a 78-year-old woman and assaulted her before fleeing the scene.
- The victim provided investigators with a description of the suspect's vehicle.
- Using Flock LPR, investigators identified a vehicle matching the description in the area at the time of the incident
- Combined with other investigative methods, officers located the vehicle and the suspect across town within 30 minutes. The suspect was later arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping, sexual assault, and other offenses.

Alamogordo Police Department

What does a video show?

- Witnesses in the area of 10th and Cuba called 911 after observing a disturbance and a man with a gun.
- Vehicle description given w/o specific plate
- Investigators begin to review video and obtain vehicle description
- Vehicle located in the area within 2 minutes
- Investigation revealed suspects were trying to steal a vehicle
- Man was trying to protect himself
- Two subjects were charged as a result

Alamogordo Police Department

Video cameras **do not**:

- Capture audio
- Take photos of license plates
- Recognize or identify people
- Recognize or identify crimes
- Know when footage is evidence

Investigators must become aware of a crime within seven days and determine whether any relevant footage is available before it expires. They must then review the footage and, if it is relevant, present it as evidence in court.



† Flock Safety

Alamogordo Police Department

Success is the result of skilled police work. Flock helps investigators identify a vehicle's location at a specific point in time, but it's the investigative work that follows that solves the case. The platform is designed to help deter crime and support investigations.

- One night around midnight a man borrowed a vehicle, shot at two homes, and fled.
- A victim's home camera footage caught the color and shape of the vehicle. Flock footage got a license plate for a similar vehicle as it got on a highway.
- Witness statements, search warrants, matching shell casings, recovered handgun, suspect interview, and multiple private home security camera videos led to identifying the defendant. He was charged with 9 felonies within 4 hours of the first shot.

Alamogordo Police Department

Additional benefits:

- Hit and Run crashes solved increase by 76%
 - 21 cases solved (2024) 37 cases solved (2025)
- Assists with locating wanted subjects
- Assists with locating reported reckless drivers and DWI



AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO CITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Report Date: 08/03/2026

Report No: 4.

Submitted By: Robert Stockwell

Subject: Consider, and act upon, Resolution 2026-30 in support of pausing the proposed demolition of the Sunspot Observatory. *(City Manager, Robert Stockwell)* **(Roll Call Vote Required)**

Fiscal Impact:

Amount Budgeted:

Fund:

Additional Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation: Approve the resolution.

Background:

This resolution benefits the community's economy. There is significant local and national support for exploring the potential development of the observatory and surrounding facilities for beneficial scientific history preservation, education, and tourism.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PAUSING THE PROPOSED
DEMOLITION OF THE SUNSPOT OBSERVATORY**

WHEREAS, the Sunspot Observatory is an integral element of the modern history of Alamogordo and Otero County; and,

WHEREAS, there is significant local and national support for exploring potential development of the observatory and surrounding facilities for beneficial scientific history preservation, education, and tourism; and,

WHEREAS, such potential development would have a significant positive impact on the economies of Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, and Otero County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alamogordo City Commission of the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, is formally requesting that the National Science Foundation pause the demolition of Sunspot and for our State and National legislators to interceded as necessary to allow time to explore the development of Sunspot into a multi-use education and tourist facility.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this_____day of_____, 2026.

CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
a New Mexico municipal corporation

By:_____
Sharon McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Hughs, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert Stockwell, City Manager