



**CITY OF TEXICO**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 26, 2026

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Senior Citizen Center

**City Officials Present:**

- Mayor-Deborah Autrey
- Deputy Clerk-Maria Ulibarri
- City Attorney- Rick Queener
- Judge-Virginia Loera
- Police Chief-Doug Bowman
- Fire Chief-Diane Queener
- Sr. Citizen Director-Helen Lucio

**City Council Members Present:**

- Councilman Carter
- Councilman Autrey
- Councilwoman Askew
- Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad

## MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting began with prayer and roll call. The council approved the minutes from May 12 and discussed water conservation, noting meter installation and software updates. They debated the refund policy for community center rental deposits, agreeing on a 10-business-day cancellation period. The council approved new community center rules and meeting conduct procedures. They suspended cannabis tax revenue transfers to the Texico Economic Development Advisory Board and tabled a \$5,722.69 Harrison Builders invoice. The council adopted Ordinance 3-411 and the 2026-2027 interim budget. Updates on park and trail grants were also provided.

## OPENING ITEMS

Mayor Deborah Autrey opened the meeting with a prayer, thanking God for the recent moisture and asking for wisdom in decision-making. Pledge of allegiance to the United States and New Mexico flags was recited. Roll call attendance was conducted: Councilwoman Askew, Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad, Councilman Carter, and Councilman Autrey and Mayor Deborah Autrey confirmed their presence.

Mayor Deborah Autrey added an agenda item regarding a closed session under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7): Threatened and pending litigation.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 12 meeting was made by Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad and seconded by Councilwoman Askew. Roll call vote confirmed the approval of the minutes. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Deborah Autrey opened the floor for public comment, but no one had any comments.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Deborah Autrey reported that water production was normal, and meters will be finished by the end of the week. Meters at the school will be installed before summer basketball starts. The software for reading meters has been uploaded, and a test run was successful.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Deborah Autrey introduced the new rental agreement form with updated rules and regulations. Council considered whether to refund deposits if cancellations are made within 10 business days. Discussion on exceptions for cancellations due to death, with Mayor Deborah Autrey arguing against making exceptions. Council agreed to refund deposits if cancellations are made 10 business days prior to the event.

Mayor Deborah Autrey explained the rules for renting the community center, including deposit requirements and cleaning responsibilities. Council discussed the feasibility of renters moving their rental dates if the new date was available. Mayor Deborah Autrey clarified that renters must clean tables and chairs and return them to their proper storage locations. Council approved the rules as presented with a roll call vote.

### ALL NEW BUSINESS APPROVED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad:** YES

**Councilman Autrey:** YES

**Councilman Carter:** YES

**Councilwoman Askew:** YES

### ACTION ITEMS

Discussion on EPCOG membership dues and the appointment of representatives. Council agreed to have Councilwoman Askew and Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad as representatives, with Councilwoman Askew as the main representative and Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad as the alternate.

Mayor Deborah Autrey discussed the need to suspend cannabis tax revenue transfers to the Texico Economic Development Advisory Board until they become a nonprofit. Mayor Deborah Autrey also explained the need to suspend the transfers due to legal and audit considerations. Motion to suspend the transfers was made and approved, effective July 1, 2026.

Mayor Deborah Autrey discussed an invoice from Harrison Builders for painting the Texico Cemetery pavilion. The invoice was over the \$5,000 procurement limit and required council approval. Motion to table the payment until clarification on the cost difference was made. Roll call vote confirmed the motion to table the payment.

### ALL ACTION ITEMS APPROVED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE

**Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad:** YES

**Councilman Autrey:** YES

**Councilman Carter:** YES

**Councilwoman Askew:** YES

### RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES

Ordinance 3-411 Joint Utility: Mayor Deborah Autrey introduced Ordinance 3-411 for adoption, an amendment to the joint utility ordinance. (**Adopted**)

2026-2027 Interim Budget: Mayor Deborah Autrey presented the 2026-2027 interim budget for approval. (**Approved**)

BAR 2026-06: Mayor Deborah Autrey discussed the need to close the municipal street account and transfer funds to the general fund. (**Approved**)

### ALL RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES APPROVED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad**: YES

**Councilman Autrey**: YES

**Councilman Carter**: YES

**Councilwoman Askew**: YES

### REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL, PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Deborah Autrey provided updates on the roof repairs and the status of the procurement process. Mayor Deborah Autrey updated council on the trails grant and the park grant, including plans for equipment and volunteer work.

Chief Queener reported on a successful meeting with Mr. Evans and addressed all questions he had.

### CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Deborah Autrey moved to enter closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7): Threatened or Pending litigation. Motioned by Councilman Autrey, seconded by Councilman Carter. A Roll call vote was taken. Time: 16:50.

**Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad**: YES

**Councilman Autrey**: YES

**Councilman Carter**: YES

**Councilwoman Askew**: YES

Closed session was exited at 17:50. Let the record reflect that the matters discussed in closed session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure. No final action was taken in closed session.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 17:52

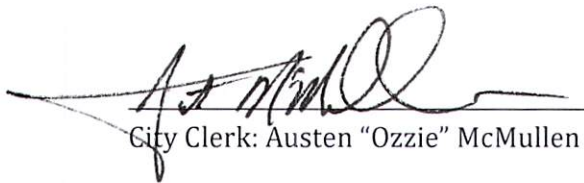
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 4:30pm.

SIGNATURES

ATTEST:

  
Mayor: Deborah Autrey

  
City Clerk: Austen "Ozzie" McMullen

