



Minutes

County Council – Work Session

*Theresa Cull, Council Chair; Suzie Havemann, Council Vice-Chair;  
Melanee Hand, Ryn Herrmann, Beverly Neal-Clinton, David Reagor, and Randall Ryti, Councilors*

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:00 PM

Fire Station No. 3  
129 State Road 4 - White Rock

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**1. OPENING/ROLL CALL**

The Council Chair, Theresa Cull, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Cull made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting.

Councilor Neal-Clinton joined the meeting remotely during the discussion of Item 5 at 6:07 p.m.

**The following Councilors were in attendance:**

**Present: 5 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Reagor,  
and Councilor Ryti**

**Remote: 1 – Councilor Neal-Clinton**

**Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by: All.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

An online comment was submitted and included as Attachment A.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Ryti, that Council approve the agenda as presented.**

**The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:**

**Yes: 5 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Reagor,  
and Councilor Ryti**

**Absent: 2 – Councilor Havemann and Councilor Neal-Clinton**

## 5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

### A. Briefing Presentation to Council by Jennifer Olsen, Chair, of the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

Councilor Neal-Clinton arrived remotely during the discussion of this item at 6:07 p.m.

Ms. Conner Tharp, Lodgers Tax Advisory Vice Chair, presented.

Ms. Ellyn Felton, Marketing Specialist, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

**No action taken.**

### B. Distribution System Electrification Study

Mr. Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager-Electric Distribution, presented.

Mr. Dennis Astley, Electrical Engineering Manager, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

**No action taken.**

## 6. BUSINESS

### A. Action to Suspend Council Rules for Work Session

**A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council suspend their procedural rules for this work session, August 19, 2025, so that formal action may be taken.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton  
Councilor Reagor and Councilor Ryti**

**Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann**

**B. Approval of County Council Minutes for the July 29, 2025, and August 5, 2025, Regular Sessions**

**A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve the Minutes for the July 29, 2025 and August 5, 2025 Regular Sessions.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Neal-Clinton  
Councilor Reagor and Councilor Ryti**

**Absent: 1 – Councilor Havemann**

**C. Report and Possible Action from Council's Local/Small Business Engagement Working Group**

Councilor Herrmann presented.

Councilor Reagor presented.

Councilor Ryti presented.

Public Comment:

Ms. Elizabeth Burr spoke.

Ms. Maire O'Neill spoke.

**No action taken.**

**RECESS**

***Councilor Cull called for a recess at 8:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.***

**D. Overview of Council Strategic Goal - Quality Governance**

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.

Ms. Helen Perraglio, Administrative Services Director, spoke.

Public Comment:

None.

**No action taken.**

**E. Discussion of Canyon Rim Trail Feasibly to LAMC/Omega Bridge**

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, presented.

Mr. Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

**No action taken.**

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)**

- A.** Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-372 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 2, ARTICLE III, Division 3, Section 2-116 Granting Certain Elected Officials Eligibility to Participate in the County's Group Health Insurance Plans if the Elected Official Pays the County One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Premiums for the Medical, Dental, or Vision Benefits Coverage

**Councilor Ryti introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 02-372 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 2, ARTICLE III, Division 3, Section 2-116 Granting Certain Elected Officials Eligibility to Participate in the County's Group Health Insurance Plans if the Elected Official Pays the County One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Premiums for the Medical, Dental, or Vision Benefits Coverage, and ask staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.**

**8. WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ENTITIES REPORTS**

**A. Councilor submitted reports**

Councilor Ryti outlined the report that he submitted.

Councilor Herrmann outlined the report that she submitted.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Theresa Cull, Council Chair

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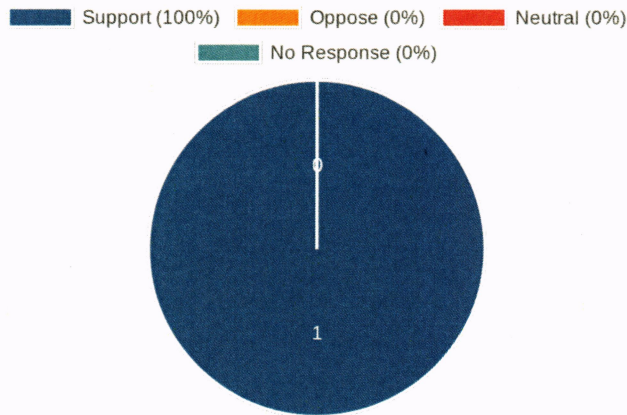
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Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria L. Martinez, Elections Manager

Agenda Item: eComments for 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Overall Sentiment



**June Fabryka-Martin**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:21pm 08-17-25

I encourage Council to consider submitting a Resolution of Support to the National Park Service regarding selection of the preferred NPS option for management of our neighbor, the Valles Caldera National Preserve, for the next 15-20 years. Developing the Preserve to provide a real national park type visitor experience can be expected to increase visitation to our area and encourage longer stays. Our county stands to benefit economically if that plan comes to fruition.

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	1	1	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

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Overall Sentiment

