

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

OVERVIEW

The meeting began with the approval of the agenda and a public comment about council members' behavior on social media. Emmanuel Maduno presented on non-traditional water sources, emphasizing the need for desalination due to global water shortages. He highlighted the New Mexico 50-year water plan, which identifies municipal wastewater and produced water as key resources. The council approved monthly expenditures, including \$9,975 for computer equipment and \$12,000 for uniforms. They also discussed a five-year contract for \$51,000 to purchase tasers and body cameras for the police department. The meeting concluded with updates on various village projects and initiatives.

ACTION ITEMS

- Send the new water planning effort/materials to the village council so they can review the proposed options and timeline. (Speaker 9)
- Submit public comments and request a 30-day extension on the water planning comment period before the August 30 deadline. (Speaker 11)

Outline

- Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call
 - o Speaker 4 calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
 - o Speaker 6 leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - o Roll call vote confirms the presence of Mayor Denny, Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez, Councilmember Sandoval, and Councilmember Olivas.
 - o Approval of the agenda is moved and seconded, followed by a roll call vote.
 - o Public Comment and Council Member's Remarks
 - o Speaker 6 opens the floor for public comment with a two-minute limit.
 - o Speaker 9 raises a concern about a council member's Facebook post regarding a local business, emphasizing the need for council members to hold themselves to a higher standard.
 - o Speaker 6 acknowledges the issue and suggests it could affect the perception of the village and its business environment.
 - o The public comment period closes with no further comments.
 - o Presentation on Non-Traditional Water Supplies
 - o Speaker 10 introduces himself as the vice president of the New Mexico Association, a 501c3 nonprofit focused on supporting communities with non-traditional water supplies.
 - o The presentation covers the global water crisis, the Obama administration's 2015 rules on water reuse, and the U.S. EPA's National Water Reuse Action Plan.
 - o Speaker 10 highlights the importance of desalination for non-traditional water sources like brackish water, municipal wastewater, and produced water.
 - o The presentation includes examples of successful water reuse projects and the potential for similar initiatives in Cuba.
- Detailed Discussion on Water Resources and Technologies

- Speaker 10 discusses the New Mexico 50-year water plan, identifying municipal water reuse, produced water, and brackish water as key resources.
- The presentation covers the costs and benefits of different desalination technologies, emphasizing the affordability of reverse osmosis for brackish water.
- Speaker 10 explains the potential for using produced water from the San Juan Basin for industrial and agricultural applications.
- The discussion includes the importance of planning and collaboration with industry to optimize water use and reduce freshwater demand.
- Financing and Planning for Water Projects
- Speaker 10 emphasizes the need for early planning and collaboration with the state to secure funding for water projects.
- The presentation highlights the potential for state funding to support water infrastructure improvements and sustainability efforts.
- Speaker 12 discusses the role of the Council of Governments in providing consulting services and funding for water planning and engineering projects.
- The importance of community engagement and early planning to address water shortages and sustainability challenges is reiterated.
- Approval of Monthly Work and Equipment Purchases
 - The council discusses and approves the monthly work for the village of Cuba, including purchases for a new phone system, computer equipment, and uniforms.
 - Speaker 16 explains the benefits of the new equipment, including improved officer safety and long-term financial planning.
 - The council approves the purchase of new tasers and body cameras, emphasizing the importance of modern equipment for law enforcement.
 - The discussion includes the logistics of implementing the new equipment and the benefits for officer safety and public accountability.
 - Discussion on Tax Request and Budget Adjustments
 - The council tables a tax request for the Cuba High School Science Department to promote tourism in the village.
 - The final budget for the fiscal year is discussed, with a hard deadline of the 31st.
 - The council reviews the sports budget report for 2026 and discusses the need for adjustments.
 - The importance of accurate budgeting and planning for future projects is emphasized.
 - Update on Village Clerk's Responsibilities and Compliance
 - Speaker 1 provides an update on the village clerk's responsibilities, including mold remediation and ADA compliance for the motor vehicle department.
 - The council discusses the revised personnel policy and the corrective action plan to comply with DFA requirements.
 - The importance of written policies and procedures to ensure compliance and transparency is highlighted.

- The council reviews the water ordinance and discusses the need for updates to include wastewater.
- Beautification and Community Engagement
 - Speaker 1 discusses efforts to improve the appearance of the village through beautification projects and community engagement.
 - The council encourages community members to reach out with ideas and offers to help with projects.
 - The importance of maintaining and improving public spaces to attract visitors and support local businesses is emphasized.
 - The council discusses potential funding opportunities and the role of local organizations in supporting beautification efforts.
 - Fire Department Update and Meeting Conclusion
 - Speaker 16 provides an update on the fire department's operations, including the hiring of a new firefighter and coverage plans for the upcoming week.
 - The council discusses the need for adequate fire department coverage during events like the Morel Mushroom Festival.
 - The meeting concludes with a brief update on the water tank project and the importance of securing necessary financing.
 - The council thanks everyone for attending and adjourns the meeting.

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Mayor Herrera 01:29

Like to call the meeting to order. It is 603 p.m. Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance 01:31

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Herrera 01:39

Roll call vote, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 01:42

Mayor Denny Herrera.

Mayor Herrera 01:43

Here.

Patricia Martinez 01:44

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 01:45

Here.

Patricia Martinez 01:46

Council Member Salazar [not present]. Council Member Sandoval

Council Member Sandoval 01:51

Present.

Patricia Martinez 01:51

Council Member Olivas.

Council Member Olivas 01:52

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 01:54

Next item is the approval of the agenda.

Council Member Olivas 01:56

Make a motion.

Council Member Sandoval 01:57

I second.

Mayor Herrera 02:02
Roll call vote. Mrs. Martinez

Patricia Martinez 02:04
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 02:06
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 02:08
Council Member Sandoval.

Council Member Sandoval 02:09
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 02:10
Council Member Olivas

Council Member Olivas 02:11
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 02:11
Next item on the agenda is the public comment two-minute limit. Anybody like to comment? Next item will be new business, and it'll be we'll have a presentation of use of non-traditional waters to support freshwater sustainability by Emmanuel Maduno.

Council Member Sandoval 02:37
Real quick, sorry, I just thought about something for the public comment, if I could. And I guess it's saying that as both a community member and as a council member, I caught attention some stuff that was put on Facebook by a council member in regards to some a business here in town, and I just I think it's a thing for us as council members and village employees to hold ourselves to a higher standard. You know whether it's you know we all different businesses whether we like the individual who owns them or you know, like the food or not, or you know, whatever obvious business, you know, service they're offering. But I think when, as a council member, if we go around bashing people and businesses, it doesn't look good not only on us as individuals, as individual council members, but it doesn't look good on the village either. And like I said, I just think as a council member, I think we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard.

Mayor Herrera 03:53
On that issue, I don't have Facebook, so what it was, but I think that would have helped the type of business wanting to come to Cuba, also when they've seen how

you, the locals, would treat the businesses that are already in town. Any further comment for the two minutes? Okay, back to the presentation. Whenever you guys are ready.

Water presenter 04:38

So I'll try to make this short. I don't know how much time I have, but I think with the presentations that we provided, you probably have maybe some background. But I'll introduce myself and the organization, and then why we're going around this to communities about water supplies and water supplies. So I'm with the Mike Hightower. I'm the vice president of the New Mexico Association. It's a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The focus of our association is to try and support communities in developing that may be non-traditional, like brackish water, municipal wastewater, that require higher levels of technology and treatment than we normally use, and so we're trying to provide information to communities on support we can provide to you to get connected with technology providers information on quality of water that you can get to support your long-term 50-year water planning effort. So that's what I'm. The first view graph that I had just talks about the trend we see internationally and nationally on fact that most water supplies in the U.S. and internationally freshwater supplies are limited. There's no additional new water. Okay, and so even the United Nations is trying to get countries to start looking at what can kind of resources can to address these shortages of fresh water. So this term "global water bankruptcy" is is a new document that came out just the beginning of this year with from the United Nations saying most countries in the world have not managed their freshwater resources correctly, and we're going to have to look at other options. So that's kind of the driver. The second, so I talked about here in nationally, the Obama administration 2015 actually came out with some rules on paving the way to reuse nontraditional water resources, wastewaters, brackish water, seawater as new supplies for the U.S. and put money into trying to accelerate that. A couple years after that, in 2020, the U.S. EPA came out with the National Water Reuse Action Plan. Examples of that that you can go. But what they're looking at there is looking at wastewater as the new water resource, as well as some of these other non-traditional sources. They picked out five different major industrial areas for water reuse. One of them, I bring this out because one of them is produced water, agricultural wastewater, municipal wastewater. Those are going to require desalination or desalination technical quality that could be reused. So the point being is that for a lot of protections that we see from the United States for these newer water sources that will need to support water stewardship of fresh water, are going to require desalination, and so that's why the New Mexico Desalination Association wants to participate with communities and let you know that we're a resource for you, trying to give you information on qualities, places that we're doing across the U.S. and across our region, and so look for us as a resource for you in the future. The next slide that I had is talks about the state water plan, the New Mexico 20 or 50-year water plan that came out in 2025, actually 2024, and they identify three types of water. One is that they think the most appropriate for reuse in the

state, this municipal water reuse. Almost every community has municipal wastewater. Now you got some right out there that could be used if it's treated correctly for maybe not applications, but applications where you could use it for parks or recreational ball fields, where you wouldn't have to use fresh water. So those are some things that they were looking at. They also identified produced water because in a lot of both in the northwest part of the state, southeast part of the state, there's a lot of produced reuse used for, again, maybe not drinking water applications, but industrial uses or agricultural uses, or things like that, and so I'm going to talk a little about Cuba. Is in an area where there is some produced water developed that you might be interested in looking at in the sand from the San Juan Basin. Other cities that we're looking at in the northwest part. We've talked to Tierra Amarilla and Chama. Use those waters and offset the demands for fresh water, and use not have to give fresh water up to other parts of the state to meet compact deliveries for Texas and things like that. So the state's looking for I don't know 750,000 acre feet per year of new water. That's about 750 million gallons of water a day that they expect that we're going to have to just side. That that's not fresh water. New fresh water sources that we really don't have in the state of New Mexico any new so we're in and the climate cycle that we're in, 750 million gallons of water a day. It's about Albuquerque's worth of water a day around the state. That's just a lot of water. So I'm just trying to highlight that I think most cities, small cities, villages, large cities, are going to have to look at these desalination approaches to try and look at these whatever non-traditional washers you might have around. And one of the things that's helping drive the desalination is that over that desalination has come down significantly, on the order of two to 5002, to \$5 per 1000 gallons, which is a lot better than the \$20 per 1000 gallons that it was in the 1970s and 1980s. So we're finding that a lot of units can afford these desalination technologies. So that's why we're seeing a lot of interest in support building. Slide number. Let's see if I've got it on here. Slide number seven just has for you seven, eight, and nine are slides that really talk about the different types of water that we have in in New Mexico and where they show up. So slide number seven that talks about brackish water, I have the areas there across New Mexico, so that you can see where Cuba is. The fact that there's some brackish water available in the Cuba area that might be of interest that could be utilized. I also point out that we have a national research facility in Alamogordo for DSO facility. You work with the people there to test technologies for you, test your water that you may have. So we don't have to do or California. We can do that testing here, with this is a bureau reclamation facility that's paid for by the federal government. Was developed about 20 years ago. I'm working on developing that facility. We have a lot of testing that can be done there. Systems that you can come and visit there in Alamogordo, but there's this just identifies where the different brackish water resources, major resources, are there are some here in the Cuba area that you might. Slide on municipal wastewater reuse. We just opened a new municipal wastewater reuse facility in Albuquerque. That's now the water's high enough quality that they're using refugia for silvery minnow. Silvery minnows an endangered species. The water's high enough quality that it doesn't damage the

silvery minnow. So we have enough data, and so. Last 20 years, that even municipal wastewater that you have could probably be used for applications that maybe you haven't envisioned in the past as a new water source, and then the last slide, slide number nine, just talks about the produced water that we have available. There's a lot of produced water in the northwest in the San Juan Basin. The good thing about the San Juan Basin, it's really not that salty, and it's because it's because a lot of oil in it. It's got more natural gas, and so it's shows some clean brines there from the San Juan in the bottom. You can see that the clean brine kind of looks like good water. It's just 10,000 TDS, which is kind of salty. It's called brackish, but we've done testing on that water and we can clean that water up to drinking water quality for you. I think some of the nearest well, but it's not that far to try to bring that water small pipeline can bring that water here if you want. So I think here in the Cuba area, this part of northwestern New Mexico produced water may have an opportunity to be utilized to offset freshwater supplies, and then the slide number 10 just shows the quality that we get from treating some of these wastewater, and I've compared it to drinking water from the city of Albuquerque, and you can see that the water quality of the treated San Juan Basin water and the water quality of municipal wastewater is not that much different. Some of the demonstrations that you may be interested in, and we could do down the road here in in Cuba, if you're or this part of the county, we're not doing these lab scale tests. These are the types of pilot demonstration tests that we've been doing for the last 10 years for desal. These are scale systems; they're not scale. And so, I think what we're finding is that we've got enough knowledge from a high technology readiness level that these systems are going to work because they're made with actual full-scale parts and valves and equipment. I think we're getting good information that these things will operate well. Kind of to finish up, I have a last slide that just talks about which one is for Cuba or this part county. Some things that you need to think about when you, if you use municipal wastewater, what's the availability of that water? Is that water discharged now where permitting would need to be changed, and what additional treatment costs before you're required. So these I'm talking to are looking at to make it for drinking water, but they want to bring in industrial to the facility. Can they treat that water to an industrial quality? Those are things that we can work with you on and work with researchers at the university and at the facility in Alameda to try and help you figure out which makes the most sense. Brackish water supplies you have some here. One of the issues is that you have to put in a well field. You have to understand the freshwater. resources, so there are some efforts that you have to go through planning in advance before just saying I'm going to go do desal. You've got to look at those aquifers and make sure what the safe yield is of those aquifers. If you want to use the produced water, you've got to look at the costs of bringing it to you. A lot of industry, oil and gas industries are interested in. They have to get disposed of down whole disposal. That can be expensive. So in Southeast New Mexico, a lot of the oil companies are saying, "Hey, we do it for you. We'll help offset the treatment. You take the produced water that reduces our costs for disposal. So there are some options there for working with industry to utilize that water is that just came out

earlier this week is I talk about this as part of the New Mexico 50-year water plan, and they're just now getting ready to start these regional water planning efforts. So what we're trying to do is get out in front of the community to let them know that there's other resources that they can get, rather than just trying to scrimp on their fresh water. There may be ways to add additional water supplies to their portfolio. For the nine planning regions, I was under the impression it was going to be this year. I just got information from the state that they're going to do three planning regions for two years, and so depending upon what planning region you're in, the real grand planning region is set up to start in 2009, 2020, and 2030, and the upper one, 2032. I don't know where the Rio Puerco. Are you in the middle Rio Grande? Yeah, that's good. But the point was I thought they were going to start 2026. I said, well, we might start 2027. Well, that'll be 2029. I'm not so sure that some of the communities I'm talking to are in a place where they could wait six or seven more years to start planning because you start your planning then, and you've got three or four years to plan, and then you got to get your funding for your planning to get it built. I mean, that needs a decade or a decade and a half away. I don't know your water situation. What do you think it is? Maybe we can move this up. Cuba might need it earlier. Things that we'd like to do quicker. But we were thinking that as we were going around the state, talking to business in Towson here in Maria. We're talking to you guys. We're going down to Southeast New Mexico. Well, I thought we were going to be doing it this year, but some of these guys are pushed off for six years, and that may not be appropriate for you. So, this is a chance to look at it. Emilio and I can get you the information on the new water plan for the do that. So that's my contact information. Feel comfortable calling me or sending me an email. It's not that big of a drive to come up here to Eva. It's easy for me. I live in Albuquerque, and if you need me to come to some meetings or have some interactions with industry or water managers, county, whatever you'd like, I'm happy to help. The board of directors, John D'Annone, former state engineer, is on this board with me. He's the president of the New Mexico Desal Association. He's very knowledgeable about all the water rights, all water issues across the state as the former state engineer. So he's on vacation. He can't be here today, but he's happy to come up and work with us also. So we're offering our services to help you create better water. We can do that. Have whatever kind of help you need. Just let us know. That's what I'm here for. So I'll take a question or two.

Mayor Herrera 23:43

So you guys are trying to create more gray water, right, or development and stuff, so that way fresh water is not used for those purposes.

Water presenter 23:52

Right. You can call it. So trying to take these, we'll call it gray water, which has already been used. Can we treat it for reuse. It's called a fit-for-purpose reuse. So it could be for ag could be for applications. Yeah. So that you don't have to use fresh water all the time. And these technologies are different. So you said there's different

technologies you guys are sure looking for different situations depending on produce water, and across the board is the same clearing produce water, or some cost more than others. No, I'll give you the slide. The slide is number six. So there's the cost. So in CC Water RO for that reverse osmosis seawater reverse osmosis or brackish water reverse osmosis those are the cheapest and for the for the most part for Cuba I think these two technologies are going to work well for you because both your produced water is brackish. It's 10,000. Yes, it's not down in down in Hobbs and Carlsbad. It's 100, 120,000. So in those cases, we have to use thermal technologies, and so you can see that thermal technologies are about five times higher than the technologies that you probably would use here in Cuba, so your cost to here we're going to probably be much lower than you would be if you went to Hobbs or other places.

Mayor Herrera 25:33

And how about as far as using the RS process as far as having that over?

Water presenter 25:39

Oh, there's concentrates. So the question that we have used water is because the concentrate from that go right back to the oil company, and they can inject that. But they're injecting a much smaller volume, so they're willing to treat the water because they've got a lot less volume of water to dispose of.

Mayor Herrera 26:01

They're using this technology now. Right now, they're using brackish water, and they're using it to frac wells out of the brackish water.

Water presenter 26:07

They are, and in some cases, until a few years ago, they were using fresh water to frac wells, and that's, in my opinion, really. I mean, I'll give you a picture. It's on slide number nine. So what they're doing on slide number nine, I show some clean brine, and I'll let you get to that. Yours is in color. That's it. Doesn't show up too good at black and gray, but it does. Where they can take that brine, even though it's 100,000 TDS, they can take all the oil and grease out of it, and so what you get is a water that looks really clear, and now they can frac with that because it does have residual oils in it, and it behaves like a regular water. So we're now in the southeast New Mexico. We're down to about only 10 percent of the water used is fresh. Everything is either recycled water, fracked water, as a clean brine. They're in the process trying to get rid of all of the brackish. Only produced water that's a clean brine rack with it. So that's they're trying to do their part on the water stewardship side. Of course, there's some laws that that are forcing them, encouraging them. But yeah, you're we're looking at concentrate even down there. Is if they can clean it up, they take some of the fresh water out, then they do the concentrate, they put it down hole, but they have less.

Mayor Herrera 27:58

Well, now a million dollar question. Financing to implement all these two.

Water presenter 28:02

I think that there's not a state effort yet, but I think that that's one of the things that the water planning that we would like to do with communities is to say, okay, here's three options of water. Let's just take Cuba. Cuba's got some close to the oil fields. It's got some produced water, grown wastewater. What the capital costs are for you or with you? Bring people in to help you figure out your per unit cost would be, and then if you have some idea of the benefits and cost trade-offs, you can go to the state and go to different groups and say, "Here, here's what we think that we need for Cuba. We get that planning done, and I'm hoping that they put some of the I think it's nice to do that, but I think that we would be good if they put billion or \$2 billion a year into water infrastructure because every community needs it, and we're talking about sustainability in communities. Water is what every community needs. So, I'm trying to push state into taking some of that money out of that slush fund that's come from oil and gas instead of putting it into everything. Maybe this was probably one of those areas.

Mayor Herrera 29:39

So we can start working on some of these projects, or we have to wait till like 2029, like you said, till the actual.

Water presenter 29:44

I would think is I would call up the state engineer and add comments and say we can't wait for 15 years. We need to do our planning now, and let's move forward and let's see what we can do. That's my recommendation. I mean, I I haven't been to any community in the state that is in places like I don't know exactly about Cuba, but Portales is within five years of running out of water. How their how their county commissioners and city planners can wait for that long? They've known about this for 50 years, and they haven't done anything for 50 years. And I, I don't know what they're doing. I mean, I think it would be better from a community support perspective.

Mayor Herrera 30:46

And then a lot of communities like ours have double trouble. We have deliver the water once you have it too.

Water presenter 30:55

There's a lot of communities that lose that I've dealt with that lose 30% of their water, so they're doing 30% more fresh water than they need because they're losing 30% pipelines and stuff like that in there. And so I think you know money for water, water treatment, water infrastructure improvements is help you get water funding, and I think if we have idea of what you want to do, plans, estimated costs, and we can help you do that sooner than later. The better off it's going to be for for you to get

in the queue earlier than you know who's going to go to the queue first, right? I mean, Albuquerque, Las Cruces.

Mayor Herrera 31:40

You guys will help with any assistance, like with any ongoing projects we already have.

Water presenter 31:44

We can help you out from a technical perspective. We give you funding. We don't have the funding. That's a role we have to play. Our role is to look at supporting the communities, state of New Mexico. That's a good resource to have. Yeah. Okay.

Water presenter 2 32:09

And my sponsorship comes through the Council of Governments. Council of Governments provide to me as a consultant to counties and towns about how to also provide me a consultant to them to do to develop any planning documents to develop any engineering and then develop an actual proposal that can be funded through the water trust because last year I got 12 and a half million on three projects through the water trust board, and that's where. Are you you part of? Is it mr. So we can provide that along with Mike's group and develop a plan that would be appropriate for what your water tax is, what your community's like, all of that, and then get the engineering done on the front end. Get your PER. Once your planning is done with the three months using the deadline for water transport proposals, which is September 20. Make it this year, but you can for next year. Good resources. Yeah, so that's where I commit in terms of calling you, calling Mayor, calling different mayors and the county managers, making sure we're doing these educational, and then because of this deadline for public comment, Mike mentioned that deadline is August 30. So it comes. I do it. I'm consulting to another group that wants to make a make comment, and so I'm going to get on that and get another 30 days because just the just the offering is like what 20.

Water presenter 34:43

I feel sorry for the upper Rio Grande. They're not scheduled. Look at it, 31 and 32. I mean, those guys can't wait. They're taking water out of the Rio Grande, pushing it down to meet the compact delivery in Texas at the State line, and they can't. I don't know that they're going to be able to survive that much water from them. So anyway, I'll take any time. Well, what's the difference?

Unidentified Speaker 35:20

I was curious. What's the difference if you have like a comparison chart of anything between what your company does with, like, say, activated sludge plants or pumping ponds and arrogance systems? You guys have that have that stuff like bed light against each other. You know, what's the main difference? We have to wait for so many years.

Water presenter 35:54

The desal is generally working on dissolved solids, so the salt levels. So you see from a municipal wastewater plant is if you start off with high quality drinking water, by the time it goes through, and you know you add salt when you cook and etc. It gets higher in TDS total dissolved solids. And so to reuse that water, sometimes you have to have a desal unit on solar. We're not trying to. That's not our focus. How do we take that municipal wastewater that has been good enough? Can we take it a little bit further with the desal technologies to reduce the salt loading and things like that, so they have to work hand in hand. We have people on university professors on our board, so we have access to researchers that can look at your water and test.

Unidentified Speaker 36:56

But there's also there's also the extraction technology that's being applied to the metal is extracted from produce water so that they can sell those metals.

Water presenter 37:49

The concentrate is a distant issue that has to be accessed. That's part of the whole plant. I will say that there are other metals in lithium. We're seeing there are other four or five other metals in waters in New Mexico that kind of quality, the quantity and quality of the water that you got. There maybe is an option there. I know that in parts of southern Otero County, they have pretty high brackish water and has some valuable minerals in that that they're looking at. But not lithium. Any other questions?

Mayor Herrera 38:50

Stay in contact or give us.

Water presenter 38:52

I think what I'll have is. I mean, we'll make sure you have my e-mail, but I'll make that he gets you the planning effort that just came out, so that you guys can look at it, and it's a short time frame. Okay, see where you are and what you think about it. If you want to call us back and talk to us about maybe some comments, we can help provide some technical overview.

Mayor Herrera 39:37

Next item on the agenda is discussion, consideration, action, approval of monthly work for the village of Cuba.

Council Member Olivas 39:43

I make a motion

Council Member Sandoval 39:47

I second.

Mayor Herrera 39:49

Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Council member Sandoval 40:05

What is Barking Dog?

Patricia Martinez 40:09

So Barking Dog is actually the new phone system that we set up at. So Windstream wasn't able to support us up at that building. So we went to Barking Dog, and they provided a phone system.

Patricia Martinez 40:28

So if we be the backup. Okay. We haven't had any trouble with that. It is cheaper than Windstream.

Council Member Sandoval 40:43

And then I think it was like right below that big works.

Council Member Sandoval 40:52

Then same General Fund. There's two Computer Corner charges. One for \$9,975, and the other for \$2,000.

Patricia Martinez 41:15

They installed new servers, and then some backup batteries at AMI, and then the \$2,000 might be for like the miscellaneous supplies and the support for the labor to get it transferred over there. Yes.

Council Member Sandoval 41:27

And then in the LEPP angel armor for \$11,912/\$12,000. Happy what that was, but he asked purchases for Chapa. Do you guys know Angel Armor? Is that uniforms or Angel Armor is one that we got the use that we got.

Sergeant Chapa 41:59

So it's for I think it was for Mr. Wood's uniforms for the best of his equipment. Oh, yeah, it wasn't just one.

Council member Sandoval 42:15

So thank you.

Sergeant Chapa 42:26

When we get vest before that. They were the green ones,

Council Member Sandoval 42:33

Then these others were just buff.

Mayor Herrera 42:38

I wonder the differences, more or less, what you're asking.

Council Member Sandoval 42:41

Yeah you know, I guess I can tie him a cheat on those, unless you want to.

Sergeant Chapa 42:48

Well, ask me that.

Council Member Sandoval 42:50

Just wondering why we, you know, that why as far as carrier cells is.

Speaker 4 42:51

All the other attachments that way he doesn't have to switch it back and forth between the other vests with the other assignments he does. And the only ones that you're wearing now, since myself and Officer Wood, is more of a municipal duty, a duty vest, more or less.

Mayor Herrera 43:24

So the other vest was like, kind of. Would be the position you're making in the county is the response time?

Sergeant Chapa 43:28

So basically, we were kind of on our own for maybe an hour, from thirty minutes to an hour. So we had to fend for ourselves, and that was the reason why those vests. We still have those best, though. Yes, sir. Okay. So they're available if needed. Yes, sir. Or whatever. Yes, sir. Okay.

Council Member Sandoval 44:00

And then LEPP r bear arms. Right to arms. Oh, the former chief.

Sergeant Chapa 44:16

We did check the inventory, and we did find that we did receive those items. Verified that they were in stock, so payment for the items that we did put out.

Council member Sandoval 44:26

Not for the item that you never received. That was one item, wasn't there? Yeah, there were some items we didn't receive, but still in a dispute. Okay, and Then LEPP the under the library sole system builders. I did see some work being done from there. Yeah, yeah, okay.

Mayor Herrera 45:25

He worked on the. We had that emergency at the swim event, trying to get that valve fixed, and they were pumping the slugs and stuff. Yeah.

Council Member Sandoval 45:43

Okay, because I did Austin did kind of fill me in on what happened.

Mayor Herrera 45:53

There's some high costs on the pumping.

Council member Sandoval 46:01

Yeah, because they Austin said that they did leave like halfway between halfway into Java type of thing, and we're working with them now to give us a bill adjustment to what they actually did. Then water and sewer, what is part of the grants that we had, so they're actually doing some work there by the Forest Service.

Patricia Martinez 46:38

No, ESA is the Four Corners. Oh, okay. So, the four corners. No, that's for the rehab that we just finished on the water filter.

Mayor Herrera 46:44

We had a 200,000 grabs. Yeah, they we did the media. We did a lot of the valves and some electrical, some stuff on the clear welds.

Council member Sandoval 46:56

That was all for a graph and stuff. Okay.

Patricia Martinez 47:00

Yeah, because I kept, but it was pretty high. No, I think was 100,000. Yeah. Okay.

Mayor Herrera 47:14

Discussion council on this matter. Roll call vote, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 47:22

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 47:23

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 47:25

Council Member Sandoval.

Councilmember Sandoval 47:26

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 47:26
Council Member Olivas.

Council Member Olivas 47:27
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 47:30
Motion carries. Next item is the discussion, iteration, action of the approval resolution number ICIP FY 2028-2032 to adopt the fiscal year 2028, 2032, interstate capital improvement.

Counsel Member Sandoval 47:56
That was the making sure that I'm directing the under the attachments. It was. was ICIP list yeah for the state

Mayor Herrera 48:07
Yeah okay.

Mayor Herrera 48:14
This is where we added the one thing on the ICIP correct added the one thing on the ICIP, correct?

Patricia Martinez 48:33
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 48:33
Roll call vote Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 48:34
Council Member Sandoval.

Council Member Sandoval 48:35
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 48:36
Council Member Olivas

Council Member Olivas 48:37
Yes

Mayor Herrera 48:38

Motion carries. Next item on the agenda is the discussion, consideration, action of the approval of the five-year contract with Enterprise Department for the purchase of tasers and bodybuilders to improve training, implementation, and warranty.

Council Member Olivas 48:52

Motion.

Council Member Sandoval 48:52

Second.

Mayor Herrera 48:57

Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Sergeant Chapa 49:12

Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend tonight's meeting due to previously scheduled vacation. I don't know who. This proposal is not simply a request to purchase new equipment; is an investment in the officer safety, accountability, transparency, long-term financial planning. Our equipment will be practical, predictable schedule while locking in pricing for the next five years. It also includes warranties, placement programs, software licensing, limited digital evidence storage, instructor training, virtual reality training for our officers. The proposal provides 10 new axons on the body, four camera worn cameras, 10 Taser, ongoing support throughout the life agreement. One of the greatest benefits the Taser 10 represents the newest generation of leasable technology available to law enforcement. It provides officers with a greater opportunity for safely resolving dangerous encounters without having to resort to dead in force. Every successful deployment available. It protects officers from false complaints, preserves evidence, documents incidents accurately, and provides sensitivity for our community, having reliable cameras and unlimited effort stores ensures us maintain we maintain those benefits well into the future. Financially, this proposal also makes sense. Significantly easier while providing substantial saving over purchasing the equipment individually. According to Axon's estimate, the village would save more than 51,000 over the life of the agreement, comparing to purchasing these items separately. The proposal provides for an individual payment in the first year, all about four annual payments over the remaining term. Allowing those bids that spread the cost over five budget cycles rather than. Officer safety enhances public modern equipment and does so in a responsible manner. Sorry, I respectfully ask for your support. Thank you.

Mayor Herrera 52:40

Any further discussion on this matter? Role call Mrs. Martinez.

Sergeant Chapa 52:55

He took office, sir. As far as every animal will be scanned with a decal or tag serial number, and that will be scanned into our officer's equipment variation. And what you get? I'm sorry. And we just purchased, which is also include our evidence launching system.

Counsel Member Sandoval 53:41

So this stuff we would get, so our department would get like August of this year. Yes, sir. And then the so all the officers would get the new. Yes, sir. And then the old equipment. I don't know if the standby or used for training or digital ally, or then does Axxon also do the vehicles have cameras? No, sir. Do you do you guys feel there's vehicles?

Sergeant Chapa 54:40

As I speak for myself, yes, sir. Council members, not. yet.

Patricia Martinez 55:01

Councilmember Olivas

Council Member Olivas 55:01

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 55:03

Motion carries. Discussion, consideration, and action of the approval of the tax request for Cuba High School Science Department and Science Bill for the request of \$1,500 to promote tourism in the villages of Cuba.

Mayor Herrera 55:16

Make a motion.

Marlena Jasso 55:18

We actually table that one because it was item number 10, the tax credit for high school science department.

Council Member Sandoval 55:37

I make a motion to table.

Mayor Herrera 55:43

Roll call vote Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 56:06

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 56:07

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 56:08
Council Member Sandoval

Council Member Sandoval 56:09
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 56:09
Council Member Olivas.

Council Member Olivas 56:10
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 56:11
Motion carries to approve the budget. To visit the New Mexico administration.

Council Member Olivas 56:13
Motion.

Council Member Sandoval 56:16
I second.

Mayor Herrera 56:17
Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Council Member Sandoval 56:28
Were there any major changes from last year to this year? As far as the water department concerns. This is was just the end term, correct?

Mayor Herrera 57:04
So this is just the end term.

Patricia Martinez 57:06
Yeah, the final working. I'm sending final report. They are working with us, and then the final budget is a hard deadline of the 31st. We're working on them submitting the final budget by the 31st. It is the 31st of this month.

Council Member Sandoval 57:45
That could, I guess, depending on how it goes on your guys' end, but that could be pushed into like a special meeting if need be.

Patricia Martinez 57:53
Yes.

Council member Sandoval 57:53

Okay.

Speaker 5 57:57

Yeah, the debate does.

Patricia Martinez 58:08

Councilmember Sandoval.

Council member Sandoval 58:14

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 58:16

Councilmember Olivas

Council Member Olivas 58:16

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 58:18

Motion carries. Next item is the review of the sports budget report, 2026. Next item is the update and discussion of the village clerk's Marlena Jasso regarding, but not limited to access of the motor vehicle department, possible mold remediation, remediation of that within the municipal building, locating at 16B East Cordova Avenue, revised personnel policy, corrective action plan compliance with DFA on the special audit, water ordinance, and planning issues.

Marlena Jasso 59:29

Remediating the mold in that building, and we were able to get what I feel is a very good quote of about four on computer to look at. They could rename all of the mold in that bill for about \$14,000, and we would be able to get the MBB open. Should that be once we put that in front of right now, it's just a discussion item. To be ADA compliant because we cannot open the media there until the walkway and everything is ADA compliant for customers to come in. So we are trying to see like how long it makes them do that versus spending this money and getting this building reopened. But you know we heard we heard everybody in the community remaining full service and. So some really information from the company to get out, and the items in there are fine, can be cleaned easily. So the computer systems and everything that's still in there are ready to go as soon as we can get back in that building. The only thing that it does not cover is actually like repairing the walls and restrooms, so that can be put. Really clear, so for us, and we're again working very hard to try the MVD open as quickly as possible.

Mayor Herrera 1:01:39

And we're in constant contact with Sandoval County to push them to see if we get the ADA compliance at the AMI.

Marlena Jasso 1:01:46

Yeah. So either way, we have

Council Member Sandoval 1:01:48

Is there a plan in place that, regardless of where it opens.

Marlena Jasso 1:02:16

Revenue generating, absolutely, the entire plan. So, the revised personnel policy. If you all have that, hopefully you had a chance to review. If you do have any ideas or things that you want to talk about or ask questions, please go ahead and email us. We'll get it in front of the attorney. That's the reason it's not an action again. We wanted to give you guys. I mean, you have a nice long time to review it, look at it, make comments. I know this group. There, there are things that we may need to tweak, so there may be an end up to that ordinance that I already approved. Because what we notice is one of the things it doesn't mention is wastewater, and it's important. So we have to change some of the verbiage in that ordinance, and I want to make it this new ordinance in addition to the old one because the order has a lot of things on it, and the corrective action plan. So I also sent that to you guys. This one's really like near and dear to my heart because we're working really hard with the DFA to get back in compliance on everything that we need to do. We have several meetings a month with them, and so what we have started doing is you'll be able to see this on the website. Written down in a policy. That's what we've been doing: is making sure that everything's written down, that we're following the proper policy, that we're being people when they're not following policy, and making sure that everything is in line. The DFA, the last time we talked with her was Monday, and she was really happy with the progress. So we're working towards that. We do have we're getting ready to have a fiscal agent, so we can release someone.

Mayor Herrera 1:04:55

We're working on first is a little faster, just getting compliance first, so we don't have to use MRCOG as our specific because it comes with a cost.

Marlena Jasso 1:05:07

It does come with a cost, but I will say, and we were hoping to get it down to 2.5, but they did agree today to go down to 3% So it's better than maybe we have to have it. Yeah, out to bid Yeah, we went around the other day and really looked at like the beautification and what we can do to really, you know, start making it look better for visitors. They're having some great ideas, and we're working with different entities, the.to, get some of these products finally done, and so you know, hopefully start visiting. You know, reinvest in the community and have people want come here. And it is, but it could be beautiful, and it could be very, very nice, and people want to come spend time here. So that's what we're trying to do

Council Member Sandoval 1:06:33

Some projects that are just being like done in house, or they?

Marlena Jasso 1:06:37

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, some are being done in house, and some have been obviously our project. But like somehow. Anyone to reach out with the owners of some of the buildings that are abandoned, for lack of a better word, that some updating and you know who they are, please get with me because they're going to be reaching out to what they'll they're willing to do to at least get the faces looking better, so when you drive down, you're looking better. Yes, if you guys help with some of those beautification help.

AJ 1:07:37

So if you guys need help, interns are willing to take interns. We have numbers.

Council Member Sandoval 1:07:56

The other was the other group that was 4H Club because they need they have to have community service, but they. Visitor center. Yeah. That side and the front repainting it. Like welcome to Cuba with like the kids' handprints to where it looks lightly.

Marlena Jasso 1:08:35

Yeah, that's exactly what we're what we're looking for Have great ideas with art and on some of the building. Really nice look you know really nice looking art maybe the art community.

AJ 1:09:38

So whether it be Sam and Paul, in the back, we'd be happy to help.

Mayor Herrera 1:09:45

That would be awesome. That would be great. Meeting with the Corps of Engineers last week to make sure that we had the right amount of financing in place for the water tank. So I'm getting meeting with Souder Miller. So we're putting on that project pretty soon too. And we've already we've already used the 1.5 million signs of the strategic water on the nuclear project, so they've already worked on the engineering development and the testing facility and stuff to get the rest of the grant agreement signed and the funds release roll up with. I think that's. I spoke to her. It's been a while. We have to have a map done by the village. Oh, okay. So is that going to hold it up? Well, we can get that. But sure, there's a. I'm not sure exactly the deadline it is. It's coming from maybe.

Patricia Martinez 1:11:06

Same thing. Yeah, just for an update. That's all. Give him about 300. Get to us on that. Yeah.

Mayor Herrera 1:11:30

Okay. Great. Thank you. A brief update from civil fire volunteer fire department.

Sergeant Chapa 1:11:55

He's on his own starting yesterday, so he was working from six till four in the morning, and his normal days off will be Monday and Tuesday, both Tuesday, Wednesday, but being that he had prior schedule, I'll already rank before getting hired. Thursday,

Mayor Herrera 1:12:37

Friday, Saturday. Yeah, till Sunday, till Tuesday morning, Monday morning. So we'll have covered seven days, just not 24 hours today. Correct. Okay. And you guys have job officers for the weekend for the for the Morel. The company is going to have plenty of yes people out here. Oh, for the fair two. Yeah, I will be here Monday, Saturday for the week, and then we'll show. and we'll show up.

Marlena Jasso 1:13:18

There is one other thing. You guys, I left pamphlets on your desk. There, the annual conference is at the end of August, and they do have different workshops for council people. May be very beneficial. We may have some funding opportunities for it. So if you guys.

Mayor Herrera 1:14:09

Thank you, everyone, for attending. attending.

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