

MONDAY, JULY 6TH, 2026 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

OVERVIEW

The Special Council meeting on Monday, July 6th, 2026, addressed the temporary closure of the MVD due to mold and asbestos issues, affecting revenue collection. The village has lost \$76,000 this year and \$110,000 previously, straining the village fund. A financial audit revealed \$500,000 in missing funds. The council approved a \$20,000 software purchase for the Cuba PD's evidence management system and increased annual leave for officers to attract quality applicants. The water clerk's two-day suspension for insubordination was upheld. The MVD's reopening plan is due by July 29.

ACTION ITEMS

- Develop and have in place a plan to reopen the MVD with Santa Fe cleaning contacts by the July 29 council meeting.
- Meet with Ms. Jasso at 8:30 a.m. to coordinate the actions needed to keep the MVD open.
- Update the MVD contract to replace outdated point-of-contact names, including removing Vandora's name, and coordinate the revision with Brian.

OUTLINE

- Special Council Meeting Introduction and Roll Call
 - o Speaker 2 calls the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - o Roll call is conducted with all council members present: Mrs. Martinez, Mayor Denny Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez, Council Member Sandoval, and Council Member Olivas.
 - o Approval of the agenda is discussed, with a change to item number 11, making it a hearing-only with discussion.
 - o Public comment is opened with a two-minute limit per speaker.
- Discussion on MVD Closure and Financial Strain
 - o Speaker 1 explains the temporary closure of the MVD due to mold and asbestos in the building, affecting revenue collection.
 - o The MVD has equipment from three different entities that need to agree on a sanitation process to bring the equipment out.
 - o A layout for the new building is also needed, which has not been received yet.
 - o The village fund has been covering MVD employee salaries, which is unsustainable according to state financial auditors.
 - o The goal is to reopen the MVD as soon as possible, ensuring all services are maintained.
- Public Comments and Concerns
 - o Speaker 10 questions the responsibility for decontaminating the files, which is clarified to be Cuba's responsibility.
 - o Speaker 11 expresses concerns about cutting services and the impact on residents who have to travel to Albuquerque for driver's licenses.

- Speaker 12 inquires about the cost-sharing agreement with the state for the MVD, which is clarified to be a financial burden on the village.
 - Speaker 14 suggests charging a fee for MVD services to alleviate financial strain, but this is met with mixed reactions.
- Financial Audit and Village Services
 - Speaker 1 explains the financial audit conducted by the state, which revealed significant financial mismanagement over the years.
 - The village is tasked with fixing its financial issues to avoid unincorporation by the state.
 - Speaker 4 highlights the extensive financial mismanagement, including missing funds totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.
 - The importance of community services, such as the MVD, is emphasized, with concerns about the impact of closing it.
- Proposed Solutions and Community Impact
 - Speaker 12 suggests making the plan for financial recovery publicly available online for community input.
 - Speaker 5 mentions a successful community event, the Freedom Fest, which highlighted the need for local services.
 - Speaker 17 points out the economic benefits of having the MVD, as it attracts visitors who spend money in local businesses.
 - Speaker 11 questions the long-term impact of closing the MVD, which could lead to significant financial losses.
- Approval of Housing Authority Warrants and Evidence Tracker for Cuba PD
 - The council approves the Village of Cuba Housing Authority warrants for May 2026.
 - The council discusses and approves the request for an evidence tracker for the Cuba PD to improve documentation and accountability.
 - Chief of Police explains the need for the system to manage evidence and inventory, which will be funded from the general fund.
 - The council agrees to the increase in annual leave for Cuba PD officers to attract quality applicants.
- Discussion on Water Clerk Suspension and Grant Writing Contract
 - The council hears an appeal from the water clerk regarding her suspension, which is upheld after a discussion in executive session.
 - The council approves a contract for Stillwater's Consulting for grant writing services, with a reduced workload.
 - The council discusses the need for in-house grant writing capabilities and the role of the new deputy in this regard.
 - The importance of maintaining grant writing services to secure funding for village projects is emphasized.
- Final Actions and Announcements
 - The council tables the decision to close the MVD temporarily, with instructions for the mayor to work on a plan to reopen it.
 - The next regular council meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2026, at 6 PM.
 - The meeting is adjourned at 7:35 PM, with a brief discussion on the temporary closure of the MVD and the need for a plan to reopen it.

Mayor Herrera 00:10

I'd like to call the meeting to order. It's 6:04 p.m. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance 00:21

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 00:38

Roll call, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 00:39

Mayor Denny Herrera.

Mayor Herrera 00:42

Here.

Patricia Martinez 00:43

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 00:45

Here.

Patricia Martinez 00:46

Council Member Salazar [not present]. Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 00:50

Here.

Patricia Martinez 00:52

Council Member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 00:53

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 00:56

Next item: the approval of the agenda. We need to make one change to item number 11 on the agenda. No absent will be taken. This will be a hearing only with discussion.

Council Member Olivas 01:26

Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 01:28
I second.

Mayor Herrera 01:33
Roll call vote Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 01:35
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 01:37
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 01:38
Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 01:39
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 01:40
Council Member Olivas.

Council Member Olives 01:41
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 01:42
Next item on the agenda is the public comment. We'll have a two-minute limit,
and we'll have. Go ahead.

Marlena Jasso 01:49

If that's okay, I'm going to start us off. I just have a couple things. So a lot of you are here tonight for the MBD closure, and I don't know if everybody understands that it's temporary, and it's not forever. The MVD was essentially closed when the building that they were in was determined to have mold and asbestos. People could not re-enter even to get the equipment. The main MVD in Santa Fe, the one that we all have to answer to, has considered us closed for over a year because we haven't collected any revenue, so that we should be collecting. The MVD has equipment in the building from three different entities that owe it. Each of these must agree to the sanitation process to bring the equipment out and get it all set up again. The Cuba MVD was asked to develop a plan to ensure this would happen, and up to now we have not been able to do that yet. When I called the main MVD three weeks ago, he said, "Oh, I'm glad you called. I haven't heard from anybody in three months because we have to coordinate with them to get this process done, and kind of what the process is is you have to call around to like Servpro or a company like that that can give us a scope of work that will tell us how that we agree to this process and you can clean our equipment like that so we can bring it in. Okay, so that's one one thing that needed to happen. We also needed a layout for the new building, which we have also not received yet. So that's another issue.

Brian from the MVD 03:26

Basically added in this contract.

Marlena Jasso 03:29

I'm sorry.

Brian from the MVD 03:29

You basically added in this contract. This is everything the village has to supply to run the MVD.

Marlena Jasso 03:36

Okay. We needed a layout. Let me get through this, and then you can have public comment as well for sure. Okay, so the money to pay any employees of the MVD has been coming from the village fund. This is something that the state financial auditors explained to the council is unsustainable. We're supposed to be bringing in enough money to at least pay for that. Okay, and it shouldn't operate at a loss. We want to reopen as soon as possible. We don't want to take away any type of services that Cuba has. Now we can tell you that the main focus is for all of the people that live in the village to have the services. And obviously, I encourage everyone to continue to come to these meetings. This is the most people I've ever seen here, so thank you guys for coming. I really, really appreciate it. I do want to go over a few financial things because I want everybody to understand what has kind of brought this on. Okay, so in the last five years, from July 1st of 2020 to March 2nd of 2025, the MVD hearing rebuff has brought in \$52,428 in all five years. We should have brought in \$91,000 from the \$5 we were charging as an administration fee, and we. We do have a plan that will help make us at least even because when you we're operating at a loss this year of \$76,000. I'm sorry, last year and before that we were operating at a loss of \$110,000. So that means the that's all coming out of the village fund, and we're not bringing anything in from these services. So the plan is to absolutely get everything clean, get it all laid out, get it reopened, but it's going to take a little bit of time. So we need to close the MBD, or we're saying maybe we should close the MVD while this happens, and that's it. We want all of the services here, so I just want to make that really clear. It is not a permanent closure. It wasn't listed as a permanent closure. It says for a little while, but essentially we've been closed over a year anyway. So it's really just kind of extending that without paying employees, if that makes sense, so that's what we're looking at. Thank you.

Mayor Herrera 06:04

Anyone else for public comment? Just state your name.

Unidentified Speaker 06:08

Question. Whose responsibility is it to contaminate? That's what I heard.
Decontaminate all the files that were at the Cuba MVD.

Marlena Jasso 06:20

Whose responsibility is it? That would be whoever, like, we hire to do that. It's not a person. Like, we can't send one of our employees in or something like that to go decontaminate.

Unidentified Speaker 06:33

So when you say we hire, is that the state or is that Cuba?

Unidentified Speaker 06:38

That's Cuba.

Speaker 2 06:39

That's Cuba.

Marlena Jasso 06:40
Yes.

Unidentified Speaker 06:41
Okay. Yes.

Leonard Aragon 06:43
My name is Leonard Aragon. My question is: You've cut a lot of services from the motor vehicle, so that is part of the funding that you're asking. I mean, to get my driver's license, I have to go to Albuquerque tomorrow.

Marlena Jasso 06:58
Exactly.

Leonard Aragon 06:59
Bernalillo.

Marlena Jasso 06:59
Yeah, we don't want that to happen anymore. We want to bring full service back.

Leonard Aragon 07:03
But you're saying you're cutting funding. That is funding that I couldn't pay to the Village of Cuba or to the motor vehicle because I had to pay it in Bernalillo. And I I don't think I'm the only one that's had to do this. When I talked to the people in Bernalillo, they were amazed how much people they have Native Americans and local people from the local area had to go over there. So that's a lot of money that's going there instead of here.

Marlena Jasso 07:37

You're absolutely correct, and that's what we're trying to fix, right? Because if any of you, I don't know if anybody has, but it's definitely public knowledge to read the special audit that was done for the Village of Cuba. I don't know if anybody has read that, but if you haven't, I highly encourage that you do. It explains very clearly what has been happening over the past five years and probably longer. They only went back five years, but there is a lot of things that have happened. 200 and like 76 pages report. I don't remember the exact number of things that have been done incorrectly in the village financially. So they have tasked us, and we don't have a choice to do this. They have tasked us with fixing the village financially, and in order to do that, some decisions have to be made so we can get everything back up and running and have everybody have the services they need. So the plan is, when we do open the MVD, it will be full service. You can get your driver's license. You can do anything you would normally do out there, but in order to do that, we have to have the equipment and we have to have the area and everything back up. That's why you were not. I'm assuming this has been in like the last year and a half that you weren't able to do that. That's why.

Lawrence 08:50

Hello, my name's Lawrence. Oh, so is it like a cost share agreement with the State of New Mexico for the MVD to be here?

Marlena Jasso 08:56

Is it a what?

Lawrence 08:57

A cost share? Is that like you're saying that we're in the red as in the village, like 110,000 or 70,000, so that assumes that the village is covering some type of cost of employment.

Marlena Jasso 09:09

Yes

Lawrence 09:10

Yeah, and so is that cost? What is the state supposed to put in? Because it is a state office.

Marlena Jasso 09:16

They don't have to have an office he

Lawrence 09:18

So they're not obligated.

Marlena Jasso 09:19

No, they are not. We're doing this because we agree that the village of Cuba deserves to have one, but they don't. The state doesn't have to do anything to that end.

Lawrence 09:28

So they don't consider it necessary to have it. You know. So this is also something that could be kicked off. State where, you know, where you have I don't know what the population of, you know, the total area around here, Gallina, the reservations, you know. But that seems you know if it's 80 miles one way and 80 miles another way, you know why isn't there more of a cost share that's being put up to the state also in the long term, where you know it's not just serving Cuba. Cuba has I don't know how many residents are in here in the village.

Unidentified Speaker 09:57

The village is about 600 and some.

Lawrence 10:01

In the surrounding areas, you know, you're adding a lot more people, and they don't think it's necessary that you know they need to provide services for people here.

Marlena Jasso 10:10

They think that it's absolutely okay for to you know if you need to drive into Bernalillo or somewhere like that, and we want to provide the service, so that's why we can't operate at a deficit.

Lawrence 10:20

So then, Cuba's essentially footing a bill for like employment and the facilities.

Marlena Jasso 10:26

Yes we even have to lease the equipment from them, so we're even paying for the equipment. Correct.

Lawrence 10:34

So there is absolutely no cost.

Marlena Jasso 10:35

Yes.

Brian from the MVD 10:36

No. There's no lease with the equipment. The equipment is given to us to run the motor vehicle. There is no cost to the village. I was giving some numbers, and I don't know where they where these numbers got generated up to. They have staffing and payroll anywhere from 65 to \$85,000 for two people. That's I don't know where that came from. The benefits everybody in the village gets the benefits, so that's a safe thing. As far as software system programs, there's no cost to the village. That's all done through Santa Fe. They're eating that. And as far as insurance, I don't know the insurance and administrative overhead. I don't know how they have it from excuse me, anywhere from 10 to 15,000, and I would like to know how that was calculated. And the other one, they have supplies and equipment. None of that comes out of the village. That all comes from Santa Fe, including the computers, the printers, the scanners. Everything that we need is given to the village to operate a motor vehicle. As far as compliance and operation support, the village does not provide anything technical. That is all out of Santa Fe IT, IT compliances. We have to get retrained every year. That comes out of Santa Fe. Now they had an estimate total cost of 113,000 to 160,000 to run this motor vehicle with two employees. I could run it myself, so when I ran the numbers and took out what was needed, it would take up that \$80,000 to do it. So basically, all the village is paying for is for me to provide the service, which I'm keeping trying to help them out to do it online, which is possible.

Unidentified Speaker 12:32

I go into the motor vehicles, and he leads me in the correct direction.

Mayor Herrera 12:48

Anybody else for a public comment?

Victoria Dominguez 12:51

I have a public comment. Victoria Dominguez, I work. I do a lot of work with community, and I understand what you're saying, but in my opinion, this is an aging community with very limited resources already. So I do worry that you know some folks do have the means to get to Albuquerque or Bernalillo or whatever to get these services, but some people don't. It's time. It's money. Some folks have to get a ride even if they don't even have driver's license, right? Even if they just need some form of ID, they have to call a family member or they have to call a friend and beg them to take them, which is, you know, four or five hour swing and an extra 50 bucks. So rather than doing that, if we're in a deficit, why don't we charge 40 or 50 bucks per transaction? Okay, you know, that's okay. No, I just want to advocate on behalf. There's very limited resources, and I worry about if it gets closed, is it ever going to get reopened?

Joe White 13:52

Probably not. No. No. Once they close it.

Mayor Herrera 13:55

I would just have to just state your name. State your name if you'd like to make public comment.

Joe White 14:00

You're welcome. Go ahead.

Mayor Herrera 14:00

Okay. Go ahead.

Joe White 14:02

I tell you one thing. I've been there or whatever, and one time you close it, it's going to be hard to bring back. And why? Because you guys are just looking. Oh, it's going to cost the cities. It's going to cost sad and all that kind of crap. And you guys will not get it back. I. And what are you guys going to say? You guys go burn out even do it. You you've been doing it for a year too.

Marlena Jasso 14:27

Okay, so I want to explain one more thing about this financial audit.

Unidentified Speaker 14:31

Who are you?

Marlena Jasso 14:32

Yes I am the new Village clerk treasurer. My name is Marlena. One other thing about the financial audit, the special audit that was done, was the state told us in no uncertain terms, and they told your council members here that if we do not fix the village financially, they will unincorporate us as a village. We will no longer be a village. We will now no longer be a municipality, and we won't have any of these services. So, we are trying to comply with everything they told us that we have to comply with, and we really only had 90 days to do it. Which, luckily, they have given us more time because there is so much to fix. But because we're not there yet, we have to do some of these things to get it so we can show them. Like this is what we're doing to become financially responsible, so they don't take the village away from us.

Lawrence 14:34

Lawrence again. So, what is the current timeline for incorporation?

Marlena Jasso 15:42

We don't. They haven't told us because we're still trying to work with them to show them that we are trying to become fiscally responsible.

Lawrence 15:49

So, like when you said it was 90 days, so did they give you an extension?

Marlena Jasso 15:53

They didn't give us an extension. They gave us so far. They've given us a 60-day extension on top of the 90 days.

Lawrence 15:58

So then they'll keep on based on certain progress.

Marlena Jasso 16:03

Yes.

Unidentified Speaker 16:06

So those that didn't go to the audit, or where she's talking about, of course we were there. So, and it's the public can see it, right?

Marlena Jasso 16:14

It is available.

Unidentified Speaker 16:16

You guys need to see that, so you can see how much money is missing, and we're talking in the 1000s. 500,000 above. That's how much money is missing in the village, and that's just from prior mayors and whatever. A lot of money missing. So then they did tell us, if you guys don't get this done, like she said, "There ain't gonna be a Cuba. That's how long they have gotten away with fraud in this town. That's how many years, way back. A lot of missing guys. A lot, a lot of money missing. If you guys have a chance, go through some of the packets. You guys are gonna be in shock. I was in shock.

Unidentified Speaker 16:58

Where is this information?

Patricia Martinez 17:00

The website, villageofcuba.com.

Mayor Herrera 17:04

It's on the state website also.

Patricia Martinez 17:06

Also on the state website, yes.

Unidentified Speaker 17:07

I mean, your guys' mouths are going to drop when you see how much money.

Mayor Herrera 17:10

Go ahead and state your name.

Unidentified Speaker 17:11

A full-blown discussion about motor vehicle. You have a two-minute limit. You're already breaking the agenda. You're not sticking to public comment. You're wanting to get it out and touch it for the motor vehicle. You have a two minute limit and are already breaking the agenda.

Marlena Jasso 17:33

I was only trying to state because so many so much misinformation was on Facebook.

Unidentified Speaker 17:37

Motor vehicle at motor vehicle. That's where this could have been taking place, and this is why it's all full blown on public comment.

Marlena Jasso 17:45

It was just on the agenda. That's why everybody's here.

Joe White 17:52

Hi. I'm Joe White. Last week, my intern and I'm teaching a drive right now, and I played a hot roll truck. Came to Brian with questions over at the library, and Brian couldn't help him out by doing everything himself. So Brian sent this to Bernalillo. We got down there, and we waited four and a half hours for the MVD in Bernalillo, the state one to help us out. I don't care if it costs \$50 here extra. Why are we having to go all that way and spend all that time without any reason whatsoever when we can have it here?

Unidentified Speaker 18:42

Yeah, you can. of goes back to the financial burden of is it on the financial burden on the city, is it a financial burden on communities surrounding? It's exactly like Joe said. Now you're having to put fuel and expenses to go down there to make the drive there.

Marlena Jasso 18:57

We absolutely agree. We think we have a plan right here that does exactly what you guys are talking about. That's what we're talking about right here: is being able to get the administrative fee so you don't have to close down.

Esther Herrera 19:10

My name is Esther Herrera, and I think that one thing that they're not taking into consideration is closing down the MVD. The MVD is fits here as a service, just like the police department, the dialysis center, any places like that they're here for a service for the community. But the one thing that everybody isn't seeing is that all these people that come from all the surrounding communities in here, these people stop at the gas stations, they stop at the restaurants, and this and that. So the village is getting money back from their gross receipts. So that has to be accountable for also.

Mayor Herrera 19:44

Anybody else for a two-minute comment, Leonard?

Leonard Aragon 19:47

You're saying that in the last year or so, you've lost so much money, but how long has the MVD gone? When they close the village off, if they close the village, the MVD. And that's money lost that could have been earned. Is that accountable for your data? I mean, it's been close for I would say almost a year, and that's a lot of money that, including the \$5.

Marlena Jasso 20:18

Yeah.

Leonard Aragon 20:19

That's a lot of money that we lost to the community.

Brian from the MVD 20:25

My suggestion is because of the contract we have with Santa Fe, and because I try calling, I try googling.

Counsel Member Sandoval 20:33

Hey Brian, sorry to interrupt. Wouldn't couldn't we hold this under the discussion rather than public comment?

Mayor Herrera 20:44

Anybody else for public comment?

Esther Herrera 20:52

You're wanting to do this with the motor vehicle, yet you're wanting to bring back a consultant that was in violation of part of the audit. Isn't that kind of important to bringing back that number?

Mayor Herrera 21:11

Is that your public comment? Next public comment, Mr. Good Lake.

Good Lake 21:12

How come they haven't cleaned that equipment? They've been there for a year.

Lawrence 21:16

I heard somebody.

Mayor Herrera 21:17

Any other further public comment?

Lawrence 21:20

My question is, common, if you have a plan, do you say is that going to be available online publicly in a short time, as far as whether it's going to remedy the situation?

Unidentified Speaker 21:36

I don't see why not.

Marlena Jasso 21:37

I mean, as soon as the council is able to.

Lawrence 21:40

Because there's a lot of questions, so for everybody, you know, and obviously the state audit is already available online. So if there's a plan for the village and you'd have to send incorporated, you know, to better involve you know para community members as far as you know who wants this to be done, you know, hey, we got to do something about it, and those are the plans, and who we got to call? You know, maybe we need to call our legislator or something like that. You know, why is the state just kind of pushing us to the side? We've already got pushed aside by the state police, right? And now it's MVD potentially, you know. And we lose unincorporation. You know, there's a lot of different things. So you know, going forward, you know, if that's already available online, but with the state audit, you know maybe as time and plans come along, you know make that public so in that way. You know, hey, you know this is where you want the information. This is where to find it, and this is the public meeting to come and make a comment and stuff like that, where you don't go, you know, back and forth so much, you know, and say, oh.

Mayor Herrera 22:46

Any other public comments?

Counsel Member Sandoval 22:49

Just to throw it out there, this last weekend, my wife and I, through our little Cuba health hustle group, we put on the Fourth of July, calling it the Freedom Fest, and you know it was a huge success. I don't know how many people were able to make it out on Saturday, but you know I think it was a good thing for the community. There's a lot of people in here that donated to that, and we got huge compliments on the fireworks show because of the financial burden that the village is under. Without the efforts that we went through, you know there wouldn't have been anything for the community. And there's a lot of people that, to the same effect, couldn't afford to drive to town. And it was kind of pointless to have people, in my opinion, drive to town when we could keep those people here, community members here, to you know make our community better and turn it into something. And I think for a long time nothing's happened in Cuba, and we're working hard to make it. You know, make things happen.

Mayor Herrera 23:53

Any further public comment? Okay. Any further public comment? Just, just okay.

Unidentified Speaker 24:15

What other major cuts are you doing that besides the motor vehicle department, to bring yourselves into compliance.

Mayor Herrera 24:27

This is public comment only. We don't respond to the question. She was just responding to the motor vehicle stuff. Is there any other further public comment? The what? Yeah, during the yeah during the MVD yeah on the agenda. Go state your name. Yeah, during the on the agenda. This is just public comment. We're not answering any questions. You can you can ask whatever you guys want.

Larson Latoya 25:14

Larson Latoya, if the motor vehicle is such a burden to the city, why can't we hand it back to the state without it was a state report. Let the state take it over again. Find a different building and let the state take it.

Mayor Herrera 25:32

Any further public comment? Next item on the agenda is a discussion, consideration, action of the approval of the Village of Cuba Housing Authority warrants for May 2026.

Counsel Member Olivas 25:45

Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 25:47

I second.

Mayor Herrera 25:50

Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Counsel Member Sandoval 25:58

Rod, I appreciate you know on the last one, oh, they were, you know, when you were able to just fill us in.

Rod Herrera 26:04

Yeah, like I said, got any more questions?

Counsel Member Sandoval 26:08

Yeah, no, I appreciate it.

Rod Herrera 26:11

Yeah, no problem.

Mayor Herrera 26:13

Any further comment from the council on this matter? Roll call vote, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 26:19

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 26:22

We're voting on the housing.

Mayor Herrera 26:24

Yeah, the minutes.

Patricia Martinez 26:25

The housing warrants for the month of May 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 26:28

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 26:30

Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 26:32

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 26:32

Councilmember Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 26:33

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 26:34

Motion carries. Next is the new business. First item is the discussion, consideration, action of the approval of the request for evidence tracker for the Cuba PD.

Council Member Olives 26:44
Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 26:45
Second.

Mayor Herrera 26:47
Any discussion from the council on this matter? Chief, would you like to address this?

Police Chief Huckeby 26:52

Yeah. So since I came down here, one of the things I noticed that was a huge issue for the PD is the evidence room is in disarray. If I can find a better word other than disarray. But from March of 2022 to January 28, 2026, which was my appointment, evidence had not been locked for four years. So there was no telling what was in the epitome. There's no telling what was taken out, or if any property was given back to Ukraine. The good thing is this is fixable. I worked with state police on this. They gave me a good roadmap on how we go about fixing that, and we need to have proper documentation and evidentiary protocols in place. So this system from PMI is the same one that was recommended to me from San Mateo. I've used it myself. It's very thorough. It is an it is a computer database system that houses all the evidence. So all of our evidence is documented in there, and also the results of what happens to it. It gets released back to the individual for the safekeeping property. Narcotics are sent off to the state. We have it. It put up destruction. It also allows us to issue destruction orders to the court, so that we start getting rid of things that have been in that evidence room. So when I went through there to do a full audit of that evidence room, we have evidence in there dating back to 2009, when a lot of that should have been destroyed years ago. And when I say years, I'm talking over decades ago. So what I want to do is bring that evidentiary system back on track to the 21st century, so we can start operating like an actual full-time professional police department agency. Now, what this also does is it gives us a inventory control documentation database. Now, whenever I first came here, one of the issues was is that some of the batteries ended up stolen from I think Public Works, if I'm correct, Mayor. Yeah. One of the issues we faced was there was no way of documenting it on if it actually belonged to the village. So we were coming across batteries, but there was no way of proving that it actually belonged to the village. So the case went stale, and eventually, it could no longer work. This allows us to document everything that belongs to the PD: guns, ammo, vests, badges, T-shirts, uniforms. So if anything comes up, we know blue is given to. We know we might have stolen it, or if anything got to this and I brace it to the PD, start stealing all my stuff, I know exactly what is being stolen, and then we can incorporate into the National Criminal Information Center in the CS. So this is just a system so we can maintain professionalism, keep documentation of everything, so that we don't wear the liability issues in the future.

Mayor Herrera 29:21

Any further questions on this from the council?

Counsel Member Sandoval 29:23

This would come out of LEPPF.

Police Chief Huckeby 29:26

That since it's software, it'd have to come out of the general fund. Now I was able to work out with the general fund where we have approximately \$20,000 in a line item specifically for software. So this is one of the only things that would ever come out of that.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 29:47

I have a question. Is storage would be a concern?

Police Chief Huckeby 29:51

No. So we have a good evidence room. So the evidence room is actually pretty good. It's reinforced. It's hard to get in. There's only two of us that actually have access to it. The only thing we'll have to work on in the future that is recommended by the state police is that we have a camera issued inside of the evidence room, which I fully agree with for any kind of accountability purposes. And if God permits, I'm going to bring in there to actually have video surveillance and whatnot. But I'm trying to take this a piece at a time so we don't do too much financial burden all at once and do this in pieces. And to be honest with you, this was the most important piece to start out with, so it's the one I wanted to start with.

Counsel Member Sandoval 30:24

You said since 2000, there was evidence since 2009.

Police Chief Huckeby 30:27

Even further going back, that's just the number that I remember specifically.

Counsel Member Sandoval 30:32

As far as far back, there's no way of tracking it. Correct.

Police Chief Huckeby 30:36

No, there's absolutely no paperwork. Actually, Officer Wood here helps me with that. We're trying to look for paperwork, but to be honest with you, I'm huge on documentation. I've kind of built my career on being able to document things fairly well, and so when I saw that, it actually made a little second.

Mayor Herrera 30:51

How was all the how was all this evidence disposed of?

Police Chief Huckeby 30:55

How is it disposed of? Yeah, or how is it? So if we get rid of some to say there's drugs or guns or anything like that, it needs to be put up for destruction. So we issue out destruction orders that go to the court. It is approved by the judge, and then we have an agreement with Santa Barbara County that we can take it to their evidence room, and they will do it for us without any kind of charge.

Mayor Herrera 31:17

Any further discussion from the council on this matter? Roll call vote. Ms. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 31:25
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 31:27
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 31:29
Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 31:30
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 31:31
Council Member Olivas.

Council Member Olivas 31:32
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 31:34
Motion carries. Next item is the discussion, consideration, action of the approval of increasing annual leave for Cuba PD.

Counsel Member Olivas 31:41
Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 31:43
I second.

Mayor Herrera 31:45
Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Council Member Olivas 31:48
Now, explain this a little. I know it says increase, but is that?

Police Chief Huckeby 31:53

So here's the thought. Is that obviously? I mean, we just now got done talking to us each other about the financial burdens that we had. So this is my tactic and way of trying to get quality applicants to the police department, especially in the future when hopefully we can get more people without having to compete financially with other departments that might be larger. Now I can tell you this much: with the leave, with this new generation coming on, a lot of people value their leave and being able to go home or see their families every now and then far more than they do their pay, and honestly, our pay is pretty fair, comparatively to everybody else. But I want to be able to get quality applicants and individuals that are not, and I hate to use this word, rejects from other places or anybody else that doesn't have anywhere else to go. I want to get people that want to come here. I want people that actually want to enjoy the place that they're at. They want to come here, and so this is a tactic of mine that I want to utilize, so we can have a bargaining chip of sort to get these quality applicants without putting any more financial burden on the village than necessary. So, the whole purpose is to increase that from four hours per pay period to six hours per pay period, and then 10 hours of birthday leave annual and 10 hours of employment anniversary relief. Now, with that, it's currently eight, and lobsters are working 10-hour shifts. So with that, they get out. They get out the eight for the birthday, but then they have to figure out now do they drive an hour up to Cuba, or what do they do? Do they come up here? It creates some confusion among officers.

Counsel Member Sandoval 33:11

Or use two hours.

Police Chief Huckeby 33:13

Yeah, or use two hours of their own leave. Now, to rectify this, also is in place is already the schedule in place. So whenever we become a 24-hour agency, nobody's going to be allowed. There's going to be shifts, and there's going to be at least one person per shift every shift. But we're going to have two people designated, and neither one of those people are allowed to take off at the same time. Now, I have a calendar set up to where they have to request leave months or weeks in advance, so that we can properly prepare for the manpower. Now, this is to make sure that we have coverage of the village of Cuba without having everybody just take off all at once. That is not allowed. I'm not going to allow it. I haven't allowed it. So, and that's how I turn it up.

Mayor Herrera 33:51

Are you thinking of staying on the 10-hour work schedule? So, like, say, if you would go do an 8-hour, they get an extra two hours off that.

Police Chief Huckleby 34:00

So, right now, the only way in the future possible to be 24/7, which is that is that is my one goal, to make it to where the people of Cuba can get 24-hour coverage from the games of the Cuban police department, we would have to go to 12 hours. So this is the best I can do right now with it. This is the tactic that I thought of, and I'm going to present to you guys.

Council Member Olives 34:23

Sounds like a great thing, but of course you know we need to get our chickens in one basket here.

Police Chief Huckleby 34:29

Of course.

Council Member Olives 34:29

But it's a great idea.

Unidentified Speaker 34:31

What's the what's your fuel budget right now?

Police Chief Huckleby 34:35

The budget for Cuba.

Unidentified Speaker 34:36

Your fuel budget.

Police Chief Huckleby 34:37

The fuel budget. We'll have to get with the chairman on that one. They have more than few budgeting to look at. Whenever I do one with the line items, such as property equipment, pay, fringe benefits, assembly.

Unidentified Speaker 34:46

Did you submit a budget?

Police Chief Huckleby 34:48

Yes, we have to hear you. Yes, we have. We submitted it. At that point, that's kind of a level we approved. Well, if you would like to, you can go to the position.

Unidentified Speaker 34:55

I'm just asking the question because you're supposed to have it. I don't know what budget you're. The fact that you're, they're still putting the bill for what? You have five officers. What are we six or so? Okay, so six officers. You're probably what 175,000 \$200,000 a year. Oh, so. take that into consideration because not only the not only just.

Counsel Member Olivas 35:25

Excuse me, I don't mean to interrupt, but this is in public comment right now.

Unidentified Speaker 35:28

Yeah, but it's still open to the public.

Speaker 5 35:35

Not right now. It's not.

Unidentified Speaker 35:36

Yes, it is. It's discussion for the public. Are you saying I don't have the right to ask him a question.

Counsel Member Olivas 35:44

Of course, you do.

Unidentified Speaker 35:46

What I am asking and what I'm getting to? Yeah. Okay.

Counsel Member Olivas 35:49

Yes, you can.

Police Chief Huckeby 35:49

I have an answer for you, sir. Yeah. And hold on. If you're, I hear your question, so I think everybody here wants to hear my answer on it.

Unidentified Speaker 35:55

Well, let me let me finish the question. I hear your excuse.

Police Chief Huckeby 35:57

Hold on. Hold on. Let me tell everybody here this. The main question is that you're spending fuel money on officers who come up from Rio to find safety and security. Now let me tell you this: Officer Wood there is retired from New Mexico State Police as a lieutenant under special operations. He came up here. That man right there spent 10 years with New Mexico State Police and is one of the best DWI officers in the entire state. Has been recognized here. It takes a lot for an individual to leave their communities to want to come up here and drive the hour, not getting paid for it. Come up here and serve you fine people. Now they spend all that time away from their family to come and serve you fine people. Now I would rather take an officer that believes in this community well enough that he wants he wants to take time out of his day and his family to come up here and serve you than somebody who's looking for an easy way out, who just wants an easy job and will not work, who's from here. And as of right now, we have not had anybody from the village of Cuba apply for a police officer position. Officer Wood, do you care about the community?

Officer Wood 37:05
Absolutely.

Police Chief Huckeby 37:05

You have other options that you can go to. These officers that I have hired have options elsewhere. He could go well, very well, go back to state police or go to Sandoval County, where they have a designated traffic unit, but they should come up here and serve you fine people because they like the small town environment. They love on how friendly you all have been to them, and I believe that deserves respect. And I will back them up 100% Now, in regards to the fuel costs, but it costs a little bit of money, yes. But I don't think safety. You can put a price on safety and security for people who actually care about the people that they serve.

Unidentified Speaker 37:23

Well, the discussion that we were having is that they're having to put the bill for the fuel. It's kind of hard to just say we're just going to give annual leave to the police department. I mean, the village of Cuba as a whole is one community. How does annual leave? You know what I mean. So it's like, shouldn't that come within the budget hearing, Mr. Parker? Let's get everybody. How does annual leave come up with fuel? Because having to spend that in there now, you're running middle because that adds to the budget. AOA has no eight times property. That comes out of their pocket. You're not going to take it for free.

Police Chief Huckeby 38:11

It's not put out of budget as fuel, so fuel and annual leave have no profit.

Unidentified Speaker 38:15

What I'm trying to get at is they're already at their top end probably with fuel. Now they're so what are you asking for more annually? On top of that, you have to understand the cost of having to include more annually. It's more to your budget.

Joe White 38:32

So they take off if there's more time, but you're discriminating against all the other employees that have been here a lot longer.

Police Chief Huckeby 38:40

Well, their department has them. Well, we're welcome to make the same request that I did in a budget hearing.

Unidentified Speaker 38:44

You're way past that, and as far as I know, that budget should have already been sent to DOJ.

Police Chief Huckeby 38:50

Appreciate your comment, but annual leave has no correlation to fuel. The ledger suggested that the council was going to pay Officer Wood to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, which I can already tell you that's not going to happen.

Mayor Herrera 39:07

No further discussion from the council on this matter.

Mayor pro Tem Dominguez: 39:11

I have a comment, Mayor. I believe the chief has a good, valid point on the on the leave, but I also believe in fair play. I think that if we consider this for the police department, I think we should consider increasing the leave for all village employees, permanent employees. You know, doesn't matter if you work for the water department or maintenance department, whatever it is. If you're a village of, if you're an employee of the village of Cuba, you should all be treated the same, and I think I think the chief has a good a good idea. You know, if an employee has been here for three years, he should get a little bit more of leave pay. If an employee's been here for five years, he. Should get a little bit more. If an employee's been here for 10 years, he should get a little bit more of leave every two weeks, you know, like that. He can build it up for she can build it up for whatever they want. But I think that has to be fair play for everybody. And I yield my time.

Mayor Herrera 40:22

No further discussion from the council on this matter. Roll call vote, Ms. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 40:27

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 40:32
No noy unless This would do it for everybody.

Patricia Martinez 40:36
Council member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 40:37
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 40:39
Council member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 40:39
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 40:40
Motion carries. Next item is a discussion consideration of action of the revised water wastewater ordinance.

Counsel Member Olivas 40:49
I make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 40:50
I second.

Mayor Herrera 40:52
Any further discussion from the council on this matter?

Counsel Member Sandoval 40:54
The only thing we're still if somebody has put in requested like a hookup prior to the increase in the rates yeah after the they're still getting that same.

Mayor Herrera 41:17
Yeah there're going to get the rate that was when they requested it because there would be so backlogged in the

Counsel Member Sandoval 41:22
Yeah, for the for the hookup for the yeah for the previous and then there was something else I was going to ask. Just to clarify on the so the for the books actually let me see where's that one. So for the current water rates, so zero to 3000 is 35, and then 3001 to 7000 is a the 35 plus \$1.50 per 1000. So they would be paying \$1.50 if they went 3000 or 4000.

Mayor Herrera 42:07
They would like \$6 more for if they went to the \$7,000 7000 gallon like maximum.

Counsel Member Sandoval 42:12
Okay, so it's just 150 per 1000.

Mayor Herrera 42:16
Yeah per 1000. Yeah. Yeah.

Mayor Herrera 42:44
No further discussion from the council on this matter. Roll call vote Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 42:53
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 42:57
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 42:58
Council member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 42:59
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 43:01
Council member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 43:02
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 43:05
Motion carries. Next item on the agenda is the discussion, consideration, and action of the approval of contract for Stillwater's Consulting with an effective date of July 1, 2026, through July 1, 2027.

Counsel Member Olivas 43:22
Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 43:23
I second.

Mayor Herrera 43:28
Discussion from the council on this matter.

Counsel Member Sandoval 43:32
And with, I believe Malcolm, the new deputy, he's a grant writer, certified grant writer, I believe.

Mayor Herrera 43:49

Oh, the guy that worked for the courts, yes.

Counsel Member Sandoval 43:50

So we would like, are we going to try and move to where all of our grant writing would be in house?

Mayor Herrera 43:56

Yes.

Counsel Member Sandoval 43:57

Okay.

Mayor Herrera 43:58

And we cut quite a few hours off of on this contract here, because before on the other contract, she was assisting us through since lack of staff and lack of cooperation with audit stuff. So now it's maximum 40 hours a month. Any further discussion from the council on this matter?

Unidentified Speaker 44:19

Was she going to continue the same wages, the same price.

Mayor Herrera 44:22

Yes, and she's going to be working with Miss Martinez on helping her be able to perform some of the duties as far as the grant writing. Correct.

Patricia Martinez 44:36

The grant management.

Mayor Herrera 44:37

The grant management portion. No further discussion from the council on this matter. Roll call vote.

Patricia Martinez 44:56

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 44:57

I think she's done a good job. Yes.

Patricia Martinez 45:01

Councilmember Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 45:02

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 45:03

Councilmember Olivas.

Councilmember Olivas 45:04
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 45:05
Motion carries. Next item on the agenda is discussion on hearing of appeal to council's suspension of the water clerk.

Councilmember Olivas 45:19
Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 45:20
I second.

Mayor Herrera 45:23
Discussion from the council on this matter. I'll present the village's information first, and this is for the water clerk is Mrs. Esther Hadera, and first allegation is insubordination, failure to follow supervisory directives, and refuse.

Esther Herrera 45:58
I am going to stop you there as this is not to be done in a public meeting.

Mayor Herrera 46:10
New Mexico Open Meetings Act expressly states that hearings of this nature must occur in open session, and the vote of the council on whether to uphold or reject the suspension also must occur in open session. Only the deliberate durations by the council may occur in closed session.

Esther Herrera 46:27
In New Mexico, a mayor cannot discuss any individual employee-specific disciplinary write-ups during the public promotion portion of the municipal meeting. Instead, these details must be discussed primarily in executive session. The personnel matter has to be in executive session. Another thing, in my opinion, I shouldn't even be key here for this meeting because I was not. I said it was available for the sixth. I did not receive a letter. I did not receive an email. I did not receive a certified letter saying stating the date, time, and place of this meeting. I am here because it was not posted.

Mayor Herrera 47:04
How did you contact Mrs. Herrera?

Marlena Jasso 47:06
I let you know that the sixth was good, and you said you were available on the sixth, so yeah.

Esther Herrera 47:16
That's why we got the sixth was better.

Mayor Herrera 47:17

We had already gone through this process before when you.

Esther Herrera 47:19

It's new date.

Mayor Herrera 47:21

You canceled on it.

Esther Herrera 47:24

I know, but I should have received a letter stating the date of turning in place.

Mayor Herrera 47:30

Well, we're not going to drag this on. I'm just going to move forward. If you want to have a response or not, that's direct. Quality of work, continued deficiencies in the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of assigned duties and responsibilities, which negatively impacted departmental operations and administrative compliance. Quantity of work failure to complete assigned tasks and work responsibilities within expected timeframes and standards established by the village. The village disciplinary action was intended to address ongoing performance and conduct concerns, and to reinforce compliance with the village policies, procedures, and supervisory direction. The suspension imposed was corrective in nature and consistent with the progressive discipline provisions outlined in the Personnel Policy Manual, pursuant to Section 8.3. Mrs. Herrera exercises her right to appeal the disciplinary action to the Village Council. Accordingly, this matter is now before Council for consideration through the post-disciplinary hearing and appeals process, the village requests that the consul review the documentation, testimony, and evidence presented, and determine whether the disciplinary action should be upheld. And this disciplinary action is for two days suspension without pay from work.

Counsel Member Sandoval 49:08

When would this suspension? Did the suspension already happen?

Esther Herrera 49:13

Yes.

Counsel Member Sandoval 49:14

Yes. Okay.

Mayor Herrera 49:16

Mrs. Herrera, would you like to?

Esther Herrera 49:18

No. This is a personnel matter. I have asked for a hearing between the council. It is not to be discussed at the public meeting.

Mayor Herrera 49:32

Next item on the agenda is executive session closed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and MSA.

Mayor Herrera 49:38

Thank you. Go ahead.

Esther Herrera 49:38

Because I would just like to ask everybody in here if anybody could write a letter stating that you did this in the public meeting.

Mayor Herrera 49:52

It's it'll be on the minutes.

Esther Herrera 49:53

Definition.

Mayor Herrera 49:53

It's in the minutes. It'll be in the minutes back. Please let me know when you're done with your rebuttal. Okay. Next item on the agenda is executive session closed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and MSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H27 to discuss deliberation on hearing of appeal to Council of suspension of water clerk. One, no action to be taken. Limited personnel matters. Three. We have a motion to vote for. We will now be entering executive session, clerk.

Councilmember Olivas 50:34

Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 50:36

I second.

Mayor Herrera 50:38

We will now be entering into executive session, clerk. Treasurer Marlena Jasso will join us for executive session. The time now is 6:54 p.m.

Marlena Jasso 50:51

I need a call. I'm sorry, I need a vote.

Mayor Herrera 50:56

Oh, roll call vote.

Patricia Martinez 50:56

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 50:59

To go into executive session. Yes.

Patricia Martinez 51:02
Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 51:03
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 51:03
Council Member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 51:04
Yes. Everybody has to leave. Yeah. Before executive session, and then once it's over, you guys can all come back.

Mayor Herrera 51:19
You got to get some fresh air. We will be exiting executive session at 7:30. No action was taken. Next item on the agenda is discussion, consideration, and action of approval to hire Larell Cunningham for the Cuba PD as a certified officer with effective date of July 13, 2026. Did I say your name right? Yes. Okay.

Counsel Member Olivas 51:49
Make a motion.

Counsel Member Sandoval 51:51
I second.

Mayor Herrera 51:52
Any discussion from the council on this matter?

Counsel Member Sandoval 51:58
Mr. Cunningham, do you have anything?

Officer Cunningham 52:01
No.

Police Chief Huckeby 52:02
So, as we can tell, some of my police officers are not very. Everybody shy from public speaking.

Counsel Member Olivas 52:08
Yes, I understand that.

Police Chief Huckeby 52:10

So I'll put it this way: Whenever Mr. Cunningham came to me with the applications, he told me about how he worked up here in Cuba. I actually remember him whenever I was up here, or whenever I used to work in Sandoval. Everybody that I've talked to said that he is very well renowned for DWI investigations, and just being a good copywriter, he came in with a very humble attitude and just wanted to work. He also said, "Listen, I'll work rights. I'll do whatever you need. You know, I just want to be back in Q. I want a small town. And come from an individual that left a large agency like Tulsa myself. I understand wanting to lead a large agency and go down to the small one. Large agencies have a lot of bureaucracy in it that doesn't make it comfortable for lower level officers. So he comes up here because he likes the community. He's out there already talking to them, and I think he's going to do very well here. So I wouldn't take it if I didn't do anything further.

Counsel Member Olivas 53:05
Congratulations.

Mayor Herrera 53:06
No further discussion for the council on this matter. Roll call vote, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 53:14
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 53:15
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 53:16
Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 53:17
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 53:18
Council Member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 53:19
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 53:20
Motion carries. Next item is a discussion, consideration, action to uphold the mayor's decision or disapprove the mayor's decision of the two-day suspension for the water clerk with findings.

Counsel Member Sandoval 53:32
I make a motion to uphold the mayor's decision of a two-day suspension of water clerk with a finding of insubordination, quality of work, and quantity of work.

Mayor Herrera 53:42
Any further discussion from the council?

Counsel Member Olivas 53:43
I second

Mayor Herrera 53:46
Any further discussion from the council in this matter?

Unidentified Speaker 53:48
Yes, Mayor. When we approved the agenda, was just discussion only was not an action.

Counsel Member Sandoval 53:54
That was for number 11. There was no.

Mayor Herrera 53:57
That was number 11. Yeah. This one has action on it. Any further from the discussion from the council on this matter? Roll call vote, Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 54:14
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 54:16
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 54:17
Councilmember Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 54:18
Yes.

Patricia Martinez 54:19
Councilmember Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 54:20
Yes.

Mayor Herrera 54:20
Motion carries. Next item on the agenda is a discussion, consideration, and action of the approval of temporary closing of the MVD due to financial burden to the Village of Cuba.

Counsel Member Sandoval 54:36
I make a motion to table this, with the exception that Mr. Velarde works in coordination with Ms. Jasso in getting the appropriate actions to keep it open.

Brian from the MVD 54:50

I was going to propose something. I know I was looking over the contract, and things have to be changed because people are no longer with us. One of them is the point of contact. It still has Vandora's name on it, and I can work on that with Mike. The other thing is, I can pretty much help people in need if they need it, and if the council's okay with it, I can charge the \$5 fee and write the receipt. And at least that's something coming.

Mayor Herrera 55:22

Our deadline of the 29th is to have every a plan in place to reopen the 29th yes at the next council meeting, not yeah it has you have to have something in place with Santa Fe the cleaning people just a plan that moving forward yeah and you'll meet you'll meet with Miss. Jasso in the morning at 8:30 a.m.

Counsel Member Olivas 55:45

And I second the motion.

Mayor Herrera 55:47

Any further discussion from the council? Roll call vote to table this item. Mrs. Martinez.

Patricia Martinez 55:55

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez 55:56

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 55:57

Council Member Sandoval.

Counsel Member Sandoval 55:58

Yes.

Patricia Martinez 55:59

Council Member Olivas.

Counsel Member Olivas 56:00

Yes.

Mayor Herrera 56:02

Next item is the passes to table this item. The announcement. There are no announcements.

Brian from the MVD 56:11

May I ask a question? So, did you want me to start charging \$5 if I can help them out?

Mayor Herrera 56:17

Not at this point. I don't think it really matters. You just need a, yeah, and they'll discuss a new. Well, this is not the discussion. The rate and stuff later on. Okay. Oh, there was one in yours. Okay, there was an announcement. Next regular council meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2026 at 6 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. 7:35 p.m. Later, Joe. Reconsidering the MVD. Well, we're only going to temporary close. We weren't going to close it.

Brian from the MVD 57:05

We'll make it work.

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