



**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
by Mayor Bruton

**Please turn off cell
phones or set to silent
mode**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bruton led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

MA	✓	YG	✓	JO	✓	MW	X
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney
Rita Rivera, Senior Center Manager
Ramon Garcia, P&Z/Resident

Shaline Lopez, Grant Administrator
Ernie Barnes, P&Z/Resident

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of the Agenda for 8-7-23		
	Made by:	Garcia		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Yes Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent
	Second by:	Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

7. Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes

[Attachment A - 071723 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Previous Minutes		
	Made by:	Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Yes Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent
	Second by:	Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

8. Council to Review Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

[Attachment B - 072623 Draft P&Z Minutes.pdf](#)

The Village Council reviewed the previous minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission. No action was taken.

9. ~~Council to Review and Take Action on Request from Anthony Bentley to Waive Tampering Fee~~

[Attachment C - Memo re Water Account 019.pdf](#)

[Attachment D - Excerpt from Tijeras Code of Ordinances - Chapter 24 - Utilities.pdf](#)

[Attachment E - Resolution 2022-12 Water Rate Increase Signed with Attachment.pdf](#)

The Village Council decided to table the item due to resident Anthony Bentley not being present to discuss the issue.

A C T I O N	Motion	Table Item 9		
	Made by:	Garcia		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Yes Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent
	Second by:	Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

10. Council to Review and Take Action on Resolution 2023-18 Accepting 2023-2024 LGRF Agreement L300338

[Attachment F - Resolution 2023-18 Accepting 2023-2024 LGRF Agreement L300338.pdf](#)

[Attachment G - L300338-D3 Award Letter.pdf](#)

[Attachment H - L300338-Coop Rev 4-23.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton explained that the Village applied for this funding in order to support road projects experiencing a shortfall in funding. The funding will be applied to the roadway and drainage improvement project on Criswell Drive and Carmino Road. The total amount of the award is \$300,000.00.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution 2023-18		
	Made by:	Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	Garcia		Councilor Garcia-Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent

11. Council to Discuss FY2026-2030 ICIP and Identify Priority Projects

[Attachment I - Village of Tijeras ICIP FY2025-2029.pdf](#)

Clerk Kennedy reviewed the previous year’s ICIP that the Council approved last year and suggested that the majority of the projects be carried over.

Village Attorney Jessica Nixon advised the Council that the state favors infrastructure projects over certain other kinds of projects.

Councilor Ortiz requested that a project be added for drainage control and roadside beautification on the slope between I-40 and NM-333 between the intersections of NM-337 and NM-14.

After discussion, the Governing Body tasked Village staff with preparing the ICIP to include the following projects: Roadway Improvements, Wastewater Utility, Maintenance Department Building, Veterans Memorial Rehabilitation, Drainage/Beautification, Maintenance Department Equipment, Open Space Acquisition, and the Village Hall Parking Lot.

12. Council to Discuss FY2026-2030 Senior Center ICIP and Identify Priority Projects

[Attachment J - Tijeras Senior Center ICIP FY2025-2029.pdf](#)

The Governing Body decided on the following priorities for the Senior Center: Site Improvements, ADA Enhancements, and an Outdoor Recreation Facility.

13. Updates

- a. Previous Meeting Items
 - None.
- b. Mayor
 - Mayor Bruton recapped the 50th Anniversary Celebration.
 - Mayor Bruton informed the Council that the sewer line installation in the area of the Pedestrian Improvements project has been completed.
 - Mayor Bruton scheduled a Special Meeting for August 15th for final approval of the ICIP. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.
 - Mayor Bruton stated candidate filing date for those seeking election for Village office is August 29th. Prospective candidates must declare their candidacy in-person at Bernalillo County's offices in downtown Albuquerque between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- c. Councilors
 - Councilors Armenta, Garcia, and Ortiz stated they thought the 50th Anniversary Celebration was a success and thanked staff for their efforts.
- d. Clerk
 - Clerk Kennedy shared additional information related to candidate filing date.
- e. Deputy Clerk
 - Deputy Clerk Limon shared updates regarding his planned computer basics course for the Senior Center.
- f. Departments
 - Senior Center Manager Rita Rivera thanked Los Vecinos Community Center for shuttling attendees of the 50th Anniversary Celebration and informed the Council of a situation involving a wheelchair-bound senior citizen who needs assistance with transportation to and from the Senior Center.

14. Time and Place of Next Meetings

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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