



**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 832 4967 2260
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1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruton.

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

M.Armenta	✓	E.Barnes	✓	Y.Garcia	✓	J.Ortiz	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney -Not Present.
Nathan Mulvihill, Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, July 21, 2025**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday, July 21,2025.					
	Made by:	J. Ortiz				Councilor Armenta- Yes	
	Second by:	E. Barnes				Councilor Barnes- Yes	
	Motion carried?	PASSED		FAILED		Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes	

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes for June 16, 2025**

[Attachment A – Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Previous Minutes for June 16,2025.					
	Made by:	M. Armenta				Councilor Armenta- Yes	
	Second by:	E. Barnes				Councilor Barnes- Yes	
	Motion carried?	PASSED		FAILED		Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes	

8. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-22 Acceptance of the FY26 Clean and Beautiful Grant**

[Attachment B.1 – Resolution 2025-22 Acceptance of the FY26 Clean and Beautiful Grant](#)

[Attachment B.2 – FY2026 Clean and Beautiful award Letter](#)

- Councilor M. Armenta – What's the average the Village usually gets every year? (Mayor Bruton- \$5K)
- Mayor Bruton – Next clean up might be early September 2025.



A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-22 Acceptance of the FY26 Clean and Beautiful Grant		
	Made by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

9. **Review and Approval Resolution 2025-23 Acceptance of the FY26 Rt.66 Centennial Infrastructure Grant**
[Attachment C.1 – Resolution 2025-23 Acceptance of the FY26 Rt.66 Centennial Infrastructure Grant](#)
[Attachment C.2 – FY2026 Rt.66 Centennial Infrastructure Award Letter](#)

- Councilor M. Armenta – Councilor Ortiz brought up purchasing an LED sign to post messages. Can we also look at the cost for those as well? (Councilor J. Ortiz – Sign to post events/messages. Doesn't have to be anything too big.) (Mayor Bruton – Definitely good idea to look into it and possibly install at the same time.)
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – There was only a certain amount of grant funds for this and we were awarded \$55000.00.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-23 Acceptance of the FY26 Rt.66 Centennial Infrastructure Grant		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

10. **Review and Approval of Financial Statements May 2025**
[Attachment D – Income Statement May 2025](#)

- Councilor M. Armenta – Appreciate the hard work and trying to get caught up with everything else that must be done and really appreciate the hard work and thank you. (Mayor Bruton – Yes we talked earlier and all should be caught up now and I appreciate you noticing the hard work.)
- Councilor J. Ortiz – The GRT of \$725 is in general fund? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Detailed information/clarified by line item GRT funds.) Thank you, Audrey.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Financial Statements for May 2025		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

11. **Review and discussion of DFA INTERIM Budget Approval Letter**

- Mayor Bruton – Doesn't require and approval we just wanted to show that we did receive an approval letter from DFA.
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield- This is a standard letter that we receive every year and everything else must be completed by the end of July. Request Special meeting for BAR, Final Budget and June statement approval. (Mayor Bruton – Special meeting possibly on 07/29/2025 if that works for all.) (All agree for 07/29/2025 for special meeting at 5pm.)

[Attachment E.1 – DFA INTERIM Budget Approval Letter](#)
[Attachment E.2 – Tijeras Final Budget Recap](#)



12. Updates

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- b. Mayor
Mayor Bruton
 - i. Carmino/Criswell project set to start on Monday 07/28/2025. Spear D will be placing door hangers but if you all talk to residents in that area, please let them know. Drove around today and saw that we might have access to our open space off Criswell and might look at that during construction.
 - ii. Mexico trip to deliver the fire truck went smooth, firefighters were so happy. This is the newest firetruck they now have on their fleet. (Councilor Y. Garcia – That’s great to hear.) Asked if they were willing to take the 1988 that we have out here, and they said yes and they will make the trip to pick it up. If you guys are ok with donating, we will have a resolution at our next meeting.
 - iii. Flooding – Working with Bernalillo County to see if there are any funds available to do some reclamation. Looking for funds for the park damage. Culverts have plenty of space for water, but all the damage was caused by all the debris build up. Municipal league told us that open space is not covered. Will look at applying for grant to rebuild and using funds from existing open space grant to pay for our match portion. Thank you, Matt, for all the work done and for taking the rein with cleaning up all the debris along with Hector and Leon. (Councilor M. Armenta – It’s unfortunate that we lost the park, but we had thoughts about moving our concert series there, imagine what it would’ve been if we would’ve had it there. Parks can be replaced but lives can’t, and we must be thankful.) That is correct and I will do what I can do to repair the park and find funds. Spoke to Bernalillo County about all coming together and working together to get the arroyo cleaned up and decide who will maintain. (Councilor J. Ortiz – Next year maybe instead of doing an Earth Day with our residents we should come together and clean out all the debris in the arroyos. Also, should look at how to protect the corner of the park from future damage with the water/debris coming over.) (Councilor E. Barnes – Have the bridges been inspected?) Working with Bernalillo County Emergency Management on getting a certified inspector to come out.
- c. Councilors
 - Y. Garica – None
 - M. Armenta
 - i. TPF Presentation went well and thank you to Councilor Barnes and Maria. We did our best and hopefully it went well. (Mayor Bruton – I’m sure you all did great and thank you all for representing the Village.) Concerning comment was that if we do get the funds we have to be on time with the funding.
 - ii. Reached out to Julian Chavez from Bernalillo County and they were under the assumption that they can store base course there. (Mayor Bruton – If they want to store there they would have to come to Planning & Zoning Hearing which will then come to Governing Body for review and Council would have to decide/approve or deny what they’re wanting to store. Council with the help of our Attorney’s will be specific on what they can and cannot store.) I will let them know that process.
 - iii. Flooding – Want to thank everybody for stepping up and helping. Jonathan had a lot of volunteers come out and help and the whole community came out and helped.
- J. Ortiz
 - i. Facebook Relaunch – Went from 1 like to over 200 now. Good place to spread good messages/positive news to the community and if staff lets me know about activities going on at the Senior Center so that I could attend and post.
 - ii. Tijeras Creek Cultural Center – Experience speaking after Mayor Keller. They stated wanting to come together for the Tijeras Arroyo, spoke to the individual from Bernalillo County and have her card.
 - iii. If funding available for grass in the future at the Veterans Memorial/Luis Garcia Park since our Concerts seem to have a good turnout. Councilor Armenta and I looked at some areas where it would be nice to put grass for people to enjoy.



- iv. Cannabis Location – RV/Camper still there and am willing to make contact if needed. (Mayor Bruton- Spoke to Peggy Pohl and the business owner regarding that and they’re waiting on Bernalillo County inspections. Peggy Pohl is waiting on Engineer stamp on her plans. The individual in the RV will be out soon. (Councilor Armenta – There’s another individual up on Primera Agua as well they may need to be addressed.) (Mayor Bruton – We will get those addressed. We’re also in the process of addressing the individual on Pine Ridge as well.)
- v. Flood – Shout out to Matti for being out on his Sunday cleaning the streets and Hector and Leon who went above and beyond in helping.
- vi. Maverik Gas Station Billboard Sign Location – If need help let me know possibly get with the Land Grant. (Mayor Bruton – I will get with them and have them reach out to Jay.) (Councilor Garcia – Centennial Celebration: Moises mentioned that they haven’t heard from the Village about partnering. Mayor Bruton – Yes, we will reach out.)
- vii. Election Information – Clerk A. Caufield or Deputy Clerk M. Martinez will get information/packet out soon.
 - E. Barnes
 - i. New Water Tank – Anymore erosion. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – It’s been looked at by Prodigy and all is good with no erosion.)
 - d. Clerk - A. Caufield
 - i. Flooding Cleanup – Thank You Councilor Armenta as well as Leon and Hector. Waiting on NMDOT regarding bridge inspections, was told that NMDOT should be inspecting bridges annually.
 - e. Deputy Clerk – M. Martinez
 - i. Senior Center Picnic – Friday July 25,2025 from 9am-1pm.
 - ii. Thank you, Councilors, for support provided while Clerk A. Caufield and Mayor Bruton were out traveling, really appreciated. (Mayor Bruton – Thank you all for your support as well.)

13. **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

14. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

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