



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM

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1. **Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bruton.

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

Betsy & Nathan Hawkins

5. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, June 15, 2026**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday June 15, 2026.					
	Made by:	E. Barnes				Councilor Armenta- Yes	
	Second by:	J. Ortiz				Councilor Barnes- Yes	
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED		FAILED		Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes	

6. **Council to Review and Approve Draft Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2026**

[Attachment A – Regular Meeting Draft Minutes for May 18, 2026](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Regular Council Minutes for May 18, 2026.					
	Made by:	M. Armenta				Councilor Armenta-Yes	
	Second by:	J. Ortiz				Councilor Barnes- Yes	
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED		FAILED		Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes	

7. **Open Public Hearing Regarding Request of Subdivision of Residential Lot from 1 Lot to 4 Lots as Recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission**

- Mayor to open the public hearing (*no motion required*)
- Mayor to summarize the purpose of the public hearing
- Mayor J. Bruton – Public Hearing regarding the request for a subdivision of a residential lot from 1 to 4 lots as recommended by our Planning and Zoning Commission. Public Hearing was called prior to tonight's meeting, tonight residents have the opportunity to speak to this if they choose to, we then sit as a quasi-judicial board to listen and make a decision on this request.



- Attorney J. Nixon – Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins submitted their request on April 28, 2026, it then went before the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 13, 2026, at a properly noticed meeting of that body. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval to this Governing Body and consistent with the ordinances. The Governing Body called for a public hearing at the Council Meeting on May 18th. There was public notice published as required under the state statute to have that public hearing tonight. This meeting has been properly noticed within the rules and confined of the Open Meetings Act.
 - [Review Rules of Procedure](#)
 - Mayor J. Bruton- First off, we'll go with presentation and statement by the applicant and then proceed to open up for public testimony.
- [Attorney to confirm procedural requirements.](#)
- Attorney J. Nixon – You may proceed.
- [Presentation by the applicant](#)
- Betsy Hawkins – Would like to note on the agenda it says residential lot, but it's actually industrial. Basically, we have this fairly large piece of property and we found out that there are several graves from the cemetery that are encroaching onto our property. So, rather than going through some horrifying way of dealing with that, we're just going to hopefully subdivide off that tiny sliver, which includes the connecting trail that connects the land grant to the cemetery, and then take that area where the graves encroaching graves are and give that to the cemetery. It just seems more logical than keeping that as part of our property. When we looked at going through all that work, we tried to make a logical split of the rest since it's 15 acres, we tried to keep the mountain with the trees and the home that is there as one section and then the section that will hopefully be our future business in the back and that leaves the section up front. As far as we can tell there's nothing negative to the community for splitting the lot. So, we hope you guys agree.
- Mayor J. Bruton – Thank you, next will be public testimony.
- [Public testimony](#)
- George Nuanez – No questions, just a comment. I really appreciate what you're doing for the cemetery, that speaks very well of you, and I commend you for that.
 - [Each speaker is limited to three \(3\) minutes](#)
 - [Council will ask questions after the timed \(3\) minutes \(not during\)](#)
 - [Council questions and responses are in addition to the allotted speaking time](#)
 - Councilor J. Ortiz – Mayor, I just want to echo what Mr. Nuanez stated. It's really nice that they're donating that property to land grant/cemetery, I don't see any issues, all the lot sizes are within what we require for minimum lot size, all is pretty straight forward.
 - Councilor Y. Garcia – Yes, I also agree, thank you. That's a very nice gesture.
 - Councilor E. Barnes – I would definitely agree. It takes care of the encroachment issue, it's a donation, and it splits up the lot into logical sizes for use, thank you.
 - Councilor M. Armenta – I'll echo the same thing as well. I'm very appreciative. I've been a lifelong resident of the Village of Tijeras. I'm very thankful.

8. **Close Public Hearing Regarding Request of Subdivision of Residential Lot from 1 to 4 Lots as Recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission**
[Mayor to close the public hearing \(no motion required\)](#)

9. **Council to Consider and Take Action on 11795 NM 337, Request to Subdivide 1 Lot into 4 Lots as Recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission**
[Attachment B.1 – Planning & Zoning Hearing Draft Minutes for May 13, 2026](#)
[Attachment B.2 – Hawkins Zoning Application & Lot Survey](#)

A C T	Motion To:	Approve the Request to Subdivide 11795 NM 337 from 1 Lot into 4 Lots as Recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission.	
	Made by:	Y. Garcia	Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes	Councilor Barnes- Yes



I O N	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes
	Yes			Councilor Ortiz- Yes

10. **Council to Review and Approve of Income Statement as of April 30, 2026**

Attachment C – Income Statement as of April 30, 2026

- Councilor M. Armenta – I'll just say the same comments, it's nice to see these coming up on a regular basis. Very happy and thankful for the hard work, Audrey.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Income Statement as of April 30, 2026.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes
	Yes			Councilor Ortiz- Yes

11. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-18 Accepting and Certifying the Annual Fixed Asset Inventory for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Attachment D.1 – Resolution 2026-18 Accepting and Certifying the Annual Fixed Asset Inventory for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Attachment D.2 – Annual Fixed Asset Inventory Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

- Mayor J. Bruton – This is what we have to get done annually for audit.
- Councilor M. Armenta – Is this one of the findings on our audit?
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – No, we cleared this finding when we hired Bert CPA, and now we just add throughout the year. It's split into 2 different ones, general government is anything VOT related, and the fixed assets that says business type is for water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Councilor J. Ortiz – I still don't see the 3 lots listed, and the Quit Claim Deeds were done.
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – I did send them to Misty to get them added and they will be included, we just got them recorded with Bernalillo County last week.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-18 Accepting and Certifying the Annual Fixed Asset Inventory for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes
	Yes			Councilor Ortiz- Yes

12. **Updates**

- Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- Mayor J. Bruton – Pineview nearing completion.
- Councilors
 - Councilor E. Barnes
 - Pineview Project – Concrete drainage that was poured next to the pavement, in my opinion I believe it's a safety hazard the way it was designed. It's already been hit and there's a chip at the end of it. In speaking with the foreman from Spear D he recommends we might look at pouring some concrete sloping into it. There's also another portion near the mailboxes at the bottom of the road with the same issue. There will also be a problem when the snowplow has to get through that area. (Mayor J. Bruton – We will bring this up to Molzen Corbin.)
 - Councilor M. Armenta
 - Decals on Fire Truck? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – The additional 4 decals were ordered and as soon as they arrive, we will coordinate with Chief Danny to get them placed. The



reason for the delay is that they were originally going to place them on the 2 older engines, but he wants them on the 4 new engines.)

- ii. Warranty work on Carmino/Criswell? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – I haven't received an update from Vanessa on that, but I will follow up.
- iii. Thankful for Councilor Barnes for keeping an eye out on the work being done at Pineview.
- iv. Thank the maintenance guys for working hard during the Summer Concert, they really put a lot of effort into it.
- v. My condolences to the Garcia family for their loss. Jeff was a true instrument to the community here and unfortunately, he won't be with us anymore, but he's in our hearts.

Councilor J. Ortiz

- i. Like Councilor Armenta said, the maintenance guys definitely want to have a shout out because the park looked great, those wood chips and all the other things looked good.
- ii. The Pocket Park is starting to look good. I see them out there working hard, and we appreciate that. Do we have an ETA on when it will open and are the splash pads working? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Splash pads are working, and Hector's goal is for them to have it finished by June 30th.)
- iii. NM Early Learning Academy- I know our Senior Center and their staff have been battling for parking spots. With the Village's permission we were thinking of moving the boulders from the school side, leave the ones on the Senior Center side and allow them access to park on my property. I will get with Councilor Armenta on a private sector for help with that. (Mayor J. Bruton – I don't see an issue, and that would be a fantastic solution, as long as they're not parking against the fence on the north side which is where our water lines run that would be fine.)

Councilor Y. Garcia

- i. Echo Councilor Armenta about the Concert Series. The staff did an amazing job setting up and tearing down. I got a lot of positive feedback from the community regarding that.
- ii. Councilor Armenta mentioned about Triple X performing during one of our Concert Series, and Jeff was in agreement. I spoke to Renea, which is Jeff's widow, and also mentioned to one of the drummers and they mentioned that they will continue performing and they would love to play for us. Renea and the drummer are ok with me sharing their contact information as they will be managing from here on out. They also mentioned a tribute and car show, so we're preparing for that.
- iii. Our condolences to the Garcias for their loss and the Armenta's for the loss of Jonathan's Grandmother.
- d. Clerk A. Caufield – No updates.
- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Summer Concert – Thank you all for your help, Councilor Armenta thank you for helping the guys set up. We had a great turnout, and I also got a lot of good feedback from those who attended. If you guys have any criticism, please let us know.

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, July 06, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

14. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

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