



**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025, AT 6:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88324578397>

Meeting ID: 883 2457 8397
Dial: (720)707-2699

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Bruton

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruton

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

MA	✓	EB	✓	YG	✓	JO	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney

Nathan Mulvihill, Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

A C T I O N	Motion:	To approve agenda for Regular Meeting January 6, 2025		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

[Attachment A – Regular Meeting DRAFT Minutes December 16, 2024](#)

A C T I O N	Motion:	To approve Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2024		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	



8. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-01 Adopting the 2025 Open Meetings Act**

[Attachment B – Resolution 2025-01 Adopting the 2025 Open Meetings Act](#)

A C T I O N	Motion:	To approve Resolution 2025-01 Adopting the 2025 Open Meeting Act	
	Made by:	J. Ortiz	Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta	
	Motion carried?	PASSED	

9. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-02 Approval of East Mountain Historical Society MOU**

[Attachment C – Resolution 2025-02 Approval of East Mountain Historical Society MOU](#)

[Attachment D – MOU Village of Tijeras EMHS](#)

A C T I O N	Motion:	To approve Resolution 2025-02 Approval of East Mountain Historical Society MOU	
	Made by:	J. Ortiz	Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes	
	Motion carried?	PASSED	

10. **Updates**

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions
 - i. Land Purchase – Warranty Deed

Mayor Bruton- Purchase of land was completed on 12/31/2024 for \$205K, would really like to thank Councilor Ortiz for all the help and feedback on purchasing this piece of property. Very happy that the Village of Tijeras now has open space in the Village.

- b. Mayor- None
- c. Councilors

Councilor Y. Garcia- Welcome new baby Girl, very excited and will be in the Village of Tijeras soon.

Councilor E. Barnes – Spoke to a few seniors at the Senior Center and they’re wondering if we can move the gate closer to the Church at the parking lot due to people camping out up there over night or hanging out and throwing trash in the bushes.

- Mayor Bruton stated that we can not move the gate because the parking lot belongs to Bernalillo County and we are not allowed to block the Public Library access either.



- Councilor J. Ortiz- Maybe ask BCSO to patrol the area.
- A. Armenta – In time we can maybe look at fencing the whole area in the future to prevent people from going in and out of the area after hours.

Councilor J. Ortiz –

1. Homelessness in Albuquerque is quite a problem and unfortunately, they're slowly moving further East, do we or can have an Ordinance in place around homeless sleeping/camping out on sidewalks?

- Mayor Bruton- Definitely something that we should look into and see what type of Ordinance we can put in place.

2. Grocery carts/large items that look to be trash on the side of the road or on sidewalks. Can we help each other out and reach out to Audrey and Maria to let them know this way they can have the maintenance team go out and round up the trash.

- Mayor Bruton – Yes please if anybody sees any of this, please reach out directly to Audrey or Maria so that they can get the team out there to clean up.

3. Pocket Park – We don't have a pedestrian gate; will we be installing one at some point? Or will we just be opening this park from 9-5? Not sure if we want to install a gate because we don't want people to be in there after hours but just wanted to bring it up since residents were asking.

- Mayor Bruton- We can talk about this in the future and think about whether we want to add a pedestrian gate for residents and think about having people in there after hours.

Councilor M. Armenta – Following up about trash, weeds and trees around the Village because I still have residents calling me complaining about all the weeds. Can we get the maintenance team have a set schedule where they dedicate a day or 2 a week to work on picking up trash and working on the weeds.

- Mayor Bruton – Audrey will you please schedule some time to meet with the maintenance crew, include Councilor Armenta so that we can get something set to ensure that this is being done.

d. Clerk

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Will be sending out water rate increases and will email them so that we can vote on the increase in our next meeting.

e. Deputy Clerk – None

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

The next meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6PM in the Council Chambers.

12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

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