

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Lunas, County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico met Thursday, February 12, 2026 in regular session at 6:00PM. Roll call was taken, and the following were present: Mayor Charles Griego, Councilor Gino Romero, Councilor Christopher Ortiz, & Councilor Matthew Chavez. Councilor James Runyon was excused. The meeting was conducted in person and recorded through TEAMS.

Mayor:	Charles Griego
Mayor Pro Tem:	Christopher Ortiz
Council:	Matthew Chavez James Runyon - Excused Gino Romero

Also present were: Gregory D. Martin, Nancy Jo Gonzales, Debra Sanchez, Craig Donohue, and Luis Brown. In accordance with Ordinance 114A, the following agenda was prepared and circulated as required:

- 1. RESOLUTION 26-02: MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – FY 2026.**
- 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - a. Hire Wastewater Equipment Operator – Wastewater Division / Public Works Department*
 - b. Hire Operator in Training – Water Division / Public Works Department*
 - c. Hire Operator in Training – Wastewater Division / Public Works Department*
 - d. Hire (2) Parks Technician 1 – Parks Division / Parks & Recreation Department*
 - e. Hire Deputy Clerk – Administration Department*
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes from January 29, 2026, Council Meeting*
- 4. ADJOURNMENT.**

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

At 6:00PM, Mayor Griego brought the meeting to order and welcomed the audience.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Griego asked Dominic Otero to lead the Council and TEAMS participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **PUBLIC INPUT FORUM.**

Mayor Griego asked the audience if there was anyone who wanted to address the council that did not have an item on the agenda – Regina Chavez addressed the council with an error in her water bill. There was a short discussion and Mayor Griego then stepped in to limit the speaking time. He agreed that something looked off about the billing and usage and asked her to talk with Michael Jaramillo (Public Works Director) & Ray Vigil Jr. (Water Supervisor). He stated that they would be able to help resolve her water billing issue and that if she has any more problems, to contact Gregory Martin (Village Administrator) directly. Mayor Griego asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak to the council – there were none.

- 1. RESOLUTION 26-02: MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – FY 2026**

Ms. Cheryl Cates presented item 1. Tonight, I am bringing you the mid-year resolution, 26-02. This will be the 3rd budget adjustment that we have made this fiscal year. The general fund has been increased by \$630,000, which is a combination of 2 items. One is for \$130,000 because of certificates of occupancy that we've acquired, and the second is a \$500,000 annual payment for our new agreement with Meta. We have also received some grants this year. One, is the New Mexico Outdoor grant, which was \$37,000, and the second, is a legislative appropriation for Parks through Mr. Cog at \$56,746. In the expenditure section, there is an increase in salaries and overtime work of \$150,000 which is for the Fire Department. This is due to fire fighters being out on FMLA as well as 1 in 5 calls now resulting in transport to Albuquerque because AMR does not have the facilities to handle it, per my conversation with John (Fire Chief). In the Water/Sewer fund, under retiree healthcare, you will see it went from \$4,964 to \$44,964, and this was due to a typo on my part and forgetting a 4. In Solid Waste, you will see that we previously recognized \$91,452 as an insurance recovery for the freightliner and trailer. We did receive an additional \$18,500 which is additional revenue. In Solid Waste, under "Buildings" we had an increase of \$529,477, which is a combination of 3 things. One is the \$150,000 for the contractual amendment that we did for PlastikGas, second, we did not include the final payment for PlastikGas which is \$230,000, and lastly, an additional \$149,477, which was an additional cost that was on the PlastikGas site. Municipal Streets had a small adjustment of \$4,500 which is the cost of a vehicle. Next is the Fire Fund (Fund 21), we have two additional revenue sources. We had an increase in the state fire allotment of

\$130,395 and a Fire Protection Grant for \$500,000 which will be dedicated to the remodel of Fire Station 1. We also have an additional \$550,000 sitting in the general fund for the purchase of a Class A Pumper Truck, so the \$200,000 increase for that truck has been included in this adjustment. We have some additional reimbursements toward the NM-314 bike/pedestrian path for \$459,815 and North Los Lentos for \$10,275, for additional revenue of \$470,090. In the expenditure find, we do have an increase in the New Mexico 6 and I-25 operational improvements project of \$1,518,950 due to a price increase that happened between the receipt of the funds and obtaining the bids. The Local Government Correction Fund gave us an additional \$500 in fees that were billed prior to the termination of the fund. This is for the care of prisoners and will be increased by \$30,000, which will leave us with \$108,000 still left. The Law Enforcement Protection Fund had an increase of \$4,500 and an increase in operating costs of \$19,740 for the purchase of our K-9s and the K-9 training. There was also a transfer of \$702 going from the infrastructure into the GRT revenue bond. Councilor Romero asked about the care of prisoners and why we pay if we just transport them to the county? Ms. Cates said that that money goes to the county for the suspect that we apprehend that must stay a day or two before seeing a judge. We pay the County monthly as they bill us for those instances. In the Park Improvement Fund's expense section, you will see that we received a Regional Recreation Grant for Los Cerritos of \$3,616,458. In the Emergency Medical Fund, we have added some expenses, and the reason for this is because if it is not 100% spent by the end of the fiscal year, it could drastically impact what we get the following year. In the Sports Complex Fund, you will see an additional \$20,000 that's left over for reimbursements that need to be spent. In the LG Abatement Opioid Fund, I created a line item for the opioid remediation collaborative (Work) for \$1,661,999, which will be the account that posts when we transfer to (work). Lastly, both Appreciating You and the Firefighter Fund had an increase in donations this fiscal year. Ms. Cates asked if there were any questions from the council. Councilor Chavez asked if the Opioid Fund went to different counties, to which Ms. Cates said that it goes to 9 different counties and 2 cities including us. Councilor Chavez then asked how we are able to use that in our community. Mayor Griego suggested that Nancy Jo Gonzales come to the podium, since she had a better understanding of the fund. Ms. Gonzales stated that, how it works is that we are given access to our portion of the 1.6 million and depending on the board, we can also pitch a project that is more than our portion. It is my duty and responsibility as the point of representative, that those funds are used in our community. We are waiting for the county to give us information on how to transfer our funds to them, as they are the fiscal agents. Going forward, we are going to be identifying two priority areas and basing our projects off that. We are also going to be doing focus groups within the community; both Chiefs will be there in our listening sessions to help facilitate feedback. I would be happy to report back after our next meeting which will be next Wednesday or Thursday. The council was asked if they had any additional questions, there were none.

Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation for Resolution 26-02

APPROVAL: Motion to approve
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Ortiz
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3 (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Griego announced that the Council would be going into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H), the following matters may be discussed in a closed session: Hiring of a Wastewater Equipment Operator, hire a Water Operator in Training, hire a Wastewater Operator in Training, hire (2) Parks Technician I, and hire a Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST. 6:24PM

At 7:08PM, Mayor Griego asked for a motion from Council to reconvene after discussion: Hiring of a Wastewater Equipment Operator, hiring of a Water Operator in Training, hiring of a Wastewater Operator in Training, hiring of (2) Parks Technician 1, and hiring of a Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Ortiz
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Wastewater Equipment Operator – Mayor Griego recommended Jacob Taylor.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero - yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Operator in Training for the Water Division– Mayor Griego rerecommended Levi Sanchez.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero - yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Operator in Training for the Wastewater Division– Mayor Griego rerecommended Vincent Vigil.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero -yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Parks Technician I– Mayor Griego rerecommended Andrea Maestas.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero -yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Deputy Clerk– Mayor Griego rerecommended Mykayla Moody.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Ortiz
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero -yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Parks Technician I– Mayor Griego rerecommended Andrew Schnider.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero -yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

3. MINUTES

Mayor Griego asked if there were corrections to the Council minutes of January 29, 2026 – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on vote of 3(Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes;) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Gregory D. Martin, Village Administrator

Charles Griego, Mayor