



TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Hwy. 180 E.,
Silver City, NM

MISSION STATEMENT of the TOWN OF SILVER CITY

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- 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA**
- 3. CEREMONIES**
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- 4. PROCLAMATIONS**
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- 7. PUBLIC INPUT**
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 - A. Manager's Report -**
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- H. Mayors' appointments to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee -**
- I. Mayors' appointments to the Reuse and Recycle Committee -**

J. Mayors' appointment to the Economic Development and Research Committee -

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected Position</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Simon Wheaton-Smith	Mayor	575-313-3990	01/2026 - 12/2030
Angela M. Salaiz	Councilor, District 1	575-654-0415	01/2024 - 12/2027
Nicholas H. Prince	Councilor, District 2	575-654-0087	01/2026 - 12/2030
Stan Snider	Councilor, District 3	575-342-2535	01/2024 - 12/2027
Victor Nañez	Councilor, District 4	575-654-0148	01/2026 - 12/2030

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The Council may call an EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) for the following reasons:

1. meetings pertaining to **issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license**, except that a hearing at which evidence is offered or rebutted shall be open;
2. **limited personnel matters** which means the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee;
3. meetings for the **discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations** between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present;
4. that portion of meetings at which a decision concerning **purchases in an amount exceeding \$2,500 that can be made only from one source** and that portion of meetings at which the **contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code (13-1-28 NMSA 1978) are discussed during the contract negotiation process**. The actual approval of purchase of the item or final action regarding the selection of a contractor shall be made in an open meeting;
5. meetings subject to the **attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation** in which the public body is or may become a participant;
6. meetings for the **discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights** by the public body.

Note: NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) Exceptions (4) relating to students, (9) relating to public hospitals, and (10) relating to the gaming control board were not listed above since they do not apply to the Town of Silver City.

For information on what's happening in local government,
please visit the [Town's website \(www.townofsilvercity.org\)](http://www.townofsilvercity.org).



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #3.A

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: Employee of the Month for January, February and March 2026.

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #4.A

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: “WORLD SUNDIAL DAY”

Attachments:

1. PROCLAMATION World Sundial Day

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Silver City is a unique town within the state of New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, Silver City thrives in a substantially sunny climate, and

WHEREAS, the sundial takes all who see it back to a time of leisure and personal reflection, an

WHEREAS, the study of sundials encompasses geography, history, mathematics, geometry, the planet's seasons, the planet's magnetic field, and an understanding of the solar system, and

WHEREAS, the sundial appeared on early American currency both printed and milled, and

WHEREAS, many tourists are interested in sundials, and

WHEREAS, there are many sundial societies worldwide that foster relationships across world boundaries,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor of Silver City, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2026, the spring equinox,

"World Sundial Day"

in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed to this 10th day of March 2026.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



Town of Silver City, NM

Item #4.B

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: “Fair Housing Month”

Attachments:

1. proc - Fair Housing Month March 10, 2026

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fair and equal housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair and equal housing is not only a national law and policy, but a fundamental human entitlement; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have the right to live where they choose within their financial means; and

WHEREAS, people must not be denied housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or family status; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City acknowledges the importance of assuring fair and equal treatment to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments, and the Silver City Regional Association of Realtors will supply fair housing information to the public and the Town will display a fair housing proclamation at the City Hall Annex; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments, and the Regional Association of Realtors, is committed to highlighting the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every American of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics commits all Realtors to providing equal professional services without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate activities to commemorate this event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, this 10th day of March, 2026.

(Seal)

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor
Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #6.A

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item:

A. Regular Meeting on February 24, 2026.

Attachments:

1. 2026 02 24 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, 1400 HWY. 180 E., SILVER CITY, NM
February 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor
Angela M. Salaiz, Councilor District 1
Nicholas Prince, Councilor District 2
Stan Snider, Councilor District 3
Victor Nañez, Councilor District 4

Others present:

Jacqui Olea, Acting Town Manager
Charles Kretek, Town Attorney
Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk
Freddie Portillo, Police Chief
Ben Beltron, Executive Director, CATS

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Wheaton-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG - Mayor Wheaton-Smith invited the public to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico State Flag.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA –Mayor Wheaton-Smith suggested postponing the Employee of the Month recognition because the employee, Mr. Hernandez, is currently out of town. The Mayor notes that the Town Administrator and Town Clerk agree that recognition should occur only when the employee is present to receive proper acknowledgment. Unless there are objections, the recognition will be delayed until the next council meeting. There were no objections. The presentation was postponed until March 10, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting.

3. CEREMONIES – FEBRUARY 2026 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - postponed until March 10, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting.

4. PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilor Nañez, Councilor Salaiz and Councilor Snider had no comments.

Councilor Prince commended the community for strong volunteer participation at a recent event and thanked those involved. He praises Chief Portillo and local law enforcement for their visible patrol presence and responsiveness to recent incidents, noting the positive impact on community safety. He also mentions progress on a new public-facing crime information system, which is expected to be presented next month. Additionally, he encourages residents to prepare for fire

season by creating defensible space around their homes and to follow updates from the Grant County Office of Emergency Planning and Management regarding the Ready-Set-Go System.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith reflects on meeting community members and subsequently addressing related complaints. He thanked Lisa Jimenez for a Daily Press article summarizing the Town's accomplishments over the past year and expresses appreciation for Town employees, particularly those maintaining roads despite staffing shortages. He addresses pothole concerns in the Albertson's/Arby's parking lot, noting it is not a town-owned property but encouraging proper maintenance by its owners.

The Mayor also comments on council procedures, stating that the Council's customary way of approving or disapproving motions will continue rather than strictly following Robert's Rules of Order. He highlights two proposed new committees as important to the Town's future and expresses support for recently passed medical compact and tort reform legislation, thanking Senator Ramos and Representative Terrazas for their efforts.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for any additional comments from anyone?

Councilor Prince thanked City staff and fellow Council members for attending the recent NMDOT meeting regarding the downtown corridor at Highways 180 and 90. He notes that public input will continue through June, with final design plans expected to be released in August and project work potentially beginning in September or October, pending secured funding.

He references traffic data showing 343 accidents involving 911 people over a ten-year reporting period (2014–2024) and states that additional data has been requested from NMDOT and NMSU. While acknowledging community concerns about proposed changes, he expresses hope for collaboration with NMDOT to address traffic and neighborhood access issues and encourages continued public engagement to ensure safe and effective transportation improvements.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith announces that a resolution may be presented at the next Council meeting to clarify the Town's position in working with the Department of Transportation (DOT). He explains that the resolution would not express support or opposition to the project but would instead establish ground rules and emphasize the importance of keeping stakeholders fully informed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting. Councilor Nañez moved to approve February 10, 2026, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Silver City. Councilor Salaiz seconded the motion as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC INPUT – Mayor Wheaton-Smith clarifies the rules for public input, stating that speakers are limited to five minutes and that the process is one-way communication. Council members cannot ask questions of speakers, nor can they respond to questions during the public input portion.

Julian Muñoz, a District 1 resident, speaks in support of purchasing a vacant lot at 20th and Yucca to develop a neighborhood community park. He explains that increased traffic related to the Juniper Street project makes it more difficult and less safe for residents, especially children and the elderly, to access Gough Park and other recreational areas. He suggests a local park would improve safety, walkability, lighting, and community engagement, and recommends strengthening neighborhood watch efforts.

He also advocates for pedestrian overpass-style crosswalks instead of street-level crossings to improve safety, noting that many drivers do not stop. Additionally, he asks for updates on the future of the wastewater plant, including whether it will be rebuilt or replaced.

Daniel Duran-Paiz thanked the Council for its recent vote regarding ICE and praises Silver City for taking what he describes as a clear and progressive stance. He also expresses pride in the Governor and Legislature for their position on contracts with local governments related to holding prisoners. He characterizes these actions as moral and humane, given current circumstances, and voices strong criticism of immigration enforcement practices, concluding that he is proud to live in a community attempting to address these issues.

8. REPORTS:

A. Manager's Report – Manager's Report: Community Development Director's Decision on AP 26-01& AP 26-02. Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea informed the Council that appeals AP26-01 and AP26-02 were reviewed by the Community Development Department but did not meet the three required criteria for processing. As a result, the Community Development Director exercised their responsibility to halt the appeals from moving forward to the Council. She notes that the matter has completed its administrative process on the Town's side.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION 2026-06: A RESOLUTION TO FORM AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO. Councilor Prince presented a resolution to establish an Economic Development and Research Committee for Silver City. The resolution outlines the Town's role as Grant County's Economic Center and emphasizes the importance of supporting local businesses, encouraging infill development, and addressing factors affecting the Town's health, safety, and welfare.

The proposed five-member committee, appointed by the Mayor with Council approval, would meet at least monthly to analyze economic data, identify key issues, develop solutions, and recommend strategies to revitalize the Town. Members would serve staggered terms, elect a chair annually, and be required to maintain at least 75% meeting attendance.

Councilor Prince explains that extensive economic data—particularly from New Mexico’s Taxation and Revenue Department (including RP500 GRT distribution reports and RP80 reports)—is available but has not been fully utilized in a practical way. He argues that the committee would help digest and monitor this data, identify trends, connect businesses to funding opportunities, and support informed economic planning, potentially contributing to the Town’s comprehensive plan.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a motion.

Councilor Prince moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-06: A RESOLUTION TO FORM AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO.** Councilor Salaiz seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked if there was any debate or discussion.

Councilor Prince proposes an amendment to the previously introduced resolution establishing the Economic Development and Research Committee. He moved to add a new section (2.5) stating that the Mayor shall appoint one Town Councilor to serve as a non-voting ex officio representative on the committee. He explains that this structure is consistent with other town committees, such as the Library, Museum, and Cemetery Committees, which include a Council liaison.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated there is a motion and asked for a second.

Councilor Salaiz seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked if there was any debate or discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a roll call vote. Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Salaiz voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith announces that the amendment to the resolution has passed and is accepted. The Council then proceeds with the main motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 as amended, including the addition of Section 2.5. With no further discussion, the Mayor calls for a roll call vote.

Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Salaiz voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION 2026-07: A RESOLUTION TO FORM A REUSE AND RECYCLE COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SILVER NEW MEXICO. Councilor Snider explains that the resolution aims to conserve resources and reduce landfill waste. It proposes creating a five-member committee tasked with developing, implementing, and operating a reuse and recycling program in Silver City.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a motion.

Councilor Snider moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-07: A RESOLUTION TO FORM A REUSE AND RECYCLE COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SILVER NEW MEXICO.**

Councilor Prince seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated as a reminder, the Resolution is actually in the record and there is a motion and a second. Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked if there was any debate of discussion.

Councilor Snider moved to amend his motion by inserting between section two and three that the Mayor shall appoint one Town Councilor as a non-voting ex-officio representative.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated there is a motion and asked for a second to the amendment. Councilor Salaiz seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a roll call vote Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Salaiz voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The amendment to the resolution passes and is accepted. The Council then proceeds with the main motion to approve Resolution 2026-07, as amended to include Section 2.5 establishing an ex-officio member. The Mayor asks if there is any further discussion or debate. Hearing none, Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a roll call vote Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Salaiz voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAINSTREET PROJECT. Acting Town Manager Jacqui Olea explains that the item is required as part of the Town's biannual agreement with Silver City MainStreet and New Mexico MainStreet. The action formalizes and solidifies the relationship between the organizations and must be completed before the contract can be executed.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated the Resolution is in the record and asked for a motion.

Councilor Prince moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAINSTREET PROJECT.**

Councilor Salaiz seconded the motion as stated.

Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked for a roll call vote Town Clerk, Alfred Sedillo did a roll call vote. Councilor Salaiz voted aye; Councilor Prince voted aye; Councilor Snider voted aye; and Councilor Nañez voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mayors' appointment to the Municipal Museum Community Advisory Group Mayor Wheaton-Smith stated that we have one individual, Rebecca Harwood and there has been no

objection from the Chair and if there is no objection from the Council, he would like to appoint Rebecca Harwood to be on the Municipal Museum Community Advisory Group. Mayor Wheaton-Smith asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Rebecca Harwood was appointed.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Wheaton-Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilor Prince moved to adjourn. Councilor Snider seconded the motion as stated. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



Town of Silver City, NM

Item #8.A

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: Manager's Report

Attachments:

None



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Item #11.A

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Attachments:

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Item Report

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**Item: Approval / Disapproval of RESOLUTION 2026-09: A
RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSPARENCY AND DETAILED INFORMATION
FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 180 AND
NM 90**

Attachments:

1. Res 2026-09 THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 180 AND NM 90

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSPARENCY AND DETAILED INFORMATION FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 180 AND NM 90

SPONSORED BY: Councilor Victor Nañez of District 4

WHEREAS, The Town Council of Silver City acknowledges that safety and efficient traffic flow at the intersection of US 180 and NM 90 are matters of public importance; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is not intended to express support for or opposition to any proposed changes at the intersection, but rather to request transparency and specific, detailed information from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, residents, property owners, and business owners require accurate and complete information in order to make informed decisions regarding matters that may significantly impact property, businesses, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, general descriptions of proposed improvements are insufficient for property owners and businesses that may be directly affected; and

WHEREAS, affected parties require, at minimum, clear right-of-way maps, draft or final design and engineering plans, identification of access (ingress and egress) changes, traffic pattern adjustments, construction phasing details, and information regarding any potential property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, without such detailed information it is not possible to fully evaluate potential impacts on property values, business viability, customer access, safety, and overall traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, business owners along the corridor rely upon safe, visible, and convenient access, and even minor modifications to turn lanes, medians, or access points may result in significant economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, thirteen (13) businesses are located at Pinon Plaza alone, supporting approximately thirty (30) families whose livelihoods may be affected by changes to access or traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS, property owners and business operators are entitled to understand whether access points will be eliminated or relocated, whether frontage roads will be added or removed, whether property will be acquired, and how traffic will be managed during construction; and

WHEREAS, transparency fosters public trust, reduces confusion and misinformation, and promotes constructive collaboration between NMDOT and the community; and

WHEREAS, meaningful public engagement and access to detailed information are essential components of responsible governance; and

WHEREAS, while safety improvements are supported in principle, such improvements must be balanced with economic stability, protection of property rights, and the long-term vitality of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Town of Silver City hereby formally requests that NMDOT shall keep the Town Administration and the Governing Body informed in a timely manner of the plan and changes to the said plan that may impact traffic flow and thus impact affected citizens.
2. That the Town of Silver City hereby formally requesting that the NMDOT shall make readily available detailed plans for the 90/180 intersection in a timely manner.
3. Such information shall include, at a minimum: Draft and/or final engineering and design plans; Detailed right-of-way maps; Identification of specific property impacts; Access modifications affecting ingress and egress; Traffic pattern changes; Construction timeline and phasing; and Disclosure of any anticipated property acquisition.
4. That the Town of Silver shall keep the NMDOT informed in a timely manner of concerns that the Town staff or the Governing has received regarding the 90/180 intersection.
5. That the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of Silver City shall be the point of contact for the Governing Body.
6. That the Town Manager or acting Town Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief shall be the point of contact for the Town Administration.
7. That the Town Manager or acting Town Manager and Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem shall meet bi-weekly to review plans, plan changes, concerns, and recommendations and ensure that the NMDOT and Governing Body is kept informed of such issues.
8. That the Town Manager or acting Town Manager shall provide regular to the Governing Body updates on the plan's progression, to include any temporary restrictions or changes that may affect citizens travel or quality of life, as well as current project timelines; and

9. And the NMDOT be requested to provide an opportunity for meaningful public review and comment prior to the finalization of any design or construction decisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That this Resolution represents a reasonable and responsible request for clarity and transparency. It does not seek to delay progress but to ensure that citizens, property owners, and business operators have the information necessary to determine how the proposed project may affect their property, livelihood, and community.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico at its regular meeting of March 10, 2026.

TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Simon Weation-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



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Item #11.F

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

**Item: RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10: A RESOLUTION REPEALING
RESOLUTION 2021-19 A MORATORIUM TO PROHIBIT BUILDING,
CONSTRUCTING, AND ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITIES**

Attachments:

1. Res 2026-10 Repeal Solar Moratorium

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2021-19 A MORATORIUM TO
PROHIBIT BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING, AND ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY
SOLAR FACILITIES**

Sponsored by: Councilor Nicholas Prince

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City passed Resolution 2021-19 on August 24th, 2021, enacting a moratorium prohibiting the building, construction, and establishing of community solar facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 § 3-18-32, a county or municipality shall not restrict the installation of a solar collector as defined pursuant to the Solar Rights Act [47-3-1 NMSA 1978], except that placement of solar collectors in historic districts may be regulated or restricted by a county or municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, that:

Resolution 2021-19 is hereby, repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the governing body of the Town of Silver City, New Mexico at its regular meeting this 10th day of March, 2026.

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #11.G

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

**Item: Approval / Disapproval of ORDINANCE NO. 1338: AN
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF A 0.430 ACRE
TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 48, SECTION 48-30 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY.**

Attachments:

1. Ord 1338 Sale of Town Property to Richard Mata

ORDINANCE NO. 1338

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF A 0.430 ACRE TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 48, SECTION 48-30 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City is the owner of a certain parcel of real estate described as Lots 7,9,11,13 & 15- Block 184 - Fraser, being 0.430 acre more or less, and as further illustrated in Exhibit "A", survey of Miguel Echavarria, Surveyor, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property has a market value of \$25,125, as described in Exhibit "B", the appraisal report, which attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 7 (49) of the Charter of the Town of Silver City expressly grants authority to the Town Council to regulate the disposal of all lands belonging to the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 48-22 (a) (5) of the Municipal Code authorizes the Town Council to sell Town property within the Town boundary after determination by the Council that such Property has minimal present or foreseeable benefit and value to the Town due to its size, shape or location; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 48-22 (d) of the Municipal Code, competitive bidding was opened and no other interested parties bid and only the Applicant is interested in purchasing the Property.

WHEREAS, as determined by the Community Development Department in consultation with Town departments, the Town has no future plans to utilize the Property and the Property's size, shape and location renders the Property unusable for Town purposes; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of Town Staff and supporting documents, the Town Council hereby finds that the Property has minimal value to the Town due to its size, shape or location, that there are no present or future anticipated municipal purposes for the Property, and that after competitive bidding was opened and no other interested parties bid, the Applicant is the only party interested in purchasing the Property, and that the sale is appropriate for the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the following is in summary of this ordinance:

1. The term of the sale is a cash sale;
2. The value of the of the Property is \$25,125.00;
3. Payment will be due at closing;
4. The selling price of the Property is \$25,125.00, plus the cost of survey, appraisal, and closing costs; and
5. The purpose of the sale: The Property has minimal value to the Town due to its size, shape or location, and there are no present or future anticipated municipal purposes for the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, that:

1. That the Town approves the sale of the Property to the Applicant for \$25,125.00 plus

the cost of survey, appraisal and closing costs, cash sale due at closing, as specified in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement, which is marked Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and that the sale is in the best interests of the Town and its inhabitants as specified herein; and

2. That the Acting Town Manager, Jacqui Olea, is authorized to do all deeds and actions necessary, including the execution of any documents, in the accomplishment of the intent as stated herein above.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by vote of the Council of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, this 10th day of March 2026.

TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Simon Wheaton-Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Alfred Sedillo, Town Clerk



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #11.H

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: Mayors' appointments to the Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #11.I

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: Mayors' appointments to the Reuse and Recycle Committee

Attachments:

None



**Town of Silver City,
NM**

Item #11.J

Item Report

Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Item: Mayors' appointment to the Economic Development and Research Committee

Attachments:

None