



**NOTICE OF CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
103 Water Avenue, Elephant Butte, NM 87935
Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 10:00am**

Minutes*

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner called the meeting to order, and Councilor Harmon led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Phillip Mortensen – Present by Phone

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner – Present

Councilor Cathy Harmon – Present

Councilor Michael Williams – Present

Councilor Skylar Arnold – Present

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call and declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councilor Williams made a motion to not approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Harmon seconded the motion. 4-0. (*Voice vote by Mayor Pro Tem Skinner*)

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner stated that the council is just now receiving documents that City Manager, Janet Porter-Carrejo has been requesting from Sierra Vista Hospital for quite some time. Noted staff have been working diligently to obtain all required records. Mayor Pro Tem Skinner stated she had made a written request to cancel this meeting.

Janet Porter-Carrejo provided a draft copy of the third amendment to the JPA between Sierra Vista Hospital and City of Elephant Butte. Porter-Carrejo stated this had been amended to match what is currently in the loan documents and that this JPA is to withdrawal from the current JPA and enter into the new agreement. The City Attorney has drafted and reviewed the new amended JPA. Porter-Carrejo stated that the City Attorney has reviewed the loan intercept, and the intercept is only in place in case of loan default. With a loan default the state can then come in and intercept City of Elephant Butte's GRT to make the loan payments. Porter-Carrejo stated that within the loan agreements there are stipulations of Sierra Vista Hospital that they are supposed to provide to the entities.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner reiterated that not all members of the council received the documents sent out on Monday. Councilor Williams stated he did not receive any documents regarding the special meeting until 20hrs prior to the meeting. Councilor Williams asked why this item cannot be placed on the regular meeting agenda in September. Mayor Pro Tem Skinner stated that this needs to be

voted on as soon as possible due to TorC and Williamsburg waiting on Elephant Butte to make a decision.

****10:13am Councilor Williams had to leave the meeting.****

Ben Young, City Attorney was present by phone for any questions on this matter. Ben Young explained the loan intercept as Janet Porter-Carrejo had previously. Young stated that the City of Elephant Butte needs a document from Sierra Vista Hospital reflecting the payments made. Mayor Pro Tem Skinner stated that the amendment to the JPA does not have anything to do with the loan repayment. The City is separating from the JPC.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner stated that there are meeting minutes approving the 2018 loan and the JPA which are dated November 14, 2018.

Councilor Harmon addressed Janet Porter-Carrejo on clarification of the document before them. Porter-Carrejo clarified that the third amendment that was presented to the council is to withdrawal from the current JPA and enter into the new JPA and remove the City from the JPC.

Councilor Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. 3-0 (*Voice vote by Mayor Pro Tem Skinner*)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION & 3 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ALL ISSUES

Public comments can be made in person, by phone or given to the City Clerk by email (l.cobleigh@cityofebnm.gov) before the meeting.

None Submitted.

5. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: Joint Powers Agreement – Sierra Vista Hospital & City of Elephant Butte

Councilor Harmon made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Sierra Vista Hospital and City of Elephant Butte which is to withdrawal from the current JPA and any future obligations. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. 3-0.

Ben Young, City Attorney made a statement of amendment for section 2, paragraph 1 “These pledged revenues” be amended to “the City of Elephant Butte’s pledged revenues”.

Councilor Harmon made a motion to amend her original motion to include the amendment made by City Attorney Young. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. 3-0

City Clerk Cobleigh conducted a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner – Yes

Councilor Harmon – Yes

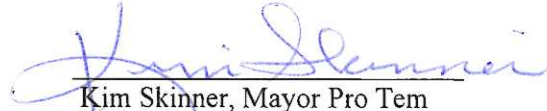
Councilor Arnold - Yes

Motion Carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Skinner adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved and adopted at the City Council meeting on September 10, 2025.


Kim Skinner, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Lindsey Cobleigh, City Clerk



