



MANUEL BRUSUELAS, TRUSTEE

Deborah Cooksey

CASEY OTERO, TRUSTEE

CHRISTOPHER RUPP, TRUSTEE

MARK GARWOOD, TRUSTEE

MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MONDAY

JULY 13, 2026 5:00 P.M.

609 St Francis Drive

Tularosa, NM 88352

A. Call to Order-Mayor Cooksey called the meeting

B. Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty & justice for all"

C. Salute to the Flag of New Mexico

"I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures"

**1. Roll Call: Brusuelas-present Rupp-present Otero-present
Garwood-present**

Also present Rebekah Garcia Village Clerk.

3. Opening statement by Chair:

This public hearing is being conducted to receive public comment regarding the application of a Restaurant B-Beer, Wine and Spirits application by Joshua Cox/ Cox Hospitality as CEPA Restaurant 313 Granado St. Tularosa, New Mexico 88352. Individuals wishing to speak will be recognized by the Chair and asked to state their name and address for the record.

4. Statement of Application:

- Applicant name: Joshua Cox/Cox Hospitality
- Doing Business as: CEPA Restaurant
- Proposed location: 313 Granado St. Tularosa, NM 88352
- Type of License: Restaurant B-Beer, Wine and Spirits License

5. Staff Report/Presentation:

- Applicant has complied with all zoning/land use, posted certificate for 20 consecutive days as required by ABC.

6. Applicant Presentation:

- Mr. Cox stated that his restaurant will be open from 7am-9pm Monday through Thursday and stay open until 10pm on the weekends. Sunday he will be open from 7am-1pm. Restaurant will be with elegance and will not have large bands, will have a lounge and will serve beer, wine, and liquor with 60% food and 40% liquor. He will serve breakfast and lunch and do catering as well.

7. Public Comments:

- Michael Cox 1206 Monte Vista Ave.-Stated that we live in a very diverse community and this restaurant has been created with that unique diversity. In today's environment in order for a restaurant to be successful you need to have the authority to serve the desires for the community which includes beer, wine, and spirits.

8. Government Body Questions:

Trustee Rupp made a motion to discuss, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion; all members voted Aye; motion passed.

Trustee Rupp asked for Mr. Cox to introduce his staff. Mr. Cox stated he had Jay Chavez, Jerico Frizzell, and Jason Howard. Mr. Rupp asked what their favorite item on the menu was, they stated the Quail enchilada, the pasta and the Paia.

9. Motion/Vote

- Motion to approve: Motion-Rupp 2nd Motion-Otero
- All in favor: Rupp-Aye Brusuelas-Aye Garwood-Aye Otero-Aye

10. Notification of Decision:

- The Village Clerk will notify ABC of its decision.

11. Adjournment:

MOTION-Otero SECOND-Rupp ACTION-All members voted Aye

Adjourn: 5:17pm

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk