

Council Goals

Envision a safe, flourishing downtown that provides a strong commercial tax base

Strive to be active stewards of existing aging infrastructure

Recognize importance of experience, well trained, and community minded staff

Ensure its electorate is well informed of on-going successes and future plans

Envision a safe, secure community for its families and youth

Promote redevelopment of existing businesses and neighborhoods and increase quality of life for all its residents



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado
February 17, 2026
6:00 PM
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Ayala)

INVOCATION (Mayor Ayala)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Ayala)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members
Ramirez (Ward 1)
Velasquez (Ward 1)
Johnson (Ward 2)
Ayala (Mayor)
Ochoa (Ward 2)
Pantoya (Ward 3)
Rikhof (Ward 3)

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

- A. February 2026
 - 1. Casey Weber – 5 years
 - 2. Todd Quick – 25 years

PRESENTATION

- A. Southeast Colorado Regional Housing Authority (Teale Hemphill)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION *(5-minute time limit per person)*

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026
- B. Application for a Special Events Permit by Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick Parish, Kim Hanagan, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Dinner Auction to be held March 14, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 202 Lincoln Avenue
- C. Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Ronald Hall, d/b/a The Railyard, 114 Colorado Avenue
- D. Application for Renewal of a Lodging & Entertainment Liquor License by Yak & Yeti Hotel Inc. d/b/a Yak and Yeti, 1325 E. 3rd Street

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 9.10 OF TITLE 9 OF THE LA JUNTA MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "GAMBLING DEVICES" (City Attorney) (Action)
- B. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO ADOPTING CHAPTER 9.14 OF THE LA JUNTA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE OF PREMISES ENGAGED IN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY (City Attorney) (Action)
- C. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 8.14 OF THE LA JUNTA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT, INJUNCTIONS, AND RELATED REMEDIES" (City Attorney) (Action)

- D. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW ARTICLE WITHIN CHAPTER 9.08 OF TITLE 9 OF THE LA JUNTA MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING GAMBLING AND SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES, DECLARING GAMBLING PREMISES A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND AUTHORIZING SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF GAMBLING DEVICES AND PROCEEDS (City Attorney) (Action)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Appointments (Mayor) (Action)
 - 1. Appoint Mitch Cruz to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board – term to expire 12/31/2028
 - 2. Appoint Hollis Goodwin to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board – term to expire 12/31/2026
- B. First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO, WATER FUND, AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (City Attorney) (Action)
- C. Committee/Board Report
- D. City Manager Report
- E. Community Events/Council Report
- F. Governing Body Report
- G. ADJOURN