

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**September 23, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

<p><b>APPROVED</b> by Council <b>Date:</b> October 14, 2015 <b>Clerk's Office:</b> /s/ S. Cornelio</p>
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**1. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor G. Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos  
Council Member Gloria Torres  
Council Member Ruben Walshe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Eads, City Manager  
Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Assistant to the City Manager  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Andrea Moreno, Police Administrator  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Director  
Chris Kasid, Parks and Recreation Director  
Derek Dueñas, I. T. Technician  
Geraldine Gutierrez, PIO/Assistant to Council  
Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney  
Hank Green, Fire Chief  
Jennifer Cisneros, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director  
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director  
Jonathan Dumadag, I.T. Technician  
John Starkey, Building Safety Director  
Jose Guzman, Assistant Planner  
Kay Macuil, Assistant City Attorney  
Katie St. Louis, Finance Director  
Paulino Lara, Police Officer  
Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police  
Francisca Guzman, Translator  
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol  
Lucy Lopez, San Luis News  
Maria Chavoya, CENPATICO  
Steve Coleman, Attorney (via phone)

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor M. Rosales.

## **3. INVOCATION**

The invocation was made by Mr. Hank Green, Fire Chief.

## **4. Presentations**

### **4. A. Presentation by Ms. Maria Chavoya on the services CENPATICO provides for the Community. (Maria Chavoya, CENPATICO)**

Ms. Maria Chavoya, CENPATICO, provided information to the Mayor, Council and residents regarding the services they provide.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. A. Minutes of:**

- Regular Council meeting held August 12, 2015

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS from August 31, 2015 through September 11, 2015**

Total disbursements \$435,647.39

(Four hundred, Thirty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred, Forty-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member G. Torres/ Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1112. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona to designate official places for posting the City's Public Notices. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

### **6. A. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize the transfer of funds from Council Contingencies to the general non-departmental section to cover an unexpected invoice regarding the interagency agreement with the Arizona Department of Revenue (AZDOR) (Ketie St. Louis, Finance Director)**

Ms. Ketie St. Louis, Finance Director, stated that out of all the cities of Arizona only fifteen (15) are seeking reimbursement. She added that the City of San Luis Finance Department received the bill at the end of July for a total of \$60,700.00.

Mr. Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney, stated that this is a one (1) time bill and a special deal in this legislative section. He too stated that it is unknown if it will be done in the next legislative section.

**MOTION:** Council Member G. Torres/ Council Member M.C. Ramos to approve and authorize appropriate City Officials to execute the transfer of funds from Council Contingencies to General Non-Departmental Section to cover the invoice from the Arizona Department of Revenue as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. B. Discussion and possible action for a City Attorney contract starting October 16, 2015. (Steve Coleman, Pierce Coleman Legal Counsel)**

Mr. Steve Coleman, Pierce Coleman Legal Counsel, stated that based on his review he did not see anything controversial and the contract is appropriate.

Mayor G. Sanchez asked if Mr. Coleman was able to compare previous contract with the current City Attorney contract.

Mr. Steve Coleman stated that his partner Justine Pierce has reviewed both and advised him there was no significant deviation. He added that the new contract acquires the City Attorney to devote 100% effort as City Attorney.

**MOTION:** Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. / Council Member R. Walshe to approve the contract for the City Attorney in the form presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1111. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Yuma regarding payment obligations for the Construction of Roadway on County 25<sup>th</sup> Street- Avenue E to Avenue D. (Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director)**

Mr. Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney, stated that the City Council had previously approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Yuma for the construction on 25<sup>th</sup> Street and it was agreed the cost would be shared. He added that the amendment states the County would pay the cost over run and not the City of San Luis.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luna-Carrasco/ Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1111 approving the first amendment to the IGA for construction on County 25<sup>th</sup> Street- Avenue E to D. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 1113. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona to allow the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the Impaired Driver/DUI Alcohol Enforcement and STEP/Selective Traffic Enforcement projects in the amount totaling \$16,000.00. (Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police)**

Mr. Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police, stated that the Police Department is requesting to receive the funds from the Governor's Office of highway Safety in the amount of \$16,000.00. Mr. Victor Figueroa added that the funds will be used to enhance DUI and traffic enforcement. He also added that the Police Department will be educating the students at Arizona Western College on drinking and driving, they also would be doing a reenactment at the high school near the end of the year.

**MOTION:** Council Member R. Walshe/ Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1113 to allow governor's funding of DUI and Traffic Law Enforcement. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1114. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona designating portions of Archibald Street, Main Street, Urtuzuastegui Street, D Street and First Avenue as restricted to parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles, repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police)**

Mr. Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police, stated that the Resolution would help the San Luis Police Department do more reinforcement. Mr. Figueroa added that this resolution will help alleviate and know what areas the Police Department need to concentrate on.

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor M. Rosales/ Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1114. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1115. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving and adopting the Agreement renewal with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for funds supporting the San Luis Police Department's participation in the DEA Task Force. (Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police)**

Mr. Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police, stated that DEA contacted the City of San Luis Police Department for a renewal of the contract. He added that the only difference is the amount.

**MOTION:** Council Member G. Torres/ Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1115. Motion passed unanimously.

## **7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member M.C. Ramos stated that the Domestic Violence walk presentations have started. She added that event promoters from Campesiones Sin Fronteras are working together on this event.

Council Member G. Torres stated that she had attended the Seventh Annual Safety Event. She added that there were several organizations teaching the children about health and the law.

Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco stated that it was a good event and that more people were present any other year.

Mayor G. Sanchez stated that Vice-Mayor M. Rosales, Mayor of Yuma, Mayor of Somerton, and himself went to Hermosillo, Sonora the previous week for the inauguration of Claudia Pavlovich, Sonora Governor.

Vice-Mayor M. Rosales stated that Ms. Jenny Torres, Community Development Director, Kevin from the City of Yuma, along with several staff attended the Retail Commercial show in San Diego, California. He added that the event allowed staff to talk to vendors and retailers to create good contacts.

Mayor G. Sanchez stated that Mr. Ramirez believed that the Port of Entry II came at the perfect timing. He added that there support from Mexico.

## **8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Alberto Cardenas, resident, stated that he would like to know why the City of San Luis is on one of the "ten (10) worst places to live in Arizona" and why no one has spoken up. He added that the employees are the ones who represent the City.

Mayor G. Sanchez commented that when he saw the article, he disregarded it. He added that the first thing that caught his attention was that the pictures that were used were not recent. He stated that the residents and employees should be proud to be part of the City, one that they have paid and worked for.

Mr. Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney, stated that he understands where Mr. Cardenas is coming from. He added that there has been at a rate of 250 jobs per year as per the City of San Luis being noted as unsafe he responds that it is impossible since the City of San Luis is noted one of the top safest cities.

Ms. Monica Castro, President of Lulac, invited the Mayor and Council to attend a fundraiser on October 15, 2015. She would like the City of San Luis to be a part of the event.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member R. Walshe/ Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to go to executive session at approximately 8:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. A. Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S §§38-431.0.A.1 and 38-431.03.A.3 on any and all matters relating to the position of City Manager and the employment, assignment, appointment, dismissal, resignation, and/or salaries of that position and/or discussion and legal advice with the Attorney or Attorneys of the City regarding same. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

## **10. MOTION TO GO BACK TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. / Council Member Luna-Carrasco to go back to Regular Session at approximately 9:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

## **11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM(S):**

**12. Discussion and possible action regarding any and all matters related to the employment and employment contract of the City Manager.**

**MOTION:** Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. / Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to place City Manager on Administration leave with pay effective immediately. Motion passed with four (4) aye votes and two (2) nay votes from Vice-Mayor M. Rosales and Council Member M.C. Ramos.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member M. Buchanan Jr. /Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at approximately 9:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



## **Certification of Council Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the San Luis City Council held on September 23, 2015. I further certify the meeting was dully called and held and that the quorum was present and that the City Council approved these minutes at their Regular Council meeting held on October 14, 2015.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

/s/ Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk