

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**November 24, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ATTEND EITHER IN PERSON,  
TELEPHONE, OR VIDEO CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Interim City Manager  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Center Director  
Chris Kasid, Parks & Recreation Director  
Dereck Dueñas, I.T. Department  
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director  
Geraldine Gutierrez, P.I.O./Assistant to the City Council  
Hank Green, Fire Chief  
Jennifer Cisneros, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director  
Joel Saucedo, Police Department  
John Starkey, Building Safety Director  
Johnathan Dumadag, I.T. Department  
Katie St. Louis, Finance Director  
Manuel Rojas, Assistant Public Works Director  
Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police  
Yolanda Dueñas, Fleet/Facilities Department  
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo el Sol Reporter  
Emma Torres, Campesinos Sin Fronteras

Liliana Arroyo, Campesinos Sin Fronteras  
Rosa Varela, Resident  
Ralph Velez, Visitor

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ruben Walshe

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. PROCLAMATION**

### **4. A. Dia Del Campesino (Farm Worker's Day) - December 5, 2015**

Ms. Emma Torres, Campesinos Sin Fronteras, thanked Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and City Council for proclaiming December 5, 2015 as Dia Del Campesino and for the support given to the organization throughout the past fifteen (15) years. Ms. Torres invited the Elected Officials to be present at the park to personally thank the farm workers for their hard work and contribution they make to the families of this community.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he is proud that Dia Del Campesino is proclaimed yearly as this is unique for the City of San Luis. Furthermore, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Campesinos Sin Fronteras for organizing and recognizing Dia Del Campesino.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. A. MINUTES OF**

**-Work Session held October 21, 2015**

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2015 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

**Total Disbursements \$622,021.76**

**(Six Hundred, Twenty-Two Thousand, Twenty-One Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents)**

**5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval and ratification of Beach Street change orders for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cemex Construction Contract. (Jenny Torres, Community Development Director)**

**5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1123. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of San Luis, Arizona and Yuma County for roadway maintenance. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos said that she had questions on the disbursements and asked that they be removed from the Consent Agenda for clarification.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the Consent Agenda without the disbursements. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

### **Events by Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and/or City Staff pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (K).**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos reported that she attended the Auxiliary Arizona dinner & meeting and was happy she did as the City is preparing to promote the region and added that this type of session brings legislators to meet and see the problems going on with the Port of Entry including the traffic congestion. Ms. Ramos added that Mr. Luis Ramirez from Ramirez International provided a presentation with the City of San Luis' needs in regards to the Port of Entry and corrected the lady who provided wrong/outdated data on the City of San Luis with recent numbers and information.

Council Member Gloria Torres reported that she attend a WACOG meeting where Headstarts' issues were discussed; she will provide a report to the Mayor and City Council once it is available.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he and Vice Mayor Matias Rosales met with Mayor Enrique Reyna from San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, his staff and the different agencies in charge of the border from Mexico and the U.S.A. and an important topic discussed was the Port of Entry II/private vehicles as well as the 24 hour SENTRI. Both parties agreed that it needed to happen. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez elaborated on the issues and responses received from the interested entities present at that meeting. They are also pushing for Port of Entry I as it is deteriorating; the maintenance is becoming an issue and the building is not adequate. He added that the City of Nogales was discussed and stated that they have different ports and the total number of pedestrians and vehicular traffic among the three (3) ports is less than the total number of the port at the City of San Luis with eight (8) lanes. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that he is trying to organize a trip to Washington, D.C. composed of all Mayors in Yuma County as they know the importance of Port of Entry II and private vehicles. He also added that the issue on the post office is still going and will work on this matter.

On a separate note, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reminded and invited everyone present about the Christmas tree light ceremony on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. on Main Street and D Street.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales reported that he will be attending the Border Trade Alliance meeting in Washington, D.C. and will also be meeting with some of the CBP/GSA in regards to the Ports of Entries.

## **7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public were obtained.

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vote to hold and Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)

**8. A. Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) on any and all matters relating to the wages for the Interim City Manager, and/or discussion and legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the City regarding the same. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

**8. B. Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) on any and all matters relating to the position of City Manager and the possibility of an independent contractor as consultant to the Interim City Manager and City Council, the terms of the consultant contract, and/or discussion and legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the City regarding the same. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

## **9. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Vice Mayor Matias Rosales to go back into Regular Session at approximately 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

## **10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**10. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters relating to the wages of the Interim City Manager. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Matias Rosales to authorize an adjustment to the Interim City Manager's wages for an increase of 15.5% starting on September 28, 2015 and terminating once the City Manager's vacancy is filled. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. B. Discussion and possible action regarding any and all matters related to the position of City Manager and a Consultant to the Interim City Manager and to City Council. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the proposed contract for Ralph Velez, an independent contractor as consultant to the Interim City Manager and to the City Council to begin on November 25, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:48 pm. Motion passed unanimously.