

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
January 6, 2016
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:34 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Ruben Walshe

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Interim City Manager
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Ralph Velez, City Consultant
Derek Dueñas, Acting IT Manager
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director
Hank Green, Fire Chief
Jennifer Cisneros, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director
John Starkey, Building Safety Director
Johnathan Dumadag, IT Technician
Jose Guzman, Assistant Planner
Katie St. Louis, Finance Director
Olivia Jenkins, Utilities Director
Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police
Yolanda Dueñas, Fleet Services/Facilities Manager
Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisors Inter-National
Gloria Rodriguez, Legal Secretary
Alfredo Campa, Police Department
Lucy Lopez, San Luis News Reporter
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol Reporter

2. AGENDA ITEM(S):

2.A. Open Meeting Law Refresher for City Council. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, gave a brief presentation to Mayor and Council regarding the Open Meeting Law.

There was some discussion amongst the members of City Council and Ms. Macuil.

2.B. Discussion only item of the possibility of a tiered sales tax rates for the City of San Luis. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, informed that this item was requested by Mayor Gerardo Sanchez to discuss with Council the possibility of a tiered sales tax rate. She mentioned that sales tax rates would have a lower tax rate on high priced items. Ms. Macuil made reference to a memorandum dated September 5, 2015 written by Mr. Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney back then, this memorandum was addressed to Mayor and Council. A copy of this memorandum is on the complete Agenda Packet filed with the City Clerk.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he would like to see this tiered sales tax on the sale of big items, such as vehicles, machinery, etc. He mentioned that in the past year there was only a 3% increase in sales, adding that as the City continues to grow sales remain the same.

Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales stated that it is something to look at and consider.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that a minimum of \$2,500.00 with the sales tax of 1.5% should be set for the proposal.

2.C. Discussion item only on any and all matters regarding Ordinance 347. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the San Luis City Code, Chapter 152 Zoning Regulations, §152.061, relating to minimum lot size for residential lots; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)

Mr. John Starkey, Zoning Administrator, stated that Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, with the help of Mr. Glenn Gimbut, Assistant City Attorney, put together a new ordinance. This new ordinance removes district R1-5, it also does not allow R-2 and R-3 multi-family districts to be subdivided and built single family homes. He mentioned that the minimum size of the lot would be the size of Bien Estar 1, 2, and 3 in the residential home subdivision.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. requested minimum landscaping around the house to be added to the ordinance.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, mentioned that smaller lots will still be allowed in the Commercial District.

3. DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

3.A. Update on any and all matters regarding activities to the projects at the Ports of Entry by Luis Ramirez. (Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisors)

Mr. Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisors, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included a sample of activities of the advancements at the Port of Entries in San Luis, Arizona. He also addressed the vehicle and pedestrian issues at the Port of Entries.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Ramirez for doing what he does. He too thanked Council Members for their help.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos asked for a copy of the presentation.

There was some discussion amongst the members of City Council and Mr. Ramirez regarding his presentation.

4. ADJOURMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Gloria Torres to adjourn the Work Session at approximately 7:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.