

**MINUTES**  
**Work Session**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**January 20, 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-arrived at approximately 6:39 p.m.  
Council Member Gloria Torres  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.-arrived at approximately 6:51 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Ruben Walshe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Interim City Manager  
Janet Taylor, Acting City Clerk  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Director  
Derek Dueñas, IT Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director  
Hank Green, Fire Chief  
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director  
John Starkey, Building Safety Director  
Johnathan Dumadag, IT Technician  
Ketie St. Louis, Finance Director  
Maria Sabori, HR Senior Analyst  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant  
Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police

**2. AGENDA ITEM(S):**

**2.A. Discussion on any and all matters regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Juan Sanchez Blvd. Intersection Improvements Project that is under design. Discuss conceptual layout. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Juan Sanchez Blvd., and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue are under design. He mentioned that this project is intended to coordinate with the project assessment the Arizona Department of Transportation did

for the City, for Juan Sanchez Blvd, for the expansion to five (5) lanes, and is also considering the future plans of the Gadsden School District for their new access from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and off Union Street. He added that the project will be divided in two (2) phases, the first phase will include the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Juan Sanchez Blvd, this will go west to Main Street, and it will include the crosswalk and pedestrian crossing at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and will include the paving of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and D Street. Phase 2 will include the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection and the north, south, east and west of that intersection. Furthermore, he added that the goal is to build the first phase before the end of fiscal year 2016, including the crosswalk on E Street, to keep the pedestrians on the east side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He stated that a flashing beacon will be implemented, the intention is not to have a stop sign on 1<sup>st</sup> and Juan Sanchez Blvd., but have free flowing all the way to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection. He stated that part of the discussion is to close the existing access to the Fernando Padilla Community and Senior Center and relocate entrance/exit to the north of the intersection to improve vehicle movement. He added that 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue north and south will be right turn in and right turn out, this was recommended by the traffic study as well as the traffic assessment done by Arizona Department of Transportation.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked about the property line by Sunset Community Health Center.

Mr. Vera replied that as part of the preliminary design, at this time is the engineer's responsibility to do the right of way research. He added that once the right of way is set, then staff will work to realign the street. Mr. Vera informed that the concept will include an access to the school. He mentioned that on Juan Sanchez Blvd. there will be a wide section where a pull out for a bus stop can be included. He stated that this will be the best time to decide to whether or not have that pull out bus stop, as it will be less expensive to do it during this phase. He added that this will be a great advantage for those seniors that do not have access to a vehicle.

Mayor. Gerardo Sanchez stated that the bus pull out will be a great idea to add at this time.

Mr. Vera informed that there will be some parallel parking along the east curb line of the existing parking lot. He added that this is the time for staff to decide whether to add this or not, as it will be cheaper to include it. He informed that sidewalks will be on the south, east and west of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales mentioned that he would like to see sidewalks from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Joe Orduño Park. He stated that staff should look at this area and figure out on how to be able to cover the mentioned areas.

Mr. Vera replied that staff can work on establishing the foot print and start working on the acquisition of the right-of-way, and if funds are available to include this project at the same time, if not then this will be a separate project.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco asked how much this project will cost, so that Council knows how much will be needed to allocate during the budget preparation.

Mr. Vera replied that he does not have a total amount, but staff can start working in obtaining an engineer's estimate. He informed that phase I will be to the west and phase II will be to east.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos asked when will this project be completed.

Mr. Vera replied that the intent is to complete this project by June 30, 2016.

### 3. Adjournment

**MOTION**: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.