

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**February 10, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Gerardo 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:** Tadeo De La Hoya, Interim City Manager  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant  
Andrea Moreno, Police Administrator  
Angelica Cifuentes, Procurement & Budget Compliance Officer  
Chris Kasid, Parks and Recreation Director  
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director  
Hank Green, Fire Chief  
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director  
John Starkey, Building and Safety Director/Zoning Administrator  
Jonathan Dumadag, I.T. Technician  
Jose Guzman, Assistant Planner  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Ketie St. Louis, Finance Director  
Yolanda Dueñas, Fleet/Facilities Director  
Francisca Guzman, Translator  
Gary Black, Comite de Bienestar  
Pam Green, Visitor  
Rosie Cordova, Resident  
Lucy Lopez, San Luis News Reporter  
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol Reporter

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. PRESENTATION**

### **4. A. Presentation by Mr. Michael John Sabath on Northern Arizona University's initiatives in San Luis, Arizona.**

Mr. Michael John Sabath, NAU-Yuma Associate Vice President and Campus Executive Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Northern Arizona University's initiatives in the City of San Luis, Arizona.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that it is something the City of San Luis is interested in and something that is needed for the City.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Work Session held January 6, 2016
- Special Council meeting held January 6, 2016

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 18, 2016 TO JANUARY 29, 2016**

Total Disbursements \$543,761.12  
(Five Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Twelve Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Gloria Torres to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 1126. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona to receive funding for overtime and mileage by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program- Overtime and mileage between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland**

**Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police)**

Ms. Andrea Moreno, Police Administrator, stated that the resolution will be to accept funding for overtime and mileage. Ms. Moreno also stated that the adoption of the resolution will support the Border Patrol mission by allowing police officers to stop the egression of drug smuggling and undocumented persons.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ruben Walshe/ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1126. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 1127. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona to receive funding for equipment by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program – Equipment between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Victor Figueroa, Acting Chief of Police)**

Ms. Andrea Moreno, Police Administrator, stated that the resolution is in support of equipment specifically for the purchase of two (2) thermal-imagers that will enhance both night and day operations.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/ Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1127. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1128. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona approving the Amended Bylaws of the San Luis Municipal Property Corporation. (Kay M. Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that the San Luis Municipal Property Corporation want to amend the Bylaws so that the Board of Directors all serve a two (2) year term without division into groups. Ms. Macuil also stated that additional technical changes would change “Town” to “City” for referring to the City of San Luis and the address to now read as the current address to City Hall.

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve Resolution No. 1128. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1129. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, in support of the Housing Development Project “Las Brisas Sunset Apartments” for the application of Low Income Housing Tax Credit from the Arizona Department of Housing. (Jenny Torres, Community Development Director)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Community Development Director, stated that Las Brisas is a 60-unit elderly apartment complex that is proposed to be located on 3.62 acres at Rio Seco Street and Marea Street. Ms. Torres also stated that the City of San Luis has not received a Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation in the past thirteen (13) years. The project is estimated at \$5,730,221.00 with approximately \$499,060.00 of impact fees. Ms. Torres stated that there is a need of support for low income housing and is recommending the project.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that there is a need for senior housing units in the City of San Luis.

Council Member Gloria Torres declared a conflict of interest on this item.

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve and adopt Resolution No. 1129. Motion passed with five (5) aye votes and one (1) nay vote from Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

**7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that Governor Ducey was at the City of San Luis where he visited the high school and junior high school. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that Governor Ducey was impressed with the Gadsden Band and he is proud of the kids and staff. He hopes to see more support for education in the County. He added that it needed to happen and is making an impact and change. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that as of March 6, 2016 there will be a twenty-four (24) hour Senti lane.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos stated that she is glad to see a focus of the City of San Luis region.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco stated that she was very disappointed with Governor Ducey because recently he is threatening to cut Joint Technical Education District (JTED), which helps high school students pursue college education.

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

Mr. Gerardo Sanchez, 1067 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated that a couple of months he discussed the critical situation at the post office. After several phone calls and communication with the San Luis Post Office, they will extend their hours. Mr. Sanchez thanked Council and the United States Postal Services for their help.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Council Member Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Ruben Walshe to go to Executive Session at approximately 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. A. Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) on any and all matters relating to the position of Police Chief and the recruitment, employment, assignment, appointment, and/or salaries of the position, including possible discussion of confirmation of appointment and/or discussion of approval of terms and/or conditions pursuant to San Luis City Code §38.02, and consultation with the attorney or attorneys of the City regarding the same. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to go back to Regular Session at approximately 8:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

## **11. DISUCSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

**11. A. Discussion and possible action regarding any and all matters related to the position of Chief of Police and the recruitment, employment, assignment, appointment, and/or salaries of position, including confirmation of appointment and/or approval of terms and/or approval of conditions pursuant to San Luis City Code §32.02. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Interim City Manager)**

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales/ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to offer the position of Chief of Police to Craig Higgins on conditions of passing Human Resources Background Check and approving the proposed contract with the modifications of allowing up to one (1) year to become an Arizona Post Certified Police Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales/ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to amend the motion to state the start date to be effective as of February 11, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Buchanan to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at approximately 8:34 p.m. motion passed unanimously.