

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
March 9, 2016
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales (arrived at approximately 7:09 p.m.)
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Ruben Walshe

ABSENT: Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco

OTHERS PRESENT: Olivia Jenkins, Acting City Manager
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Andrea Ruiz, Court Administrator
Aurora Leon, Chief Court Clerk
Chris Hagen, Management Analyst
Craig Higgins, Chief of Police
Derek Dueñas, Acting I.T. Manager
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director
Hank Green, Fire Chief
Johnathan Dumadag, I.T. Technician
Josue Aranda, Court Compliance Officer
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Katie St. Louis, Finance Director
Luis Marquez, Police Officer
Manuel Rojas, Assistant Public Works Director
Maria Sabori, Human Resources Senior Analyst
Mari Cruz Morado, Court
Rosendo Morales, Magistrate
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Francisca Guzman, Translator
Eduardo Garcia, Factor Sales
Pamela Green, Visitor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4. A. Presentation of plaque to retired Magistrate, Rosendo Morales, Jr. in recognition of his years of service to the City of San Luis. (Maria Sabori, Human Resources Senior Analyst)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Rosendo Morales Jr. for his work and dedication to the City of San Luis.

Mr. Rosendo Morales Jr., Magistrate, stated that he is taking with him a passion for the law and numerous friends. Mr. Morales also thanked City Council, Mayor, City employees and the citizens of the City of San Luis for providing him with great experiences.

4. B. Presentation of awards by the San Luis Police Department to Golden Sponsors for the 10 Mile Poker Ride for the Arizona Special Olympics held December 19, 2015. (Luis Marquez, Code Enforcement Police Officer)

Mr. Luis Marquez, Code Enforcement Police Officer, presented plaques to the sponsors of the ten (10) Mile Poker Ride.

Mr. Josh Montgomery, Special Olympics Arizona Representative, stated they are grateful for the support from the City. Mr. Montgomery also presented two (2) plaques to the San Luis Police Department.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Officer Luis Marquez, Code Enforcement Police Officer, for his efforts and thanked the people who donated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Work Session held January 20, 2016
- Special Council Meeting held January 20, 2016
- Regular Council Meeting held January 27, 2016

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2016

Total Disbursements \$558,415.46

(Five Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars, and Forty-Six Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a minor amendment to the contract for the services of a Magistrate pending the recruitment for the appointment of a Magistrate by San Luis City Council. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the 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 purchase of a new Schwarze Industries, M6 Avalanche Street Sweeper for Department of Public Works, Highway Users Division. (Manuel Rojas, Asst. Public Works Director)

Mr. Manuel Rojas, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the department was receiving several complains about the street sweepers performance. Mr. Rojas stated that the purchase of a new street sweeper was approved for Fiscal Year 2016, the new street sweeper would bring better services for the residents.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked if the street sweeper would be as complex as the previous one.

Mr. Rojas explained that it is not that complexed and has already scheduled staff to attend training.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Ruben Walshe to approve the purchase of street sweeper as presented for a total amount of \$247,442.52. Motion passed unanimously.

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters to approve and authorize a consulting agreement with Albert Holler & Associates to provide services to the City of San Luis regarding "Sales Tax Audit". (Katie St. Louis, Finance Director)

Ms. Katie St. Louis, Finance Director, stated that the contract with Albert Holler who is the City of San Luis Tax Auditor expired January 2016. Mr. Holler has changed his terms and conditions that will change the contract to a one (1) year contract and amount would be \$2,000.000 per month.

Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales asked why there were changes.

Ms. St. Louis replied that it was because of the new changes in the law.

MOTION: Council Member Ruben Walshe/ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve and authorize the consulting agreement with Albert Holler & Associates. Motion passed unanimously.

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1135. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona approving and authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yuma, City of San Luis, City of Somerton, and the Town of Wellton for a Regional Application under the Yuma Regional Communications System to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purpose of obtaining radios. (Hank Green, Fire Chief)

Mr. Hank Green, Fire Chief, stated that the Memorandum of Understanding is to replace all portable and mobile radios that are being used by the Firefighters in the Yuma County. Mr. Green explained that the San Luis Fire Department will match the fund amount of \$19,100.00 as a Capital Purchase request for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Ruben Walshe to approve Resolution No. 1135. Motion passed unanimously.

6. D. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 348. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the San Luis Tax Code 2014 by adding Subsection 35-840 (d) relating to Sales Tax Rate for Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property; establishing an effective date; and providing for severability. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/ Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that the tax rate of items in excess of \$2,500.00 will be lowered to 1.5%. Ms. Macuil, stated that this will encourage businesses with higher price items to come to the City of San Luis.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that this change will promote more business, car dealerships and businesses with high value items.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco stated that it will promote more options for businesses to promote their commerce in the City of San Luis.

B. Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on First Reading of Ordinance No. 348

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Vice Mayor Matias Rosales to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 348 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 348 by title only.

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales stated that he went to Rio Colorado Elementary school with the Fire Department, Police Department and other federal agencies to read to children in celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday. Vice Mayor Matias Rosales also attended Desert View Elementary School's assembly held to promote the end to the "R" word.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he attended the inauguration of the 24 hour SENTRI program. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Customs and Border Protection and the officers that worked with the changes. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez also added that Vice Mayor Matias Rosales, Mayor Porchas of Somerton and himself will be going to Washington D.C. from March 13th to March 16th to discuss the issues that affect the County in particular to the Port of Entries.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Matias Rosales/ Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at approximately 7:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.