

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
February 22, 2017
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Ruben Walshe

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Andrea Moreno, Police Administrator
Angel Ramirez, Fire Department
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Director
Axel Chaira, I.T. Technician
Craig Higgins, Chief of Police
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director
Francia Alonso, Administrative Assistant
Hank Green, Fire Chief
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director
Jonathan Dumadag, I.T. Technician
Jorge Perez, Administrative Coordinator
Jose Guzman, Assistant Planner
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Ketie St. Louis, Finance Director
Lizandro Galaviz, Parks and Recreation Director
Manuel Rojas, Assistant Public Works Director
Noel Chavez, Fire Department
Ric Bauermann, Fire Department
Victor Figueroa, Police Department

Yolanda Dueñas, Fleet and Facilities Office Manager
Francisca Guzman, Translator
Julie Engel, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation
Pamela Green, Visitor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4. A. Presentation of the Mid-Year Report by Ms. Julie Engel, President and CEO of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation. (Julie Engel, President and CEO of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation)

Ms. Julie Engel, President and CEO of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, provided a mid-year report to the Mayor and City Council Members on behalf of Greater Yuma EDC. Ms. Engel also invited Mayor Gerardo Sanchez to attend the Yuma-Mexicali Manufacturers Alliance meeting on March 3, 2017.

4. B. Introduction to the Mayor and City Council of recently hired City of San Luis employees from July through September 2016. (Olivia Jenkins, Human Resources Director)

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, presented the employees hired during the third quarter to the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez welcomed the new employees and thanked them for their hard work.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 28, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Total Disbursements \$603,758.47

(Six Hundred Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents)

5. B. MINUTES OF

- Special Council meeting held October 19, 2016
- Regular Council meeting held October 26, 2016
- Special Council meeting held November 2, 2016
- Regular Council meeting held November 9, 2016
- Special Council meeting held November 22, 2016
- Work Session held December 7, 2016
- Joint Work Session held December 7, 2016
- Special Council meeting held December 7, 2016
- Regular Council meeting held December 14, 2016
- Regular Council meeting held December 28, 2016

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

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize a Consulting Agreement with Albert Holler and 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 is to review the taxes that have been processed at the state level. Ms. St. Louis added that Mr. Holler is familiar with the City of San Luis as he has previously done work for them. The contract is for three (3) years for a total of \$2,000.00 per month.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the renewal of the contract as presented with Albert Holler and Associates in the amount of \$2,000.00 per month for tax audit services provided. Motion passed unanimously.

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment. (Hank Green, Fire Chief)

Mr. Hank Green, Fire Chief, requested authorization to purchase 13 sets of Personal Protective Equipment for newly hired personnel. Mr. Green added that the reason for the request of waiver would be because of the price and uniformity.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos asked if there were any complaints about the new uniforms.

Mr. Green replied that the uniforms would be the same as the rest of staff. Adding that there are no current complaints about the current uniforms.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the purchase of 13 sets of Personal Protective Equipment in the amount of \$30,907.56 as presented and to waive formal purchasing requirements for the reasons presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of one four-wheel drive vehicle with police equipment for Operation Stone Garden to be paid with grant funds. (Victor Figueroa, Lieutenant)

Mr. Victor Figueroa, Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is requesting to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 from Courtesy Chevrolet and equipment by Arizona Emergency Products both under state contract. He added that the main purpose of the vehicle would be remote areas in the East desert along the river. Mr. Figueroa added that this would minimize the wear and tear of the other patrol vehicles.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/ Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe four-wheel-drive vehicle and police equipment as presented for the Operation Stonegarden Program and to use the Operation Stonegarden grant monies to offset the costs of these purchases. Motion passed unanimously.

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of an engineering design proposal of the County 22nd Street and 4th Avenue Intersection Left Turn Lane Improvements Project by Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. (Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, stated that he is seeking approval to award a contract to Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. for the design of the 4th Avenue and County 22nd Street intersection. Mr. Vera added that the improvements will help alleviate the vehicle congestion in the intersection during peak hours.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the engineering design proposal for County 22nd Street and Fourth Avenue intersection left turn lane improvements in the amount of \$28,025.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gloria Torres congratulated everyone involved in the construction of Denny's adding that she has received several positive calls from residents.

6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of the amended contract prepared as directed by City Council on February 8, 2017 to extend the contract of Craig Higgins Chief of Police and to extend the time for completion of Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training certification to May 31, 2017. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that the amended employment contract being presented was a result of what the Mayor and City Council had directed during the previous Regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked what was approved during the previous Regular City Council meeting.

Ms. Macuil replied that instructions for the contract were approved and not the actual contract.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the employment contract of Chief of Police Craig Higgins as presented in the attachment to this agenda item. Motion passed with four (4) aye votes and two (2) nay votes from Council Members Africa Luna-Carrasco and Gloria Torres.

6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1178. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving and adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma Union High School District #70 (San Luis High School) and the City of San Luis regarding the joint development and construction of infrastructure, a wastewater utility easement and ancillary facilities located on Yuma Union High School District #70 property. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, recommended the item be continued to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 8, 2017 as the contract is not ready for approval.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to continue the item to the next scheduled City Council meeting on March 8, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales stated that Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos and he attended the Yuma Visitors Bureau renewed tour of the South County where approximately 20 persons attended.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos added that the visitors were very pleased and interested in the City's culture. Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos thanked staff who were involved in making this happened.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that on February 15, 2017 he attended the Yuma County Science Fair and stated that the City of San Luis students did a great job on the physics part. He added that every student from San Luis did a great job.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos stated that on February 17, 2017 she attended the YouthBuild Group No. 16 introduction and expressed she was proud of them.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rafael Avalos, San Luis Adult Soccer League, commented that he had met with Mr. Louie Galaviz, Parks and Recreation Director, in regards to the parks fees. Mr. Avalos added that the fees are too high.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that staff will look into this and added the City is losing money in Parks. Furthermore, he said it has reached to the point of deciding to whether cut programs or charge more for the park's maintenance as this has being an issue for the past six (6) years. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated the City will evaluate the fees charged for the use of the City's parks.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, informed that he had a conversation with Mr. Avalos after he met with Mr. Galaviz and added that the resolution in charge of fees was passed and adopted in 2009. A new resolution would have to be made in order to reduce the fees.

Mr. Damian Noriega, Youth Soccer League, asked the Mayor and City Council for help on the fees for the use of the soccer fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./ Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at approximately 7:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.