

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**July 25, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos – Via telephone  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Gloria Torres  
Council Member Ruben Walshe

**ABSENT:** Council Member Matias Rosales

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager  
Francia Alonso, Acting PIO/Assistant to Council  
Angel Ramirez, Assistant Fire Chief  
Chris Hagen, Management Analyst  
Derek Dueñas, I.T. Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Joaquin Campa, Building Plans Examiner  
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jorge Mungaray, I.T. Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Monica Castro, Director of Finance  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant  
Ric Bauermann, Fire Inspector  
Richard Jessup, Acting Chief of Police  
Roula Encinas, Accountant I  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gloria Torres.

## **3. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Richard Jessup, Acting Chief of Police.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4. A. Introduction of the City of San Luis new hires for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter from April through June 2018. (Olivia Jenkins, Human Resources Manager and Edgardo Carbajal, HR Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgardo Carbajal, HR Coordinator, proceeded to introduce the new hires for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter from April through June, 2018. A list of all new hires is available at the City Clerk's Office. He also explained that the new list included interns from the newly-established Intern program the City of San Luis coordinated with Arizona State University and the University of Arizona.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the new hires for thinking of San Luis as their career employer and the student interns for helping establish the new program.

### **4. B. Presentation and recognition of the 2018 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Sgt. Marco Santana and Janet Taylor, ERAP Committee Chairs)**

Sgt. Marco Santana and Janet Taylor, ERAP Committee Chairs, with Fausto Gonzales, HR Training & Programs Coordinator, introduced the Employee Recognition and Awards Program awardees and gave them their respective awards.

### **4. C. Discussion on any and all matters regarding an informational update on the development of a mixed-use commercial project. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, introduced Mr. Ross Wait and Mr. Andis Dimants, Representatives of San Luis Commercial Holdings, to give an update on the commercial projects under development in the 8-acre site at the Northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 95 and County 22. This project consists of a hotel, convenience store, a gas station and other commercial projects.

Mr. Andis Dimants informed the City Council of the advancements made on the project development. He mentioned that there are already leases prepared and operators ready to sign on the longtime basis for the hospitality, gas station and convenience area. He stated that one of the challenges on this project is the new market tax credits, these credits provide significant opportunities and financial benefits to a commercial project, and it also provides significant challenges on the financing part of the project.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Dimants for coming forward and present an update on this project. He mentioned that citizens and the counterparts from San Luis R.C. Sonora, Mexico are very excited about this project. He stated that San Luis is ready for this project.

Mr. Ross Wait commented that it is shocking that a community this size does not have a hotel. He agreed with Mr. Dimants and mentioned that the tax credits have been very challenging. He explained that the way those credits are awarded is that the funds are distributed among the different entities in October, this year they did not award anything. When they decided to award those funds in March there were not enough for all entities. He mentioned that he has spent a lot of time in this project and it will get done.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked both Mr. Dimants and Mr. Wait for all the time spent on this project to make it happen.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Regular Council meeting held June 27, 2018

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JULY 13, 2018**

Total Disbursements \$1,461,013.13

(One Million, Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Thirteen Dollars and Thirteen Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. / Council Member Ruben Walshe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2048. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona declaring the employee benefits plan a public record; approving the employee benefits plan for administration by the San Luis Employee Benefits Trust for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and establishing and ratifying an effective date of the plan. (Olivia Jenkins, Human Resources Manager)**

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, asked Mayor and Council to continue this item to the next scheduled meeting, as the Employee Benefits Trust has not been able to hold their meeting to review and approve this item.

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Ruben Walshe to continue the item to the next scheduled council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

## **7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez informed that he met with the Arizona-Mexico Commission that visited the area to shoot a promotional video of the border regions. He stated that they will be interviewing each mayor to promote the region.

Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos congratulated all mayor's in the area for their collaboration to make this project happen. She thanked Mayor Gerardo Sanchez for the hard work and dedication.

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

There were no comments from the members of the public.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Ruben Walshe to adjourn the regular Council meeting at approximately 7:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.