

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
August 22, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres
Council Member Ruben Walshe

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos

OTHERS PRESENT: Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Angel Ramirez, Assistant Fire Chief
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Isaac Gutierrez, GIS Technician
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Jonathan Dumadag, I.T. Technician
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Manuel Rojas, Assistant Director to Public Works
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Olivia Jenkins, Human Resources Manager
Ralph Velez, City Consultant
Richard Jessup, Acting Chief of Police
Rogelio Martinez, Economic Development
Adrian Siqueiros, Resident
Caty Navarro, Reporter
Javier Vargas, Resident
Jose Luis Reyes Jr., Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerardo Sanchez.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

4. A. Presentation by Ms. Shara Merten, President and Chief Executive Officer, Yuma Community Food Bank. (Ms. Shara Merten, President and Chief Executive Officer)

Ms. Shara Merten, President and Chief Executive Officer for Yuma Community Food Bank, presented Yuma Community Food Bank's impact for Fiscal Year 2018 to the community of San Luis. Ms. Merten proceeded with an overview which included the different programs, service and future growth in the City of San Luis.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that every year the Yuma Community Food Bank continues to improve their service in terms of the quantity of food and is happy to support Yuma Community Food Bank and grateful for what they do for the City of San Luis. Ms. Merten mentioned that the City of San Luis is the only municipality that support Yuma Community Food Bank and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support.

4. B. PROCLAMATION

- September 2018 Card Sign-Up Month

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read the proclamation in its entirety.

There was nobody present from the Library; Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated the library card is a very important document specially for the kids.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held July 25, 2018
- Work Session scheduled August 1, 2018
- Regular Council meeting held August 8, 2018

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 28, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2018

Total Disbursements \$1,094,536.14

(One Million, Ninety-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Fourteen Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Ruben Walshe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible directions to staff and presentation by Ron Pickett updating San Luis on the Solar Wind Energy Tower project. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Mr. Ron Pickett, stated that he is pleased to bring the City Council up to date on this project. He proceeded by adding that one of the difficulties on a project like this is that you cannot do everything in parallel and there have been some challenges. Mr. Pickett explained the tower is so tall in San Luis is because when the temperature reaches above 90 degrees and the relative humidity is below 20%, they produce 70% of the energy that is going to be produced during the year from this so they have to target out of this efficiency so all this was reverse engineering. Last year this problem was resolved and they were going to decide how long and wide the tunnel was going to be to effectively take the downdraft winds, push the winds into the tower and the velocity of those winds determines how much energy can be created. Mr. Pickett explained that they did a four (4) month exercise and scenarios to determine if the height of the tower could be lowered as well as reductions in costs, overall the project is well underway.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that last time Mr. Pickett was before the City Council he discussed the need to guarantee those days that the power was not being generated and the addition of a gas burning power plant next to it. Now that the studies indicate that the tower does not need to be as tall and be more efficient, he asked what will happen to the gas burning power station and the creation of jobs.

Mr. Pickett responded that at this particular time he doesn't think it will be necessary as when they finish with the extractions of the third turbine, the lowest output is nearly 100 megawatts and the gas fire with the combined sycoplan was to give 125 megawatts of guarantee. Therefore, unfortunately if this goes from 30 generator stations to 20, there was a staffing requirement for each generator station, that will be reduced.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora is interested in something like this and asked if Mr. Pickett will be working with them also.

Mr. Pickett answered that they have had some discussions with San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora as they have a real power problem with the city. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

No action was required on this item by the Mayor and City Council.

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of members to serve on the San Luis Complete Count Committee for the Census 2020. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Mr. Isaac Gutierrez, GIS Department, explained that on August 8, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2052 to appoint the Complete Count for the Census.

He added that San Luis will be represented by two (2) city staff members, two (2) community leaders, and two (2) Council Members. City Council needs to appoint members to this committee. The department does have a few recommendations, staff recommends the appointment of two (2) city staff members Jose A. Guzman and Isaac Gutierrez; two (2) Council Members; two (2) Community Leaders Tadeo De La Hoya and another one of Mayor and City Council's choice.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, Council Members Africa Luna-Carrasco and Matias Rosales stated that this is very important. Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco stated that she has some names in mind but want to ask first before appointing him/her. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that five (5) members can be appointed except the sixth (6th) one which can be appointed at the next Regular City Council meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to appoint City Staff Member Jose A. Guzman to the Complete the Count Committee, to appoint City Staff Member Isaac Gutierrez to the Complete the Count Committee, to appoint Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to the Complete the Count Committee, to appoint Council Member Matias Rosales to the Complete the Count Committee and to appoint Community Leader Tadeo A. De La Hoya to the Complete the Count Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Ruben Walshe to continue appointment of a Community Leader to the Complete the Count Committee to the next Regular City Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

6. C. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department to sell alcohol during the Exhibition Baseball Game event to be held on September 27, 2018. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation)

A. Open public hearing

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

1. Presentation by staff and/or applicant

Mr. Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, provided a brief summary of the event to take place at the Exhibition Baseball Game to be held on September 27, 2018. Staff requested authorization to apply for the alcohol permit to be issued by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

2. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

B. Close public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Ruben Walshe to close public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on Special Event Liquor Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control a Special Event Liquor License for the City of San Luis through its Parks & Recreation Department as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2053. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona authorizing and directing the entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Gadsden Elementary School District # 32 for the construction and maintenance of a retention basin at Ed Pastor Elementary School. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, explained that this is for Union Street and 6th Street intersection, the agreement for the school to take the runoff water for all of 6th Street, they are legally only to take half and they have agreed to take all of it. They have also agreed to mow the retention basin six (6) months of the year and the city will mow the other six (6) months of the year.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that as part of the Union Street improvements project, the city was able to drain Union Street onto the retention basin inside the subdivision, but due to the elevation difference on 6th Avenue the city cannot get that runoff onto that retention basin, therefore the natural grades take the water into the school. This intergovernmental agreement (IGA) was negotiated which includes fencing around the retention basin and maintenance. There is a drainage easement that they will be providing allowing the city to do it. The School Board approved the IGA on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Ruben Walshe to approve Resolution No. 2053. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reminded everyone about the city's election and encouraged voters to cast their vote.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that after 15 plus years the meadow craft building will be occupied by a tenant and hopefully bring in more tenants and jobs. He also reported that Galeria Café will be moving into the library beginning next month.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he and Council Member Matias Rosales met with a company that makes good salsas that want to move in to the City of San Luis and generate approximately 40-50 jobs. Furthermore, he added that the community needs more parks and the city needs to work on this. He also reminded everyone that if a person purchases a used car in the City of San Luis, he/she will be paying 1.5% sales tax, the lowest in the county.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco thanked staff for the recycling project.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(3) and 38-431.03(A)(4)

Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) on any and all matters regarding contracts for the manganese filtration project at Well Site 7 for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice or in order to consider the city's position and instruct its attorneys regarding these contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to go into Executive Session at approximately 8:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to go into Regular Session at approximately 8:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

11. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the retainage on the Manganese Filtration Project for Well Site 7. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, said that staff recommends to reject releasing the ½ of the retainage to IWS, they are the contractor.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to reject releasing any of the retainage. Motion passed unanimously.

11. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding legal services for Well Site #7 issues on the manganese filtration system. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve \$30,000.00 for legal services on the manganese filtration system at well site 7. Motion passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.