

**MINUTES**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**December 4, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:36 p.m.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Andrea Soto, Office Assistant  
Angel Ramirez, Acting Fire Chief  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Christine Velez, Management Analyst  
Derek Dueñas, IT Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Acting PIO/Assistant to Council  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Jorge Mungaray, IT Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Monica Castro, Director of Finance  
Nohemy Echavarria, Magistrate  
Olivia Jenkins, Human Resources Manager  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant  
Richard Jessup, Acting Chief of Police  
Ric Bauermann, Fire Department  
Adelaida Buchanan, Resident

Azucena Torres, Resident  
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident  
Javier Nuño, Visitor  
Liliana Arroyo, Campesinos Sin Fronteras  
Maria Robles, Resident  
Maricela Buchanan, Resident  
Mario Buchanan Sr., Resident  
Martin Porchas, Yuma County Supervisor  
Nydia Sanchez, Resident  
Rafael Torres, Resident  
Rosi Valera, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos.

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

A short recess was done at 6:40 p.m.; the meeting was resumed at 6:46 p.m.

## **4. OATH & SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES**

Oath & Swearing-In Ceremonies were officiated by the Honorable Nohemy Echavarria from the San Luis Municipal Court. The ceremonies were performed as follows, re-elected Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.; re-elected Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco; newly elected Council Member Jose Ponce; and re-elected Mayor Gerardo Sanchez.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez presented a recognition plaque to Council Member Ruben Walshe for his dedication and contribution to the City of San Luis.

Mr. Ruben Walshe stated that he is grateful and honored to have served the community for 4 years. He added that despite the differences with Council in certain subjects, it was managed to work together on issues of great importance to the community. He thanked his family and partner for their support. He also thanked the city's employees that do an incredible work and make San Luis a better place to live.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. thanked God for all his blessings, he thanked his family and all volunteers that without their help the triumph was not possible. He thanked his wife for her support.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco thanked Mr. Ruben Walshe for the 4 years of service to the community. She thanked all the volunteers and God for letting her serve the community. She mentioned that there are times that Council has to make decisions that are not popular in the community, but those decisions are always made by taking the community into account.

Council Member Jose Ponce thanked Mr. Walshe for his years of service dedicated to serve the community. He thanked his family and volunteers that worked hard during the campaign. He stated that he will work in conjunction with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and members of the city Council.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Juan Carlos Escamilla for giving him the opportunity to be Mayor when he decided to run as State Representative. He also thanked his wife and parents for their support. He also thanked the volunteers and all those that helped them achieve their goal, especially Mrs. Guillerma Fuentes. He mentioned that there has been changes in the community, and there are people that do not accept the changes. He stated that San Luis is no longer a small town, the city has grown and within, there are more responsibilities. Furthermore, he added that this is the future of our children, San Luis is a young community for this reason there are many needs. He mentioned that the city has been investing in infrastructure, public safety and parks. He added that San Luis has been working with other communities to make the difference in the region. Lastly, he thanked Mr. Walshe for his 4 years of service to the community. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Manuel Arvizu, Ms. Rebeca Urtado, Mr. Ralph Velez, Mr. Carlos Dominguez, Mr. Leroy Pulley and Mr. Martin Porchas for their support and for being present during this meeting.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.