

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
February 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Enrique Lopez, Fire Captain
Ernesto Prieto, Police Detective
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council
Javier Gonzalez, Fire Engineer
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jesus De Leon, Police Officer
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Jorge Mungaray, Senior IT Technician
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Jose De La Vara, City Prosecutor
Luis Cebreros, Fire Fighter
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Michelle Boucher, Administrative Coordinator
Miguel Alvarez, Police Lieutenant
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Nigel Reynoso, Police Lieutenant
Nohemy Echavarria, Magistrate
Ric Bauermann, Fire Inspector
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter

Concepcion Ulloa, Resident
Diane Umpress, Amberly's Place Executive Director
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

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, Chief of Police.

4. OATH & SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES

- Oath & Swearing-In of office for appointed Chief of Police Richard Jessup
- Oath & Swearing-In of office for appointed Fire Chief Angel Ramirez

Oath and Swearing-In ceremonies were officiated by the Honorable Nohemy Echavarria, San Luis Court.

Chief of Police Richard Jessup thank everyone present and acknowledged the presence of staff from different Law Enforcement Agencies and his wife Lisa Jessup.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that Chief Richard Jessup has proven to be very efficient, proficient and professional, it shows and has made a difference with the limited resources that the City of San Luis has, he congratulated Chief of Police Richard Jessup.

Fire Chief Angel Ramirez thanked everyone present and acknowledged the presence of his staff, parents, children and future father and mother-in-law.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Fire Chief Angel Ramirez for taking the position and congratulated him. He added that when it was first started it was more firefighters and the staff present are probably the best trained in the state, the City of San Luis Fire Department does not only have firefighters but paramedics, it is not seen in any other city. The city is working for the substation at F Avenue. He thanked everyone at the Fire Department.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos thanked both Chiefs for their hard work and dedication to the City of San Luis.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Special Council meeting held January 16, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held January 23, 2019

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 17, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2019.

Total Disbursements \$1,048,125.85

(One Million, Forty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents)

5.C. Discussion and possible action on any all matters regarding payment to Yuma County Recorder's Office, Voter Services Division. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

5.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a contract with James Davey and Associates, Inc. to provide design and engineering services for Rancho Los Oros Improvements. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

5.E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding an Independent Contractor Agreement with Nazzer O. Mendez to provide professional services for the 4FrontED Binational Region. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

5.F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2063. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona authorizing and directing the entering into the 4FrontED Binational Program through an amended and restated intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Wellton, the cities of Somerton and Yuma, and Yuma County for the continued support of economic development of the greater Yuma region. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he knows there are members of the community who want to address the Mayor and City Council. The item cannot be discussed and a work session will be held to discuss the item in depth. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez moved Call to the Public to be next on the Agenda. There was no objection from the City Council.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Ericka Cortes, 2185 N. Garcia Boulevard, SLAZ, mentioned that many neighbors are present tonight regarding the curve to Los Alamos subdivision. There have been various accidents where her neighbor was killed. They do not want more tragedies, they want more lights, they want that road to be fixed, by law that subdivision should have two entrances and exits. She collected signatures of over 200 residents in that area that are supporting and requesting the assistance of the City Council on this matter.

Ms. Aida Franco, 2315 Uribe Street, SLAZ, mentioned that she supports her community where she resides, there has been many accidents and they all want to get home after work, there are no sidewalks for children to use if they want to ride a bicycle to school, there are no lights and added that it is a very dangerous street. She asked the Mayor and City Council to do something about fixing this street.

Mr. Max Iñiguez, 2313 E. Galindo Street, stated that he supports the other residents in Los Alamos subdivision and added that he has been a resident ten (10) years of the area. It is not only the curve that they are having problems with but also when it rains the road erodes then the street is closed and then the city employees try to clean and fix it fast. What happened with the fatal accident that occurred in that curve, why did the city place markers or signals that previously were not there? Did the city feel the city was wrong and realized that those were needed? Something needs to be done as when one is driving and the opposite vehicle as well, the vehicles invade the other lane as there is a blind spot when the lights hits one's eyes. There are many discrepancies that need a solution to this road.

Ms. Lourdes Zevillano, 2505 David Riedel Boulevard, SLAZ, supports her neighbors and added that she drives that road on a daily basis and has invaded the other lane due to the light that is being reflected from other vehicles or the sun. The accidents that have occurred in that street have nothing to do with alcohol. She asked the Mayor and City Council to listen to the residents' concerns regarding this issue.

Ms. Angela Delgado, Galindo Street, SLAZ, stated that the curve is very dangerous but there have been many accidents and the night of Christmas eve has been the worst and had to drive through the dirt to get out of the subdivision. She asked why can't another road be opened through Avenue F? There need to be more sidewalks like they were promised why anything is being done? They need action from the city and asked the City Council not to ignore them.

Ms. Christina Garcia, 2345 Galindo Street, SLAZ, supported the residents from Los Alamos and added that the street is ugly, there are no sidewalks and are very much needed.

Mr. Adrian Madrigal, 2142 N. David Riedel Boulevard, stated that due to the road, a fatal accident happened, it is an ugly street, there is no visibility, that it is the only entrance/exit to Los Alamos. On Christmas eve he had to wait for approximately 20 minutes, was heading to work and returned home to change vehicles to be able to cross through the desert. Approximately three (3) weeks ago, there was another incident at the same location of the fatal accident on December 24, of a vehicle who was outside the road that almost rolled over, thank God nothing major happened, the driver was not drinking so the problem was not alcohol. He added that it bothered him that after a fatal accident, the road was striped and reflectors placed by the city.

Mr. Jorge Vallejo, 2411 Uribe Street, SLAZ, stated that everyone is expressing that the road is ugly and they all know that. There are many careful drivers, and one reduces the speed and sometimes there are people running or jogging and have to move to the desert placing their life in danger as a wild insect can bite them. He asked the Mayor and City Council to listen to their concerns as they cannot tolerate more accidents.

Mr. Felipe Frayde, 2246 N. David Riedel Boulevard, SLAZ, said that all statements by the residents in Los Alamos are dangerous facts they all have been going through every day and when something like that accident happens, it is very difficult for them to get in and out Los Alamos. He asked the Mayor and City Council to listen to their pleas.

Resident, 2153 N. Garcia Boulevard, SLAZ, stated that the road is not too reliable as when incoming vehicles cannot be seen when driving to Los Alamos is dangerous. Something needs to be done to prevent another fatal accident.

Ms. Michelle Iñiguez, 2313 Galindo Street, SLAZ, commented that she has been a resident of Los Alamos and it bothers her that her parents who reside in Yuma do not feel comfortable nor safe to visit her as they are elderly and do not see at night and there is no proper lighting. Whenever they visit her they do it during the day and before it gets dark, they have to leave due to the dangerous curve. It is unfair that being a resident and taxpayer she is not entitled to the same things other residents have at different subdivisions throughout the city. She asked the Mayor and City Council to consider and do something about this issue, for this item to be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Ruben Esquer, 2399 Galindo Street, SLAZ, said there are two (2) points that have not been discussed, which is that all have small children and the desert dogs which Animal Control has been notified about. These animals go to Los Alamos to eat and have been after the kids and eaten other pets. Also, the curve is very dangerous but the problems starts at County 22nd Street and 10th Avenue.

Mr. Jorge Perez, 2369 Galindo Street, SLAZ, stated that he supports his neighbors in Los Alamos. He too has a baby that awaits for him every day and added the curve is dangerous. He does not have the solution to this problem but he definitely wants to contribute towards a solution.

Ms. Marisela Cervantes, 2330 Heredia Street, SLAZ, added that as all the residents have stated everyone knows what the problem is. Lights are very necessary, not too long ago, there were foggy days and where visibility was not good. She was concerned about sending her children in the bus to school as the bus makes wide turns and without visibility can hit the curve. Also lights are needed on County 22nd Street as well. She asked the Mayor and City Council to consider her petitions.

Ms. Nancy Rocha, 2322 E. Galindo Street, SLAZ, stated that she experienced foggy days with her daughter and during these days there was no visibility, lines could not be seen and there is a need for another entrance/exit to Los Alamos.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that something different will be done...he needs for five (5) people that are present tonight to be assigned to meet with him next week and the items will be talked about one by one. He will explain to them exactly what is happening, the story so that they can pass the word to their neighbors as everyone works to talk about solutions. He will meet with them in Los Alamos as well as the City Engineer. In 2013 he informed the city that there were problems with that road. He obtained a quote to lift the road back then at the cost of \$350,000.00, six years have passed, how much will it cost now to lift the road. He needs to explain to the five (5) assigned representative what happened so that they can understand.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of two (2) 2019 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x2 trucks and one (1) 2019 Ford F250 4x2 Crew Cab service truck for the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division. (Manuel Rojas, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that staff recommends the purchase of three (3) vehicles for Wastewater Division, one (1) Service truck, and two (2) Ford F-150 vehicles. The subject purchase is replacing one (1) current unit which is out of order and two (2) new units to assist in their daily maintenance duties. The new trucks would enable the Wastewater Division to meet the growing community's customer service needs and the department's goals.

Staff contacted Alexander Ford in Yuma, Arizona and the local vendor provided quotes totaling the amount of **\$90,884.82**. As shown by the Peoria Ford, ADSP017-166117 state contract, the bidding process is not likely to result in a lower price.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the purchase of the three (3) Public Works – Wastewater Division vehicles for \$90,884.82 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a new filtration system for the San Luis Municipal Pool. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Mr. Jesus Meza, Assistant Director to Parks & Recreation, explained that in November 2018 they forwarded three (3) bids as part of this purchase. This filtration system used to worth \$29,000.00 and a few months later it went up by \$7,000.00 therefore it exceeds the \$35,000.00 limit for a sealed bid type of process. Mr. Meza requested the Mayor and City Council's approval to go forward with the best bid and to waive the procurement code for the sealed bids and go with the three (3) bid system.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez replied that they need to fix the pool now and waiting will increase the price even more. There are hundreds of kids that use that pool and a new one is needed.

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the purchase of the filtration system as presented in the amount of \$36,434.34, to waive formal purchase procedures for the reasons presented, and to approve the budget transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

6. C. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding recommendation of the Liquor License Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control by Ms. Lauren Kay Merrett on behalf of Chevron Self-Serve #26 located at 1661 N. Main Street, San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

A. Open public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Staff and/or applicant presentation

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that the liquor license application was posted at the proposed location to be licensed for at least 20 days as required by state law. Her office did not receive any calls in favor of or against the application.

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 Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on the recommendation of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Chevron Self-Serve #26.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the item as presented. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) nay vote by Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos.

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 2064. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona to receive funding for equipment by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Number 180436-02, Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award - Equipment between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, explained that the City of San Luis Police Department has been awarded \$60,000.00 for 12 Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) under the Fiscal Year 2019 Operation Stonegarden Program Award. The adoption of this resolution will support the United States Border Patrol mission by allowing police officers the ability to prevent or stop the egress of drug and undocumented person smuggling and the nexus to terrorism.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Resolution No. 2064. Motion passed unanimously.

6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 2065. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona to receive funding for overtime and mileage by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Number 180436-01, Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award - Overtime and Mileage between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, requested that this item be continued as two of the issues the federal government faced in awarding these this year was that their process had changed so there were some things the Mr. Zeltzer had to get done on his end from the federal government perspective to award all of the stonegarden grants and their process. The second thing that arise was with the government shutdown there were items that came much later than expected, they allowed the San Luis Police Department the opportunity to go ahead and continue with last year's grant which they have done, so they are at that point because this is dated January 1 they will not use those funds until they can go ahead and make the necessary changes and get ratification in regards to the dates are concerned.

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to continue this item to the next scheduled Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

6. F. Discussion and possible direction to staff on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 388. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the San Luis City Code Chapter 94, Parks and Recreation, by adding sections 94.30 through 94.37 relating to camping on public property; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and providing provisions for penalty. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that when there are camp sites on public lands such as federal government state lands, the city does not have an owner with responsibility locally to warn people to get off the land like it would be with a trespass and then the city does not have a person to go to, to be a witness that they indeed trespass so this ordinance helps the city by making the police the ones to warn to leave and the ones that come to court. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, stated that this ordinance was discussed at the last work session and this is a tool that the Police Department needs to do something about this situation.

**A. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 388 by title only
(City Clerk to read Ordinance No. 388 by title only)**

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve Ordinance No. 388 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 388 by title only.

B. Action on Ordinance No. 388.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve Ordinance No. 388. Motion passed unanimously.

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Jose Ponce reminded everyone about the Cesar Chavez event to be held February 27, 2019 with the proclamation and then during the month of March there will be a few activities relating to Cesar Chavez as well.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that due to what is happening in San Luis it is jumping in Yuma and committees are being formed in Yuma recognizing Cesar Chavez.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that he spoke to Mr. Luis Ramirez today and was informed that CBP released their five (5) year project list and the City of San Luis appears on their five (5) year priority list.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos reported she attended the Governor's State of the State Address, it was very positive, one billion dollars in reserve compared to one billion in negative numbers when he came in.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.