

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

<p><b>APPROVED</b> by Council Date: May 22, 2019 Clerk's Office: /s/ Sonia Cornelio</p>
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**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  
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  
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Derek Dueñas, IT Manager  
Edgar Carbajal, Recruitment Coordinator  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Fausto Gonzalez, Training and Programs Coordinator  
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council  
Janet Taylor, Legal Secretary  
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jonathan Dumadag, Senior IT Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose Cisneros, Administrative Coordinator  
Jose Guzman, Planning and Zoning Director  
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Maria Sabori, Risk Property Analyst  
Monica Castro, Director of Finance  
Monica Ruiz, Police Communications Supervisor  
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police  
Robert Solis, Fire Captain  
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter  
Concepcion Ulloa, Resident  
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

Maria Nuñez, Resident  
Marco Pinzon, Resident  
Maria Pinzon, Resident  
Maria Robles, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.A. Proclamation - Administrative Professionals Day April 24, 2019**

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated all Administrative Professionals and stated that they are a big part of the city and thanked them for their professionalism and good customer service.

### **4.B. Proclamation - PPEP Tec High School - Cesar Chavez Learning Center**

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked PPEP Tec for their continued support and stated that they make an impact in the community.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos referenced to a situation in the community where a senior citizen needed assistance with her yard. She contacted PPEP Youth Build and they helped without hesitation with the cleaning of yard.

Ms. Monica Berumen, 211 Villa Street, San Luis, AZ, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and wanted to clarify that they are the PPEP Tech Cesar Chavez Learning Center and are different from PPEP Youth Build, although they, PPEP Tech Cesar Chavez Learning Center has participated in different community events.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he links all the PPEP Tech together as a team.

Council Member Gloria Torres mentioned that she graduated from PPEP Tech in 1988 and at that time it was not considered a high school but more of a technical career school.

Council Member Jose Ponce congratulated PPEP Tech and thanked them for their participation at various city events.

**4.C. Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week May 5-11, 2019**

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, read the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk and Mrs. Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk for the service they provide to the city.

**4.D. Presentation and recognition of the 2019 - 1st Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program (ERAP) for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Lt. Marco Santana, Janet Taylor, ERAP Committee Chairs & Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator)**

Mr. Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator, along with Mr. Marco Santana and Ms. Janet Taylor, ERAP Committee Chairs introduced the recipients for the years of service and awards.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated all the recipients.

**4.E. Introduction of the City of San Luis new hires for the 1st quarter from January through March 2019. (Edgardo Carbajal, HR Recruitment Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgar Carbajal, HR Recruitment Coordinator, presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter new hires from January through March 2019.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez welcomed all the new hires.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. A. MINUTES OF**

- Work Session held April 3, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held April 10, 2019

**5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2019.**

Total Disbursements \$779,095.66  
(Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Ninety-Five Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents)

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**6.A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a contract with the Greater Yuma Port Authority for reimbursement of construction of a waterline. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that currently there is a contract with Taylor Engineering for installing two (2) miles of waterline in east San Luis. During the bidding process, Taylor Engineering provided good prices for the waterline installation. The City of San Luis is part of Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) and needed over 700 linear water line installed. Therefore, a change order is needed to install the water line as part of the city's contract and GYPA will reimburse the city approximately \$33,500.00. Mr. Vera proceeded to explain the aerial of East Mesa waterline project slide attached to the agenda item review form.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Jose Ponce to ratify the change order and approve the agreement with GYPA for reimbursement of construction of a waterline as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6.B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis accepting and ratifying slurry seal application services from American Pavement Preservation for application of Type 2 slurry seal as part of the 2019 Pavement Preservation Project. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that this ratification is due to purchase order that needed to be issued in order for American Pavement Preservation to order the material and the work will begin on April 26, 2019. The slurry seal is performed twice a year and the \$120,000.00 covers for the second part of the pavement preservation program.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the purchase of slurry seal application services through American Pavement Preservation for \$120,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye

Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

**6.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of an engineering design proposal for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard and 10th Avenue intersection and traffic signal by Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, stated that Staff has been coordinating with Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. (NEI) to design intersection improvements for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard and 10th Avenue intersection. As part of the scope, NEI will be doing traffic counts for all four legs of the intersection and additionally some nearby driveways to the intersection that impact the functionality of the intersection.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos commented she is excited as this is something that they had been wanting for a long time as that area gets congested when all the schools that are beginning their day.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the proposal from Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$68,014.00 and direct staff to take all actions to finalize a contract. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of an Engineering Design Proposal for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard and 6th Avenue traffic signal and intersection improvements by CORE Engineering Group, PLLC. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, said that staff has been coordinating with CORE Engineering to design intersection improvements for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard and 6th Avenue intersection. Project is budgeted in this fiscal year but the proposal is higher than anticipated. There are sufficient funds in the HURF account to cover the overage.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos added that it is exciting as the city will look different with all the signal lights and thanked Mr. Vera.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve CORE Engineering's Design Proposal for Cesar Chavez Boulevard and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection improvements in the amount of \$42,104.00 and direct staff to take all action need to finalize a contract. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6.E. Public hearing and discussion only regarding Annexation No. A-2019-01 a proposed annexation of territory contiguous to the municipal boundaries of the City of San Luis to include the area of southern Yuma County as shown on the map for annexation recorded at No. 2019-07705 Annexation of the Yuma County Recorder's Office on March 28, 2019. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning and Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

**A. Motion to open public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

## **1. Presentation by staff**

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, explained that in March 2019 he met with the County Managers and Mayors and the subject of annexations and growth was discussed. He consulted with the Planning & Zoning and Legal Departments and was informed that an annexation was done in 2008. The understanding was that the proposed annexation had already been done and it was discovered that it was never recorded or no action was taken due to the turn-over of the Director of Planning & Zoning back then, so now this aligns with the city's general plan. The city filed a blank proposed annexation up to Avenue 10E to be aligned with the limits of the City of Yuma. The city has complied with the statutes by advertising it in the Yuma Sun, mailing notices to all the tax payers in the property and posting three (3) posters within the property. Most of the land is owned by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the city is working with both agencies. The city has until March 27, 2020 to gather the required signatures to annex the proposed area.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, if there were any objections or concerns received.

Mr. Guzman responded that he received a few telephone calls with questions regarding the annexation. His office mailed more detailed information, such as maps, that answered those questions; there was no opposition. He spoke with the Marine Corps. Air Station and they stated that they needed more time to review as they had to speak to their supervisors and get some comments.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that the city cannot change the Yuma Proving Grounds as it is federal land.

## **2. Call to the public to take all written and oral public comments on this item.**

Ms. Gabby Black, Community Planning & Liaison Officer for Marine Corps. Air Station of Yuma, stated that they had seen the notice on the local newspaper and reached out to BLM and BOR for their notices. They did have some concerns, however, they have not had enough time to evaluate it properly and analyze it because there are some regulations that govern them when it comes to annexation of military or federal land. They noticed that over half of the land includes the Barry M. Goldwater Range. They have some questions and want to set up a meeting with the City of San Luis representatives to discuss this further. At this time their official response is that they want to request more time to analyze it and discuss it with the city.

Mr. De La Hoya stated that the city can meet with them as soon as the Marine Corps. notifies the city when they are available to meet.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that this has been going on since 2008 and believes there was a legal case between the Cities of San Luis and Yuma at that time. Mr. De La Hoya responded it was in 1998 and for a different part.

### **B. Motion to close public hearing**

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

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked if further action was needed from the City Council. Mr. De La Hoya responded no, unless the City Council wants staff to bring it back to consider it further or to pull the annexation that the city filed.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, added that this is solely for public comment but the City Council can always direct staff to do something they might have in mind.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said it is very important that staff meet with the parties involved.

**6.F. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Conditional Use Permit Case No. 2019-067. A request by Glen T. Curtis on behalf of MJS Properties, L.T.D., property owner, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the establishment of a religious institution to be located on the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and Union Street. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)**

### **A. Open public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **1. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, explained that this is a conditional use to allow a religious institution, Iglesia Apostolica de La Fe en Cristo Jesus in the USA, to be located at the corner of Union Street and 5th Avenue. The proposed building is 8,843 square feet to be located in an approximately 2-acre lot within a portion of Assessor's Parcel ID Number 226-01-001. Assessor's Parcel ID Number 226-01-001 is one parcel containing approximately 150 acres. Said parcel covers territory between the southeast corner of County 22nd Street and 4th Avenue and the northwest corner of Union Street and 6th Avenue. Although the land is physically separated by the East Main Canal and the Main Drain in different sections, it is only one parcel as per the Yuma County records.

This church will have approximately 160-180 members and will have services on Wednesdays and Sundays. Because the conditional use permit is being processed first, staff recommends the approval of the conditional use that will become effective until the lot split is approved and recorded. This was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and agreed with staff's recommendation. He mailed 30 letters to property owners within 300 feet of the proposed project and his office did not receive any significant concerns or objections from the adjacent property owners.

### **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 Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **C. Action on Conditional Use Permit Case No. 2019-067**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the conditional use as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **6.G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the proposal of an agreement contract between Automated Merchant Systems and the City of San Luis for credit and debit card merchant processing services. (Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager and Jonathan Dumadag, Senior IT Technician)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager, explained that this is a proposal contract agreement between the City of San Luis and Automated Merchant Systems who processes credit card payments for customers. The City of San Luis is currently accepting credit and debit card payments for all of its services (Utility, Permits, Licenses, Building Safety, etc.). However, payments are not being reflected in our billing software until the following business day. This occurs because the billing software and the online payment provider do not integrate/support each other. Due to this issue, staff must perform some manual entries to be able to post electronic payments into the billing software.

Staff has been exploring the possibility of working with a new merchant services provider that will allow them to take and post payments in real time into the billing software (Tyler - New World). By doing this, electronic payments will post automatically without manual entries diminishing the possibility of human error. The service would improve by increasing payment processing accuracy.

This new merchant services provider would also allow the City of San Luis to add other online services in the near future. Some of the new services/solutions to be provided to the public include new card reader devices. These new card readers are highly secured to protect customer's personal information and credit/debit card integrity. They will also allow customers to use their credit card chip technology, ability to provide an electronic signature, and most importantly to make payments over the counter without having to hand out their credit/debit card to the customer service representative.

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the agreements necessary to implement automatic posting to utility customer accounts of payments from on-line and debit cards. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6.H. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding recommendation of an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize La Bodega Kitchen and Bar to sell alcohol on May 18, 2019 during the Dread Mar I Concert. (Ruben Walshe, La Bodega Kitchen and Bar)**

**A. Open public hearing**

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

The vote was as follows:

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

### **1. Staff / Applicant Presentation**

Mr. Ruben Walshe, owner, stated that this is the first of a series of concerts programmed to be in San Luis this year. He explained the diagram attached to the agenda item review form and added that the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. The main artist is a reggae band from Argentina which will play at 10:00 p.m. It is expected to have 1200 attendees and the event will have security by a professional company.

#### **MOTION:**

The vote was as follows:

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

### **2. Call to the public on this item**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **B. Close public hearing**

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

The vote was as follows:

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

### **C. Action on Application For Extension of Premises/Patio Permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the application for extension of premises/patio permit of La Bodega, LLC as presented. Motion passed with six aye votes and one nay vote by Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **6.I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2072. A resolution of the City of San Luis, Arizona, supporting the Proclamation of Emergency by the Mayor of the City of Yuma, Arizona. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that this is a proclamation supporting what the Mayor of Yuma did at the port of entry. This is something that has been occurring for months now at the port of entry and is controversial, there are those who are in favor of it or against, but there are children involved. The fact is, a broken system exists in immigration; over 300,000 people have crossed the borders in a period of two (2) months. The City of San Luis does not have the manpower nor the resources. The City of Yuma ran out of resources and there were over 340 families in centers of non-profit organizations like the Salvation Army, Catholic Community Services, Yuma Food Bank and Red Cross. There are 52 individuals including family and children that did not have

a place to go to and ended up in San Luis at a catholic church and a transportation place. Some people do not think this is an emergency and that it will go away, they see it as a humanitarian crisis and people in D.C. want to build a 44 ft. wall and isolate themselves...there is an immigration problem that needs to be fixed. The laws allow for political asylum, local governments do not have the resources and don't have the answer. This is telling the federal and state government that the City of San Luis, City of Yuma nor the County of Yuma cannot fix the problem but are working together to help and will not close the doors and will not be silent.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco stated that if everyone gets together, it can be accomplished.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adopt Resolution No. 2072. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported he attended the NAFTA 2.0 which are in negotiations between the United States, Mexico and Canada. Country representatives from the three (3) nations were present and agreed that trade is important and he observed that the deficit between Mexico and Canada was discussed but not the deficit between China and the United States which is also significant. He added that Mexico is interested in continuing to invest in the United States.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos reported that she attended the South Yuma County Domestic Violence Coalition and the guest speaker was Estrella, CEO and founder of Lee's Journey and she provided a presentation on all the services they provide.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported he and others met Mr. Glenn Hamer from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. He is the president and Chief Executive Officer for this organization and he and Ms. Katie Dauphinais got a tour of the city. He wanted to be a witness to the port of entry and wanted to get a visual impact and experience walking on foot and wait in line, as he supports the new port of entry funding being proposed by the

federal government. Council Member Matias Rosales thanked him for visiting and his support.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that last Wednesday a public demonstration and private session took place between the General Services Administration (GSA, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and the Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) and the port/funding was discussed. The governor mentioned in a speech that he supports the Port of Entry I, the \$248 million for this project and added that city officials should continue to attend those meetings.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos commented that not only does this benefit the region but it is greatly needed for the State of Arizona. San Luis Port of Entry is the only port in the presidential budget and it has a big impact.

She also invited everyone to attend the mother and son dinner dance on May 3, 2019. This event will help strengthen the relationship between mother and son.

Council Member Jose Ponce commented that the community will benefit from the approval of the \$248 million as more jobs would be created.

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

Ms. Maria Robles, 1195 California Street, San Luis, AZ, stated she is amazed by the work being done not only in San Luis but in the county. It is a pride to have this City Council that works really hard to generate changes that are needed in the community like the port of entry. She added that as a community member, she supports the projects that benefit the City of San Luis. She supports the special election, the City Council finally made that determination to have this election, this will directly benefit 100% the community. She congratulated the person who prepared the informational pamphlet as it is very simple and well explained as it details what it is and the benefit of the special election. She also mentioned that with the migrants' caravan, there are community members who respond when necessary like Buchanan's Transportation, a meeting will be held in Yuma tomorrow to discuss this situation in depth. She added that for the concert, Mr. Ruben Walsh hopefully asks for donations such as clothes, canned food, diapers, toothpaste, etc...for these people.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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



### **Certification of Council Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the San Luis City Council held on April 24, 2019. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present and that City Council approved these minutes at their Regular Council meeting held on May 22, 2019.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

/s/ Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk