

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
April 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:07 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
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jonathan Dumadag, IT Technician
Maria Muñoz, HR Benefits Coordinator
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter
Concepcion Ulloa, Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Maria Nuñez, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Presentation followed by discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding downtown improvements. (Jeff Velasquez, Vice President, Principal Landscape Architect of J2 Engineering and Environmental Design)

Ms. Jenny Torrey, Economic Development Manager, introduce Mr. Jeff Velasquez, Vice President, Principal Landscape Architect of J2 Engineering and Environmental Design, who will be making a presentation about a project that will be proposed to the Mayor and City Council in the future.

Mr. Velasquez spoke about a project they worked on approximately five (5) years ago in Tolleson for the Downtown Tolleson Redevelopment Project which had a cost of approximately \$11 million but 85-90% was bond money and about 10% general fund. He provided a PowerPoint presentation which is filed with the complete agenda packet at the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked what was the timeframe for this project. Mr. Velasquez responded that the bond for this project was passed in 2000 and the city decided to work on other projects. In 2011 they put in a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) where J2 Engineering & Environmental Design was hired to plan and in 2012 for design. The design was done in 2013 and constructed entirely in 2014, Tolleson's population is approximately 8,000 residents it is a very active community, it is mostly distribution and make a lot of their money off from rail distribution. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Velasquez for the presentation.

Ms. Torres stated that staff will continue to work with the concept and will explain this project at the Budget Retreat.

4.B. Presentation and recognition of first, second, and third place winners for grades K-6th and 7th-12th, as well as, first and second place for College/University students for the City of San Luis César Chávez Art and Poetry Scholarship Contest. (Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer/Assistant to the City Council)

Ms. Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer/Assistant to the City Council, presented the winners of the 2019 City of San Luis Cesar Chavez Art and Poetry Scholarship Contest. This year there were a total 93 entries, the winners were as follows:

Category Kinder – 6th Grade: 1st Place Monica Gil, 2nd Place Itzel Rodriguez and 3rd Place Raul Ordaz.

Category 7th – 12th Grade: 1st Place Ms. Maria Cisneros Special Ed Class, 2nd Place Nicole Hernandez and 3rd Place Frank Nieto.

Category College – University: Jose Fimbres and Vanessa Vasquez.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked all the participants and congratulated the winners. The City of San Luis met with Mr. Paul Chavez, Cesar Chavez's son and mentioned that they are planning on converting the Cesar Chavez Hall to a historical museum of the culture for the City of San Luis. Furthermore, he added that the art and poems will be displayed at the lobby for two (2) weeks.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.A. MINUTES OF

- Work Session held March 20, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held March 27, 2019

5.B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM MARCH 16, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019.

Total Disbursements \$1,093,223.47

(One Million, Ninety-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents)

5.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2071. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between City of San Luis, City of Somerton, City of Yuma, County of Yuma and Town of Wellton for the Consortium of the Federal HOME Program. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

5.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Arizona State Land Department application for the acquisition of right of way land for the widening of Juan Sanchez Boulevard. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the Consent Agenda 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. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6.A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of a member to serve on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board for the Police and Fire Departments to replace a member who has resigned. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager)

- A. Action by Mayor only to appoint a Citizen Member.**
- B. Action by City Council on the appointment.**

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, explained that on September 2018 the Mayor and City Council made the appointments for both boards and one has resigned employment from the city therefore he recommended that the replacement be Ms. Maria Muñoz, HR Benefits Coordinator, as the Citizen Member for Police and Fire Boards.

Ms. Muñoz stated that she will be meeting with both Chiefs to go over the duties and understand the secretary's role for the boards.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that these are important boards as it deals with the retirement of police and fire.

ACTION BY MAYOR ONLY:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez appointed Maria Muñoz as Citizen Member to both the San Luis Fire and Police Departments Public Safety Personnel Local Retirement Boards.

MOTION: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the appointment of Maria Muñoz to both the San Luis Fire and Police Departments Public Safety Personnel Local Retirement Boards. 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 appointment of seven (7) members to the San Luis Economic Development Commission. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, said that currently there is a vacancy of seven (7) members, the term is for four (4) years. Ten (10) names have been provided to the Mayor and City Council for review and consideration. She added that all 10 candidates were advised of tonight's meeting and appointment, only one candidate is present tonight, Ms. Joselyn Medina.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Ms. Medina for her interest to participate to serve on this board.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to appoint Gustavo MacGrew, Iram Sahid Leon Lopez, Joselyn Medina, Mario Jauregui, Emma Torres, Maria Gonzalez and Randy Nelson to the San Luis Economic Development Commission. 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. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2069. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis authorizing the submission of application for FY 2019 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and FY 2018 State Special Projects funds (CDBG-SSP), certifying that said applications meet the community's previously identified housing and community development needs and the requirements of the State CDBG Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said applications. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

A. Open public hearing

MOTION: Council Member 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 Presentation

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, said that the Arizona Department of Housing released their Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). For two (2) sources of funding, one is the Regional Account (RA) and the other one is a State's Special Project (SSP) which becomes a competitive ground. The RA application, NOFA was released in February 19 and the deadline is May 24th. For the other NOFA, the SSP was released February 20th and the deadline is June 19th to submit the application. The focus of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds is to meet the requirements of low and moderate income benefits for activities justify as benefiting low and moderate income persons. As part of the state's process, a public hearing must be held and one community meeting was held March 12. The two (2) proposed projects are the Senior Center Conceptual and Rancho Los Oros. The SSP funding is \$300,000.00 and the RA is \$395,944.00, the total cost for the two (2) projects is close to \$700,000.00 and will not get the city exactly what is needed, so in the next item, she will be requesting a match, although it is not a required match, that will be needed in order to complete the project.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated that the Senior Center needs to be done, more room is needed, the city's facility is the biggest in the County that provides that service to seniors. He is happy that the city continues budgeting for the seniors as they are the true pioneers of San Luis.

2. Call to the Public on this item

Ms. Maria Nuñez, resident of International Plaza I, made a comment from her seat which is inaudible as she did not approach the podium with the microphone. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that they are not comparing anyone and asked Ms. Nuñez to approach the podium to state her name and address for the record, Ms. Nuñez refused to do so.

Council Member Matias Rosales mentioned he was glad to see this item, the Senior Center expansion, as it has been discussed at the budget retreat for the past three (3) years and hopefully improved the space for them and also maintain Rancho Los Oros to avoid it become one of those subdivisions that deteriorate and become too late to fix which has been in existence since approximately 2002.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, commented that there is a lot of settling on the street so that becomes a drainage issue, also the other thing related to health is draining the retention basins over to an existing canal which will get rid of the stagnant water that is being held after a storm, a week or two after and it becomes a public health concern.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked if CDBG grants require that a health/safety component be present. Ms. Torres replied that SSP does and it becomes competitive, the city is competing against all the communities in Arizona and they take that into consideration. There are other projects that have been considered but the subdivisions have to meet all the requirements. The state CDBG representative met with Ms. Torres to focus on some of the issues mentioned and see the city very favorably and that is why the city has been successful in obtaining the SSP grants.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked staff for the hard work and understands that getting grant money is difficult.

Council Member Matias Rosales asked where the City of San Luis stands when it comes to the scores on the point system. Ms. Torres responded that the City of San Luis gets perfect scores but a lot of applications are perfect scores and the state prioritizes projects based on needs.

B. Close public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. 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 Resolution No. 2069

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve the Resolution No. 2069 regarding Community Development Block Grants. 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 Resolution No. 2070. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, County of Yuma, committing local funds as leverage for FY 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant applications. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, stated that as discussed in the previous item, the city is not required to have a match, but being committed definitely has been a plus because they see that they are not just providing the city with funding but the city is pledging to add additional funding to the project to complete as much possible. For Rancho Los Oros it will be broken into two (2) phases as there is not enough funding. For the Senior Center is the same issue, cost estimates were received from the architect and because these are prevailing wage jobs, they don't pay regular wages, therefore 25% more need to be allocated for the construction.

Council Member Jose Ponce asked if the city has the money. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated yes, the city sets aside every year money to focus and safeguard specific projects for the past seven (7) years.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Resolution No. 2070 committing city funds for Community Development Block Grant applications. 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

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco reported that today, City and Elected Officials met with Mr. Paul Chavez, son of Mr. Cesar Chavez, and representatives from the Cesar Chavez Foundation regarding the Cesar Chavez Hall on Cesar Chavez Street be donated to the city so that the city can preserve it as a historical landmark and to continue the Cesar Chavez legacy going in the community. Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, will prepare a contract to make this happen, they are willing to do it.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that he was present in this meeting and the building requires a lot of maintenance and the city can make a difference and preserve the building for the future.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos reported she attended the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council meeting and they gave the letter of support for the port of entry and is happy that the state is supporting.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he has had three (3) radio stations interviews, two (2) from the Phoenix area and one (1) from Univision Miami regarding the port and the impact it has. As of right now, the budget stands in the presidential's budget, GSA will be hosting a public forum on April 17 for the public to comment on the situation regarding the port, so it is very important that the community attend as they are talking about 16 lanes which can

change the dynamics of Downtown San Luis. ADOT will also be present, the city does not get help from the state, no state nor federal funds are received for the 8 million people who cross and use that port of entry. The needs are based on the population of 36,000 and not the 8 million who use the port of entry, if one looks at it, it is 16 million. The month of April will be busy, the budget retreat will take place on April 28, the employee picnic on May 4, there was also a softball tournament to strike cancer.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco reported that the monthly library board meeting was held in San Luis yesterday, there are 4 new members, it was their first time in San Luis and were impressed with the library and stated that we have one of the best libraries in the county.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Maria Nuñez, 1449 N. Arden Avenue Plaza I, San Luis, AZ, the first community that started in 1970. Ms. Nuñez apologized if she is very blunt and said that their parents were the ones that established the city and has allowed it to make it grow and thanks to those settlers, pay Plaza I, Plaza II and that is why you guys exist right now, seating on those seats and her presence is not to make a point of who yells the loudest or the angriest, and just like she respects them, they respect her back and she thought she had a bad temper. She added that she has been asking staff to place her on the agenda, because she has never been involved in politics like her brother David Nuñez and she is not getting him involved and she doesn't know the protocol like Mr. Tadeo said that she doesn't know what she wants, and of course she does know what she wants, what she needs and how to get it and yes she can take no for an answer but it has to be shown to her why, why staff has not put her on the agenda to talk about Arden Avenue and all they are asking is that it be widen because there is space, there are wasted resources on their street and the city did not consider that when staff asked for the money for the grant to repair their street until she investigated what the city was not going to do and that is why standing before the City Council not to make a little scene, this is her comment and asked the Mayor and City Council to think about it.

Ms. Nohemi Rodriguez, Crisis Response Coordinator for Amberly's Place, 1310 S. 3rd Avenue, Yuma, AZ, stated the Amberly's Place Executive Director released the statistics for last month earlier today and wanted to give kudos to the San Luis Police Department, Amberly's Place calls have gone up 22% over the last quarter with regards to the services they provide to victims for San Luis. For the first quarter they have seen over 600 victims in Yuma County in reference to domestic violence and child abuse. With the support of the community, their outreach and awareness efforts, the numbers are continuing to go up, but unfortunately not enough people are reporting it. Ms. Rodriguez thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:10 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