

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
April 3, 2019
6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:32 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

ABSENT: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Jose Ponce

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Axel Chayra, Information Technology Department
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Ric Bauerman, Fire Department
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol

2. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

2. 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)

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, informed that this item will be move to be discuss during the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2019.

2. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff 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, informed that the San Luis Economic Development Commission has seven (7) vacancies. She explained that there were four (4)

candidates that submitted a letter of interest to continue to serve on the commission. She added that there were six (6) new candidates that submitted an application for consideration.

Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos, informed that that she has been speaking with Mr. Iram Sahid and he has expressed his interest in contributing to the community. She stated that Mr. Sahid would be a great member to the board. Ms. Ramos also nominated Ms. Joselyn Medina to this board. She stated that Ms. Medina is very interested in serving this board.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked why is the board limited to seven (7) members only. He commented that he asked because there are 10 individuals that are interested in becoming members to this board.

Council Member Gloria Torres replied that the bylaws state that this board should be conformed of seven (7) members. She added that the only problem will be to accommodate all 10 members in the Council Chambers as meetings need to be held in the Council Chambers for recording purposes.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that he was only making a suggestion and does not want to get things complicated.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco asked if anything can be accomplished by having more than seven (7) member on this board.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that if increasing the number of members get too complicated, it is better to keep it at seven (7) members, as meetings need to be recorded.

Council Member Matias Rosales agreed with Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos in appointing Joselyn Medina as she represents education/workforce. He stated that Mr. Gustavo Macgrew will be a good fit since he represents retail and currently there are no representatives from this industry. He also suggested Mr. Iram Sahid that also represents the retail service industry.

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, stated that Mr. Gustavo Macgrew currently got appointed to the Employee Benefit Trust Board. He suggested appointing Mr. Mario Jauregui to the San Luis Economic Development Commission as he will be representing the Industrial Park.

Council Member Matias Rosales suggested reappointing Emma Torres who represents healthcare, Randy Nelson who represents small business/entrepreneurship, and Maria Gonzalez who will represent a financial bank. He suggested appointing Joselyn Medina who

will represent education/workforce, Mario Jauregui who will represent industrial park, Gustavo Macgrew and Iram Sahid who will both represent retail.

Mayor and Council concurred in the decision of who will be appointed to the San Luis Economic Development Commission.

2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff 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)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, informed that she has met with Bureau of Reclamation and State Land Department and also mentioned that staff has been working with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). ADOT will have the environmental plan done by May 2019. With this review, staff has been able to identify private, state and federal land that the city needed. She informed that the application to acquire the right of way has been submitted. She stated that there are two different projects on Juan Sanchez Blvd. one in which James Davey is the Engineer and the other project, the 4th Avenue Project, which was submitted by Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works. Ms. Jenny Torres informed that the state suggested putting together only one (1) project that includes both. She stated that staff has been submitting documentation needed as part of the process. She mentioned that staff have started evaluating what will be the cost of the land which will be \$26,000.00 and \$30,000.00 per acre. Furthermore, she stated that since Mr. Eulogio Vera's project will not be accomplished because the right of way is needed and this project will take between 8 to 12 months. She stated that staff have decided to pay for a portion of the land now and put it in a suspended account with the State Land Department and it stays there while the appraisal process and the bidding is done, then allocate the difference in the next fiscal year. She stated that staff is requesting authorization to use the funds of the 4th Avenue Project on this project, Mr. Eulogio Vera will request that project in the next fiscal year, and use the \$350,000.00 funding available and put it in the suspended account with the State Land Department. Ms. Jenny Torres presented Mayor and Council with a map identifying land owned by the State of Arizona. She asked Mayor and Council for authorization to use the funding available for this project.

2. D. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2071. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona 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)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, informed that this Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was approved by all communities 3 years ago. She informed San Luis has benefited with the funding from this program. She stated that the HOME Consortium Board uses a point-based system to guide funding decisions to ensure equitable distribution of the funds among local government. Mr. Torres stated that staff is recommending the renewal of this IGA to continue to participate in the Yuma County Home Consortium for another 3-year period.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye