

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**July 24, 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 Cruz  
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  
Jose L. Cisneros, Acting City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
America Cano, Administrative Coordinator  
Ana Maria Camacho de Cibrian, Custodian  
Andrea Soto, Office Assistant  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Arale Gonzalez, Office Assistant  
Cynthia Henderson, Accounting Specialist  
Debora Luna, Accountant  
Edgar Carbajal, Recruitment Coordinator  
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council  
Janet Taylor, Legal Secretary  
Jesus De Leon, Police Sergeant  
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Joaquin Campa, Building Official  
Jonathan Dumadag, IT Technician  
Jorge Mungaray, IT Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Michelle Boucher, Administrative Coordinator  
Miguel Alvarez, Police Lieutenant  
Osvaldo Rodriguez, Lead Custodian  
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police  
Rogelio Martinez, Office Assistant  
Yolanda Duenas, Facilities Supervisor  
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Edgar Melendrez, Resident

Lucy Lopez, Reporter

## **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. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.A. Proclamation – STEAM Education Month, August 2019**

Mr. Jose L. Cisneros, Acting City Clerk, read the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented on the importance of STEAM education as educated leaders are needed.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco took a moment to thank and congratulate Mr. Edgar Melendrez for being active in the San Luis community. She expressed how proud she was for starting a scholarship fund to help students pursue higher education.

Council Member Gloria Torres expressed she wishes to see Mr. Melendres as a future Mayor of San Luis as he is very active in the community.

### **4.B. Introduction of the City of San Luis new hires for the 2nd quarter from April through June 2019. (Edgardo Carbajal, HR Recruitment Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgar Carbajal, HR Recruitment Coordinator, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter new hires from April through June 2019.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez welcomed all the new hires and thanked them for their hard work.

Mr. Carbajal also introduced the summer interns from Arizona State University and the University of Arizona.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez acknowledged the importance and impact an internship can have on a student's future and ability on obtaining a job and how the City of San Luis wants to help the future leaders of this city. He mentioned that next year he would like to see an increase in the number of student interns from 12 to 16.

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the funding that allows the city to have the interns. He also thanked the interns for their help and hard work. He invited Council to their final presentation the following day.

**4.C. Presentation and recognition of the 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program (ERAP) for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Angelica Cifuentes, Rogelio Martinez, ERAP Committee Chairs & Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgar Carbajal, HR Recruitment Coordinator along with Ms. Angelica Cifuentes and Mr. Rogelio Martinez, ERAP Committee Chairs, introduced the recipients for the years of service and awards.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated all the recipients.

**4.C. Presentation of check to Yuma Regional Medical Center - Yuma Regional Cancer Center Hispanic Support Group fund-raised during the Strikeout Cancer Co-Ed Softball Tournament held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. (Edgar Juarez, Recreation Coordinator)**

No action was taken by City Council.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. A. MINUTES OF**

- Special Council meeting held June 5, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held June 12, 2019
- Special Council meeting held June 19, 2019
- Special Council meeting held June 25, 2019

**5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM June 15, 2019 THROUGH July 12, 2019**

Total Disbursements \$2,054,019.42

(Two Million, Fifty-Four Thousand Nineteen Dollars and Forty-Two Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/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 Cruz	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 all matters regarding payment to Yuma County Recorder's Office and Yuma County Election Services for Special Election held May 21, 2019. (Kay Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, presented the bill from Yuma County for the special election held this year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,676.14 from the contingency fund to pay for Yuma County Election Services and the Yuma County Recorder's Office as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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 payment for Emergency Medical Services Training (Paramedic Class) with Wizard Education. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, explained that Wizard Education arranged to hold off on payments after July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are two (2) classes currently enrolled and they will be graduating next March. The Fire Department will be having 34 trained paramedics out of a staff of 42, which will make up 84 % of trained staff.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented on the unique ratio of trained paramedics the city has and thanked them for their hard work.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the purchase of paramedic classes from Wizard Education as presented in the amount of \$33,800.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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 Resolution No. 2084. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona in support of the Yuma County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief and Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, introduced Resolution No. 2084, and explained how staff has been working hard implementing this plan. He clarified how this plan was adopted back in 2010 but the city needs to adopt one every five (5) years. The plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and explained that by implementing it, the city will be able to receive Hazard Mitigation funds made available through FEMA; he also explained the benefits.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez expressed how important Hazard Mitigation and getting organized is before a natural disaster happens and how the city should always be ready.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco thanked all those involved for their hard work on implementing this plan.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2084 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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. 2085. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving and adopting the Land Use Assumptions of the City of San Luis 2019. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained this resolution is for adopting new development impact fees. The public hearing was held for input on land use assumptions and is currently in the process of working on the development fees.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reminded everyone how the City of San Luis has the lowest development fees in the county and how it is more affordable to build a house here. He made a connection between the 12% boost in population seen last year to the city's

affordability. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez explained how no other city in the state of Arizona is seeing such growth.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2085. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2086. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving and adopting the Infrastructure Improvements Plan of the City of San Luis 2019. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning; Monica Castro, Director of Finance)**

Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained this resolution is another step for the adoption of development fees. This has been presented in a public hearing and notices have been sent. She explained that it is ready for council's action.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2086. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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.F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 391. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the San Luis City Code on Building Regulations, Section 150.014 by adding subsection 150.014 (C) Traffic Impact Studies; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.**

**(Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that this ordinance was developed by Mr. Glenn Gimbut, Assistant City Attorney. She mentioned that currently, there is a system in place that takes care of subdivision developments that might impact traffic but lacks code on how the construction of buildings that might do the same. This section would be added to the building code to require traffic impact studies for buildings that could impact traffic flow.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that all schools are built on the north side of Cesar Chavez Boulevard and that when school begins, there is congestion in various spots that affect security, like the ability for fire trucks or police to get where they are needed. He pointed out that in the past, there was poor planning and that he in fact is criticizing past councils. He does not understand why schools are not built among the communities. He blames the traffic and possible accidents on the poor planning. He mentioned that the city needs to be smarter on planning where schools are built and that this ordinance will help prevent this from happening in areas like Avenue F, where schools will need to be built in the future.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that his ordinance is much needed.

**A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 391 by title only.  
(City Clerk to read Ordinance No. 391 by title only)**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 391 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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

Mr. Jose L. Cisneros, Acting City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 391 by title only.

**B. Action on Ordinance No. 391**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 391 and declare an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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 commented that on Monday July 29, 2019, a delegation from Washington D.C., the General Service Administration (GSA), will be touring the city's facilities and ports. These members approve infrastructure spending and some of them have never been to a port, so they will get to experience the wait times and heat endured by residents. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez explained that a few members of congress will be in the city as well and that it will be the first time they are doing this. He mentioned that this meeting is not open to the public and only certain city officials were invited. He also mentioned that the port of San Luis is the only port in the Presidential Budget.

Mr. De La Hoya, City Manager, explained that this meeting was organized by GSA and that they decided who to invite.

Ms. Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer/Assistant to Council, mentioned that this year the city is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there are plans for events and contests for the remaining of the fiscal year.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked when the celebrations begin.

Mr. De La Hoya stated that September 4 is the official day the city was incorporated in 1979.

Ms. Alonso stated that reading of the proclamation celebrating the 40 years will take place September 4 at 6 p.m. followed by a cake cutting, where all Yuma County Mayors and Supervisors will be invited to join the City of San Luis. The Founder's Day Parade will take place the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, and the first weekend of October 4 will be the Founder's Day Celebration.

Louie Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, thanked all the city departments for helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He also thanked Mayor and Council for providing the funding.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked and congratulated Mr. Galaviz and his staff for their hard work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He acknowledged how the event has grown and it is still the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in Yuma County. He commented that this event is used by

many non-profits to obtain most of their funding and allow these organizations to help people in the community. He also thanked Council for approving this event and thanked the fire department for their hard work.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco asked how many people attended the event.

Mr. Galaviz stated that the estimate was over 16,000 people.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that next month, he will be traveling to Phoenix and Tucson to meet with the Arizona Delegation to make sure they are on board with the Port of Entry.

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

Mr. Edgar Melendrez, 1252 C Street, President of Melendrez Scholarship Fund, explained how his organization provides scholarships for students residing in Yuma County. He thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and how he is trying to have the City of Yuma and the City of Somerton to pass a Proclamation as well. He also invited the public to attend a town hall on Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m. State Senator Lisa Otondo, State Representative Charlene Fernandez, and Dr. Gerae Peten will be at the town hall; the public can ask questions and meet their legislators and it is open to the public.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	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