

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
August 14, 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 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
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
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Center
Edgar Carbajal, Human Resources Department
Edgar Juarez, Parks & Recreation Department
Enrique Lopez, Fire Captain
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council
Jorge Mungaray, Senior IT Technician
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ralph Velez, City Consultant
Ric Bauermann, Fire Inspector
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Augustine Tumbaga, Visitor
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority
Carmen Merida, Resident
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter
David Lara, Resident
Eduardo Garcia, Factor Sales
Francisco Heredia, Resident
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident

Jahaziel Vargas, Resident
Javier Vargas, Resident
Jesse Lugo, Visitor
Joe Harper, Resident
John Starkey, Visitor
Jorge Villicaña, Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Luis Marque, Resident
Mark Concha, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Nieves Riedel, Resident
Olivia Jenkins, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gerardo Sanchez.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATION

4.A. 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)

Mr. Edgar Juarez, Recreation Director, explained that on May 4 a fundraiser softball game took place to benefit the Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) Cancer Center Hispanic Support Group. A total amount of \$1,422.00. This is a good way to give back to the community. He introduced Ms. Kathy Cowen-Butler, YRMC Cancer Center Director; Ms. Maria Esparza, Community Health Worker and Ms. Maria Escobar.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the Parks & Recreation Department, its participants and Yuma Regional Medical Center Cancer Center Hispanic Support Group.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF -Regular Council meeting held July 24, 2019

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 13, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2019.

Total Disbursements \$1,280,339.02

(One Million, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Two Cents)

5.C. Discussion and possible action to staff on any and all matters regarding a Field Training Agreement with Wizard Education for field internship training of our paramedic students. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

5.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Border Patrol (USBP) to provide field training to their Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

5.E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Phoenix Children's Hospital. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. 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. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the authorization to process remainder of payment to Yuma County Water Users' Association for the construction of three (3) outlet headwalls within the Main Drain Right-of-Ways. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that the International Plaza project began approximately eight (8) months ago and as part of the project, they will upgrade the discharge lines into the main drain drainage that is generated in the International Plaza I subdivision. The city entered into a contract with the Yuma County Water Users' Association for them to do the work for \$21,295.14. An initial payment of \$12,000.00 was paid to purchase material, a remaining balance of \$9,295.14 is still owed.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve payment to the Yuma County Water Users' Association in the amount of \$9,295.14 to cover the pending balance of the project. 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 on any and all matters regarding a guaranty letter for the refinancing process of Greater Yuma Port Authority. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance)

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, stated that Greater Yuma Port Authority is a non-profit organization and its objective is to promote and develop the new port of entry, its members are from government entities which includes City of San Luis, City of Yuma, Yuma County and the Cocopah Indian Tribe. Currently, GYPA is going through refinancing of a loan and have requested a guarantee letter from its members.

Ms. Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority Executive Director, explained that GYPA is going through a refinance and are asking its members for a letter of guarantor which the City of Yuma and Yuma County have already provided.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that the Port Authority is finally disbursing the land as planned for the past ten (10) years, the debt is going down each year as parcel are being sold and hopefully will be out of this situation in the next five (5) years.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the guarantor letter 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. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2087. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona adopting written procedures for public participation to provide effective, early and continuous public participation in the development and adoption of the amendment to the 2020 City of San Luis General Plan. (City of San Luis, Arizona) (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, explained that state law requires cities to adopt an updated General Plan every ten (10) years and as part of the update it also requires the public participation plan. This plan is for the San Luis 2040 update that he is working on and as part of the plan they already had two (2) workshops and the informational booth on July 4th. More than 100 surveys asking community members what they expect from the city in the next 20 years have been received.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2087. 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 a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Luis and Greater Yuma Port Authority for the proposed Lot Tie Case No. 2019-0336. (Joaquin Campa, Building Official)

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated that this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to allow for the lot split to be approved, some of the conditions that staff had, were to do a water loop system in the subdivision, dedication of the necessary right-of-way, and public improvements. Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) already complied with the water loop system and are doing the dedication of the right-of-way. This MOU will make sure that the public improvements are done when this projects gets developed.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the MOU with GYPA 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

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Gloria Torres reported that she attended an event at Comite De Bienestar and a certificate of appreciation was presented to the city for the help received.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco reported that a few months ago the library director retired and she was appointed to be on the search committee for a new director, they already advertised within and nationally, the time line is from last week to October. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco for being active in this committee and for the hard work done for the city and community. Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz reported that she attended several congressional office meeting with multiple congressmen in regards to the port of entry support and the city, they gave full support.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he will be attending similar meetings in Phoenix and Tucson in regard to the port of entry and it is very important that full support is given to this project. This port of entry is the only port of entry in the presidential's budget and California and Texas are competing for it. The City of San Luis has the support of the Governor, City of Douglass, City of Nogales, multiple port cities and Mayors, Arizona Department of Transportation and state agencies.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz thanked Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, and Luis for attending the meeting and Luis Ramirez who are a crucial part to all the work Elected Officials have done. She added that she attended the grand opening of the Yuma Kidney and Dialysis Specialist Bio Family Clinic on the 18th, it is good news for San Luis.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that in the neurological aspect, it is very important as this is something that is lacking in the City of San Luis, he heard that a local clinic is also expanding therefore there is a possibility that there will be more providers, a cardiologist and an orthopedic place.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported he attended the San Luis Film Festival at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center last Friday and got to know new people in this industry.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Mark Concha, 1141 N. De La Vara Avenue, SLAZ, stated he is representing all those people who will be left without a job, there are quite a few people that stand behind Riedel Construction. He said he is not representing Riedel but those that will be without a job because the City Council only see one office but in reality it is an organization quite big. Approximately in November, he will be without a job along with other families that directly or indirectly depend on this company, which are approximately 300 people that mainly are the only income source in their homes.

Furthermore Mr. Concha added that the city wanted to implement certain things that do not have a place since approximately two (2) months ago a subdivision next to Santa Cecilia 3, to which a few of things were not implemented that are currently being asked for Santa Cecilia 3. Yet this has not been a problem with Ms. Riedel as she has fulfilled all the requirements and the city's whims. Also Ms. Riedel offered to connect County 24th from Avenue F to 10th Street and not only that, but the city maybe thought how will the city pay back Ms. Riedel. She also presented an effective plan for the city not to be in debt and help connect this route that is fundamental. The people that live on Avenue F are people that pay taxes just like all the other residents in San Luis and are not receiving the services they are supposed to as if there is an accident, specially during traffic times, which is during the time kids get out of school, it will be a lot easier for a person to die since the help will not get there on time. Avenue F does not count with a police nor fire substation. He stated that he can continue with the abuse of power that Mayor Gerardo Sanchez has committed against Ms. Riedel, and the rest of the City Council support him since the City Council has the power and right to stop the Mayor if he is not using his power the way he is supposed to. But yet, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, was on television stating that the City of San Luis is one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Arizona, but you are stopping the growth since you are not operating in an effective manner.

Mr. David Lara, 1062 6th Drive, SLAZ, stated he wanted an email from each and every Council Member giving him a logical explanation on economic development. There is something that happened in San Luis again that happened many years ago when your son was a Council Member and that is purchasing from outside vendors for product that is more expensive and top of that the city has taken six (6) months to one (1) year to pay him. What happens with the city's residents if they do not pay their water bill? And yet the other vendor is getting paid really fast. He is not going to get any richer or poorer but how many other local vendors are going through the same thing. The city supports outside business owners.

Ms. Olivia Jenkins, 3766 E. Jet Street, SLAZ, former city employee for 34 years, stated she wanted to provide the City Council some information she feels is relevant to a discussion the City Council will be having in executive session and as she was approached regarding probably that same matter by other persons regarding what happened during the salary study and compensation study that she was involved with while she was a city employee. Ms. Jenkins added she will provide them with a written response but also wanted to for the record, make a clarification so the City Council can hear it from her. She was approached with the question what happened to the HR position, the HR Manager, the HR Director, her response is in relation to the question that she has been approached with the Human Resources Manager or Director position, at the time of the study the recommendation and the change was to title only, this request recommendation made by her under her capacity of HR Manager was to align the title for the HR Director with other Director positions that had been recommended for a title change. The title change for the HR Director did not change the pay rate, the job class, or the job description and/or responsibilities of that position.

Documents presented and submitted for adoption with the agenda item for July 9, 2018 Council Agenda are city records and at your disposition. If the pay grade or any other component of the position is not what it was adopted, that would be a modification that was done after January 31, 2019 when she retired. She added that anything that transpired during the study either are in emails, in CPS HR Consultants or in reports received from the consultant, perhaps only the consults now have that information as she was informed that the computer that was used by her while in HR had problems with the hard drive, it was damaged, fried and she is assuming that data was lost. So she finds it interesting that if that is what happened or perhaps that computer was removed voluntarily from that office and respectfully asked that her name and her children's family name is not used to place on blame or suspicion as to what she did while she was a city employee. If the City Council has any questions or concerns they are always welcome to contact her and ask her and asked the City Council to please not assume that she did or did not do things. She said she invited the City Council to have a conversation with her before she left, to clear any matters they might had any concerns with and she thinks they had a good conversation. She worked hard and long during her 34 years to gain respect and trust from her co-workers and she left hoping that that was not tainted, she still is a resident of San Luis, lives here and has family here.

Ms. Guillermina Fuentes, 1630 N. 9th Avenue, SLAZ, she reiterated her support to the City Council for the good work they are doing as Council Members if it was not like she would of not have supported them, the pilot program of defamation began against the City Council, but wanted to tell them that she is there and there have been a few scourges to the person that has been wanting to remove you, so if that person wants one more then enter once more. The group will support the City Council so don't throw off the towel Mayor as he is doing a good job they know what he is doing. So if there are black intentions from the individuals that only live and love living from conflict, she does not want to imagine the poor life they live.

Ms. Maria Robles, 1195 California Street, SLAZ, congratulated the City Council for the great job they are doing for the community and as a resident of the city for the past 30 years she has seen how different administrations work and she will always support the people that work and feels very proud of the City Council's work and reiterated her support with everything that they are doing because they are there to support the community and do show it with facts. She is simply a witness of what they are doing with the Latino group of cancer and that is what we all should be concentrating on things like this, in supporting to grow and be stronger.

Mr. Jose Manuel Guizar, 1425 Cabello Avenue, SLAZ, stated he is there to speak on behalf of all the people that work and live off from a minimum salary wage here in San Luis, AZ, that unfortunately it is not a good salary, he has been a resident of the city for 14 years and regardless of the problems there are between them, the employees cannot do anything, it is the City Council that needs to start working, the city is going down instead of going up. The roads are horrible, the traffic jams due to the schools and everything that was done regarding the line is worst.

He asked the Mayor and City Council to think about the families that work and do not say anything, during the summer they work 40 hours and have to work extra hours to live more or less comfortable. There are a lot of people that will be left without a job.

Mr. Jesse Lugo, Gadsden resident, democrat, stated that he is happy with the City Council who is recognized by the state, it does not matter who is in the City Council, there will always be problems, but the group supports the ones that got elected, yes there can be new roads but it all costs money. Not too long ago there were petitions circulating to place a police and fire sub-stations at Avenue F but the people did not support it, so now the people is screwed because there will be no police and fire sub-stations, therefore people need to support these type of petitions.

Mr. Augustine Tumbaga, 235 W. Beach Street, Somerton, AZ stated that one of the topics that has been discussed lately is Santa Cecilia 3 and he was one of the persons that put the deal together with Josh Meyers and put it together in phases and there is a process and he is surprised how San Luis has grown. The issues going on is something he believes can be resolved, he thinks staff is working on it and he has made an attempt with the individuals that own the land that are creating some of this problem, many months ago, he spoke to an individual about selling the property knowing the situation was there...40,000 acres, 50,000 acres taking it at a higher price, he spoke to him today and told him that he will do the 50,000, magically the number is now \$75,000.00 to potentially \$100,000.00 an acre. These are individuals not from this community or South County that creates a situation, a turmoil he sees going on and he realizes it is a plus that the community continues to grow, the census is coming soon and the numbers will help the city for more funding to come, but he foresees that outsiders that don't live close to this area don't care about this community are creating these problems because of things that were not done many years ago and now it falls on the current local governing body and developers. On a separate note, he added that the domestic violence home was sold and hopes to raise another \$30,000.00 little by little working with Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz some funds will be raised to have another domestic violence shelter in San Luis.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A) subsections (3) and (4)

Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A) subsections (3) and (4) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City's Attorneys in order to consider the Board Members' position and instruct the Attorneys regarding the employment contract for the recruitment of a future HR head. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney and Justin Pierce, Outside Counsel/Employment Lawyer)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:48 p.m. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) nay vote by Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz.

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

10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to go back to Regular Session at approximately 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously six (6) aye votes, Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz left the meeting immediately after the Mayor and City Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:48 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos	not present
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

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) aye votes.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos	not present
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

APPROVED:

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, SAN LUIS, ARIZONA HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2019. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULLY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk