

**MINUTES**  
**Work Session**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**August 7, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Jose Ponce  
Council Member Matias Rosales  
Council Member Gloria Torres

**ABSENT:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Derek Dueñas, Information Technology Manager  
Edgar Juarez, Recreation Coordinator  
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Mayor and Council/PIO  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Joaquin Campa, Building Official  
Jorge Mungaray, Information Technology Department  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Lizette Varela, Parks & Recreation Department  
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police  
Ric Bauermann, Fire Department  
Juan Guerrero, Resident  
Abraham Andrade, Rolls & Bowls  
Nazer Mendez, Executive Director of 4FrontEd  
Olivia Jenkins, Resident  
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol  
Lucty Lopez, San Luis AZ News

## **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **2. A. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding a mural project considered for the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center south wall. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Ms. Lindsey Banacka, Arts and Cultural Manager for the City of Yuma and Next Gen Youth Leadership Council and Mr. Abraham Andrade, Co-Founder of Chicano Art Collective.

Ms. Linsey Banacka made a brief introduction of the Next Gen Youth Leadership Council, which consist of young professionals which their main goal is to attract young professional within the Greater Yuma Area. She informed that the Arts Committee developed a program called the Mural of the Month Program which has an incentive to provide civic improvement to the Yuma County Area to make the community a more exciting place to live and to build cultural pride. She mentioned that she would like this program to be implemented the City of San Luis Cesar Chavez Cultural Center.

Mr. Abraham Andrade, Co-Founder of Chicano Art Collective, this organization is dedicated to promoting culture and art in Yuma County, especially in San Luis, AZ. He informed that Next Gen Youth Leadership Council plans to create 12 murals throughout the Yuma County, this mural will be created by different international artists, the San Luis mural would be the 6<sup>th</sup> mural created by this organization. Mr. Andradre provided a powerpoint presentation which included the different artwork created throughout Yuma County. A copy of this presentation is on file with the complete agenda packet filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked where are the funds for this project coming.

Ms. Banacka replied that the funds come from the Arizona Community Foundation; every project has different funding depending on the size of the project. For this specific project, the foundation is looking for a match from the community. The Arizona Community Foundation will be sponsoring half of the project, and once the design is confirmed when they will come to the community not necessarily from the city. This project is estimated to cost between \$3,000 to \$4,000, it is a massive scale project.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco asked if the artist will be providing different sketch ideas for the committee to decide upon.

Mr. Andrade replied that a sketch could be provided something in the following week.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Ms. Banacka and Mr. Andrade for the great project.

Mr. Galaviz mentioned that this project would be presented to Council for final approval. The goal is to have everything finalized by the end of 2019.

Council Member Gloria Torres thanked Mr. Andrade for promoting culture in the City of San Luis community.

**2. B. Presentation by the Arizona Soccer Association on the Youth Recreational and Club Team Program that they would like to bring to the City of San Luis and its benefits to the community. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that staff has always looked into the option of providing recreational soccer as well as continue with the club teams. He mentioned that staff had been approached by the Arizona Soccer Association to provide both services to the community.

Mr. Juan Guerrero, Soccer Coach, mentioned that one of the reasons for bringing the recreational soccer program is because unless one belongs to a club you can participate in soccer for this reason the Arizona Soccer Association was contacted. He stated that the soccer clubs would like to partner with the City of San Luis and the Arizona Soccer Association to make this accessible to all kids.

Mr. Rick Chelsey, Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Soccer Association, made a powerpoint presentation. A copy is filed with the complete agenda packet filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that the Arizona Soccer Association proposal is great for the community, and it is very positive.

Mr. Guerrero explained that if this proposal is approved by the Council, there will be two entities that will give youth the opportunity to participate in soccer and get certified to participate in the different clubs. He stated that the recreation soccer is very important in the development stage.

Council Member Matias Rosales mentioned that one of the challenges that will be facing is soccer fields to play.

Mr. Galaviz replied that staff is looking into different spaces and will bring them to staff for consideration.

**2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with Phoenix Children's Hospital. (Angel Ramirez Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that this agreement would allow the San Luis Fire Department to participate in clinical time and gain experience in the pediatric sector; this will also be a great resource to bring pediatric based training to the Yuma area. He stated that there had been an increase in pediatric cases in the area; for this reason, this will be a great opportunity to train the personnel at no cost to the city. The fire personnel will be sent to Phoenix for training, and they will also come down to the area to provide the training.

**2. D. Discussion and possible directions 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)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that this agreement is to provide field intern training for paramedic students.

**2. E. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Border Patrol to provide field training to their Emergency Medical Technicians(EMT's) and Paramedics. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that the San Luis Fire Department has the best Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics in the Yuma County area. He stated that he had been approached by the United States Border Patrol to provide field training to their EMT's and paramedic students. He added that with the knowledge and expertise the San Luis Fire Department paramedics have, they would provide valuable teaching techniques to apply and use during their daily routines.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated the San Luis Fire Department for this approach and mentioned that it is an honor to have been contacted by the United States Border Patrol to provide these services.

**2. F. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding an informational update by the Building Safety Department. (Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz & Joaquin Campa, Building Official)**

Mr. Joaquin Campa, Building Official, presented Mayor and Council with the report that included the commercial projects and residential project status as of August 6, 2019. A copy of this report is filed with the complete agenda packet filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Council Member Matias Rosales asked Mr. Campa if the department is ready for when the newly adopted building codes go into effect.

Mr. Campa replied that he would be giving presentations in English and Spanish to all contractors regarding the new requirements.

**2. G. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding marketing campaign by Puerto Peñasco, "Peñasco Te Atrae" on its cruise and maritime services. (Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz & Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)**

Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos mentioned that this item was discussed during the Arizona Mexico Commission conference that she attended. She mentioned that an idea came out that the city provides services for when the snowbirds come to the area.

Mr. Nazer Mendez, Executive Director for 4FrontEd, informed that this project was discussed during the last 4FrontEd group meeting. He mentioned that Puerto Peñasco Mayor Ernesto "Kiko" Munro is touring to promote this project to attract more businesses. He added Mayor Munro is also promoting the first cruise to be inaugurated on December 7, 2019. Mr. Nazer commented that Mr. Munro will be promoting this new project as a maritime shipment port and would like to work directly with the San Luis Port of Entry to access the US market. Furthermore, he informed that Mayor Munro would be available to make a presentation after September 15, 2019.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez informed that the City of San Luis has always had a good working relationship with Puerto Peñasco. He added that they had expressed their interest to become part of the 4FrontED program.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, informed that during the 4FrontEd meeting, it was informed that Nogales, AZ promoted a safety corridor for their area. She suggested doing the same the San Luis, AZ, area to promote the area.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez informed that he received a letter from Cabo San Lucas, Baja California expressing their interest in becoming Sister City with the City of San Luis.

**3. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:34 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 Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

APPROVED:

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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

### **CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, SAN LUIS, ARIZONA HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2019. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULLY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk