

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**May 22, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Gloria Torres

**ABSENT:** Council Member Jose Ponce  
Council Member Matias Rosales

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Axel Chayra, IT Technician  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer/Assistant to Council  
Isaac Gutierrez, GIS Specialist  
Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Alex Joe Harper, Resident  
Carmen Merida, Resident  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter  
Concepcion Ulloa, Resident  
David Lara, Resident  
Juanita Toledo, Resident  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter  
Jesse Lugo, Visitor  
John Starkey, Visitor  
Maria Gonzalez, Visitor  
Mark Concha, Resident  
Maria Nuñez, Resident  
Maria Robles, Resident  
Najeh Edais, Edais Engineering

## **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**

### **4. A. Proclamation – National Public Works Week May 19-25, 2019**

Ms. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez proclaimed May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week in the City of San Luis. He thanked the Public Works employees for the dedication and making a difference in the community.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. A. MINUTES OF**

- Work Session held April 17, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held April 24, 2019

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM APRIL 27, 2019 THROUGH MAY 10, 2019**

Total Disbursements \$587,710.99

(Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Ten Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2074. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona directing the City Manager to establish and implement a plan for the fiscal year 2019-2020 for reduction in force and in civic contributions to ensure that city expenses do not exceed city revenues; superseding any conflicting provisions of the city; and**

**providing for severability; and declaring an emergency. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager)**

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, informed that this resolution is presented as in previous years as a precautionary measure in case of a shortfall in revenues.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez explained that this resolution is not intended to do any layoffs as this is the last option. He informed that this resolution is just a formality, he suggested tabling this resolution, as there is no emergency.

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, asked Mayor Sanchez if the item will be continued to a different meeting or if it will be tabled definitely.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez replied that this resolution would be tabled definitely, but if an emergency arises and one is needed, staff can draft a new resolution. Currently, staff is still working in the budget, at no point the city is ready to reduce its labor force or thinking of laying off anyone.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco to table Resolution No. 2074. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the ratification of the purchase for a new Emergency Incident Command Vehicle. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that this item was presented before council on January 23, 2019, and it was approved. He stated that there was a misunderstanding on the quote provided by Emergency Vehicle Group, which was not able to use the discount code on the pricing of the vehicle. He informed that in order to receive the discounted price, the city had to split the purchase between two (2) vendors. The purchase of the truck will be directly from Selman Chevrolet Co., and the uplifting will be done by Emergency Vehicle Group. The price will remain the same as previously approved. Mr. Ramirez asked for approval of the ratification of the purchase orders.

**MOTION:** to ratify purchase orders 201-00002580 under Emergency Vehicle Group in the amount of \$31,932.00 plus tax and 2019-00002601 under Selman Chevrolet Co., in the amount of \$37,575.68 plus tax, both purchase order not to exceed the amount of \$74,000.00 Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**6. C. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the City of San Luis Parks & Recreation Department to sell alcohol at the 4th of July Celebration to be held July 4, 2019. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation)**

**A. Open public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**1. Presentation by staff and/or applicant**

Mr. Jesus Meza, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, informed that the City of San Luis Parks & Recreation would be working with the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club in the sale of alcohol during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. He informed that the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary club would be in charge of selling the alcohol to the public and they will be obtaining the Liability Insurance for this event.

**2. Call to the public on this item**

There was no questions and/or comments from council and the public.

**B. Close public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**C. Action on Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the Special Event Liquor License Application for the City of San Luis, Parks & Recreation Department as presented. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay from Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Nay |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2019-5. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona implementing a uniform video and cable service license, a standard form application with an affidavit by mandate of the Arizona Legislature. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, asked Mayor and Council to continue this item to a meeting in June. She informed that this should be done by July, there are other cities in Arizona that are doing other changes and she would like to do more research.

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to continue this item to a meeting in June. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**6. E. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2019-0224 and Ordinance No. 390. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the official zoning map of the City of San Luis by changing the zoning classification of 30.3 acres from Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) to Medium Density Residential (R1-6) for property located on the northeast corner of County 24th Street and 20th Avenue. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)**

**A. Open public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

**1. Staff presentation**

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, informed that this request was submitted by Edais Engineering, Inc. on behalf of the owner Riedel Holdings, LLC. This request is to rezone 30.3 acres from Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) to Medium Density Residential (R1-6) and High-Density Residential (R-3). He informed that the reason for this request to do a residential subdivision that will consist of 123 lots and is inconsistent with the General Plan designation. He stated that staff is recommending approval of the request.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the request and if there were any questions from the commission.

Mr. Guzman informed that there was a condition pending on an older ordinance, and after review, it was determined that those conditions were not applicable because the agreement expired in 2012.

**2. Call to the Public on this item**

There was no comments and/or commented from council and the public.

**B. Close public hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

### **C. Approval of Reading of Ordinance No. 390 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco/Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to approve reading of Ordinance No. 390 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 390 by title only.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

### **D. Action on Ordinance No. 390**

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve Ordinance No. 390. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |

## **7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos informed that Mr. Kiko Munro, Presidente Municipal for Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico made an announcement that great things will be coming to Puerto Peñasco and requested the region for support.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Comite de Bienestar, St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, and other organizations for the support given and stepping out by helping the asylum seekers in the community.

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

Mr. David Lara, 1032 6<sup>th</sup> Drive, San Luis, AZ, commented that by reading the newspaper and item 6. A. it seems to contradict because there was an emergency and now there is no emergency. He mentioned that if money is needed, City Council should start by taking a cut of their salary. He commented that there are employees that are politically protected and should not be employed anymore. He mentioned that there are lot of ways to find money without sacrificing good quality employees. He asked Mayor Sanchez to be careful on how money is spent, do not protect certain employees, do what is right, and tighten the belt as everybody does. He asked council to get the facts straight.

Ms. Diane Umphress, Amberly's Place, 1310 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Yuma, AZ, informed that the reason for being present during this meeting is because during the last work session a concern was created, regarding the service provided by her agency. She stated that a conversation with her staff was taken regarding the services her agency provides to San Luis Municipal Court. She added that Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, provided her with copies of the State Statute regarding the courts. In Yuma County, in the court if there are children involved or if it is a marriage situation with domestic violence, it is a customary practice that those victims are taken to JP Court or the Superior Court because if there is going to be custody issues, they need to follow on that. Furthermore, she informed that the following day, the advocate went to the Municipal Court and the City Prosecutor's office to make the relationship stronger so that better services can be provided to the victims. Ms. Umphress stated that if in the future, there are any issues or concerns, to please inform her to address those issues. She provided copies of the AZPOST training provided to the San Luis Police Department on Predominant Aggressive for Domestic Violence on strangulation and human trafficking. Also, a letter from Judge David Haws regarding what is customary for orders of protection to provide a background. She asked Mayor and Council if they have any questions or concerns to please contact her. She stated that the City of San Luis support is needed to able to support the victims that live in San Luis.

Ms. Maria Nuñez, 1449 Arden Avenue, San Luis, AZ, supported Ms. Umphress on her request and asked Mayor and Council to continue supporting this agency. She asked Mayor and Council to please reconsider their salaries and take a cut to lower the deficit. She asked to please use ethical values. Ms. Nuñez thanked Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya as part of the Gadsden School District for using their funds to pave their street for parents and children. She asked to please do not forget Arden Avenue.

Ms. Guillermina Fuentes, 1630 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Luis, AZ, addressed Mr. Lara's comment to council "be aware on where you spend your money, so you can save it," "you are not trying to save the money for our community." She asked Mayor and Council to do what Mr. Lara is requesting, so that wealthy people can abuse the public money of welfare, like ACCHS and family assistance benefits. She mentioned that she had seen a lot of negative comments on the proposed property tax. She added that this tax was to make San Luis a better community. She stated that the reason the proposed tax was not approved by the voters was the lack of promotion of this tax. Furthermore, she stated that all those people that criticize the local government should help in the betterment of the community.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Vice-Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez               | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos      | Aye |
| Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.   | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | Aye |
| Council Member Gloria Torres        | Aye |