MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
November 26, 2019
6:30 p.m.

APPROVED by Council
Date: 12/23/2019
Clerks Office: [illegible]

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT:
Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Jose Ponce
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:
Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Castro, Contracts & Grants Coordinator
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator
Ayleen Larios, Customer Service Representative
Carlos Cortez, Assitant Director of Finance
Debora Luna, Accountant
Derek Dueñas, Information Technology Manager
Edgar Carbajal, Acting Human Resources Manager
Elizabeth Bonilla, Administrative Coordinator
Enrique Lopez, Assitant Fire Chief
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Fausto Gonzalez, Trainning & Programs Coordinator
Francia Alonso, PIO/Assistant to Council
Issaac Gutierrez, GIS Technician
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jonathan Dumadag, IT Technician
Jorge Mungaray, Senior IT Technician
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Josue Aranda, Bailiff
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Margarita Dominguez, Accounting Specialist
Martha Jimenez, Building Inspector
Miguel Ramirez, Accountant

Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Nancy Juares, Administrative Coordinator
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Rogelio Martinez, Office Assistant
Roula Encinas, Accountant
Tyler Greent, Firefighter
Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Eddie Loo, Developer
Emma Torres, Executive Director Campesinos Sin Fronteras
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Rogelio Torres, Visitor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gloria Torres.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was performed by Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police.

4. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS

4.A. PROCLAMATION
- Dia Del Campesino (Farm Worker's Day) December 7, 2019

Ms. Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, read the proclamation in its entirety.

Ms. Emma Torres, Campesinos Sin Frontera, stated that el Dia del Campesino began 25 years ago in 1994. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for the continued support towards this event. This event recognizes the labor and hard work of the farmworker population not only in this community, but throughout the country.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Campesinos Sin Frontera for organizing this event and invited the community to attend this celebration.

4.B. Presentation of Special Congressional Recognition received from the United States Senator Martha McSally for employees in honor of their years of dedicated service to the City of San Luis. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that it was a great honor for a senator to recognize the City of San Luis employees for their years of service. He presented the special congressional recognitions to the employees on behalf of United States Senator Martha McSally. He congratulated and thanked all the employees for their hard work and dedication to the City of San Luis.

4.C. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of San Luis Finance Department, for the City of San Luis' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager)

The Finance Department was presented with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, stated that this certificate of achievement is the highest distinction for a city on financial reporting. The City of San Luis has been obtaining this achievement since 2013. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated the Finance Department for this achievement.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.A. MINUTES OF
- Work Session held November 6, 2019
- Regular Council meeting held November 13, 2019

5.B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 02, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2019.
Total Disbursements $748,003.01
(Seven-Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Three Dollars and One Cent)

5.C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding authorization to lease two (2) travel vehicles for the City of San Luis using Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Projects budgeted funds. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance; Edgar Carbajal, Acting HR Manager; and Jorge Perez Billing and Collections Manager)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6.A. Discussion and possible actions on any and all matters regarding a contract with Berkeley Research Group, LLC., associated with the Development of Feasibility Study for Natural Gas in San Luis, Arizona. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, requested that this item be continued to the next scheduled council meeting as the company that submitted the proposal, Galaway, was bought by a different company and negotiations are being made with them.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to continue this item to the next scheduled council meeting. 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 the approval of a 6-month renewal/extension agreement between the City of San Luis and Border Gym Fitness, L.L.C. (Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator)

Mr. Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator, explained that because of the popularity of the City's Gym Membership Benefit Program (Gym Benefit), Human Resources (HR) would like to submit the Border Gym Fitness service contract for review and consideration and recommend the approval of the proposed contract. Memberships per gym have remained fairly consistent with membership split almost in half between both providers for the past five (5) months. Overall, the program has averaged a total of 56 active memberships per month and out of the 60 slots, Border Gym Fitness has kept an average of about 26 memberships per month. Border Gym Fitness proposes a 6-month contract ending on June 30, 2020. And the owners intend to return to the city before the expiration of the 6 months to negotiate a new contract for FY 2020-2021.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the contract with Border Gym Fitness 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.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2106. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management to renew lease AZA-015957- The Recreation and Public Purposes Lease of September 9, 1983 (and subsequent amendments) for Joe Orduño Park. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

A. Presentation by staff

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated that this resolution is a request for authorization to submit a recreation and public purpose lease renewal application for the continued use of 28.12 acres of Joe Orduño park; the lease expired in 2008. The lease was approved for 25 years. The lease application process will take anywhere from one (1) to two (2) years.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, added that the previous Director of Planning & Zoning never applied for renewal.

B. Action on Resolution No. 2106

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Resolution No. 2106 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. 2107. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management for a Recreation and Public Purposes lease for 40 acres located on the southwest corner of County 24th Street and Avenue F. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

A. Presentation by staff

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, explained that the National Recreational Park Association recommends having between 6.25 to 10.5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents and according to the census, the population for the City of San Luis in 2018 was 36,552, so that means the city requires between 228 to 294 acres. The city currently has approximately 50 acres of land, including retention basins, which are not parks. Mr. Guzman described that community parks are usually 20 to 50 acres and they provide service to three (3) miles surrounding the area; the only community park in existence is Joe Orduño Park. The City of San Luis is approximately 33 square miles big. The city has an agreement with San Luis High School to use its facilities and provides some amenities in the evening. Therefore, the locations for the proposed community parks are the southwest corner of Urtuzuastegui Street and 10th Avenue and the southwest corner of County 24th Street and Avenue F. A regional park provides service to the whole community and is between 50 to 75 acres and the proposed location is County 22nd Street and 10th Avenue for it. Staff is proposing to apply first for the community park due to the need. The city is allowed to request the lease for up to 25 years and then the city has the option to obtain a patent in which the city would get ownership and can only be used for recreational purposes, the application fee is $100.00

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, added that this is part of the process that began back in March when staff visited Congressman Grijalva and the Department of Interior.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that there is no guarantee that it will be obtained, it is just like the funding for the port of entry. This is an opportunity and staff should apply for the land, this can change, all it takes is a change in government to do things differently, the city has to think in the future. The city's population is 36,000 and there is only one park, so it is a necessity.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco asked if the $100.00 is the only fee involved and what is the time frame on this. Mr. Guzman responded that the lease process takes one (1) to two (2) years and the application fee is $100.00. There will be other fees during the development of the park. She is concerned that the proposed locations are too close to each other and prefers the original proposed location of County 22nd Street and 10th Avenue. Mr. Guzman clarified that these are community parks and will provide sports athletic fields; the regional park will provide more walking paths and the proposed location of this park is County 22nd Street and 10th Avenue.

Mr. De La Hoya stated that what is being presented to City Council tonight is the resolution in support of the application and the $100.00 fee that the city will pay to submit the application.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, commented that once approved, the city has the permission to use the land through the lease and there is a maintenance fee which is not significant but it is established by them. Even if it is a patent, the city still does not own it and there are restrictions on federal land when it is leased.

B. Action on Resolution No. 2107

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Resolution No. 2107 as presented by staff. 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. 2108. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management for a Recreation and Public Purposes lease for 40 acres located on the southeast corner of Urtuzuastegui Street and 10th Avenue. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, explained that this resolution is for the second application on the second location of a park.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez clarified that these are applications only, it does not mean the city will spend millions of dollars and build these parks; the process is beginning but this is something that future elected officials will have to deal with, the need for recreation is big and it is expensive.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Gloria Torres to approve Resolution No. 2108 as presented by staff. 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

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, reported that last week he participated in a conference call with the United States General Services Administration (GSA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the relinquishing of Friendship Park. Attorneys for both entities will talk and let the city know how to proceed.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that GSA is moving forward, Friendship Park has its history and there is a possibility that the City of San Luis will get the funding for its port. The city is requesting $248 million and is a work in progress.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco added that this makes her sad as she considers this a landmark in the city as a life-long resident. She also reported that herself and Council Member Jose Ponce attended the National League of Cities Conference in San Antonio, Texas last week, they spoke about the things that affect communities and the Census, the theme was "I Love My City" and how to attract your city.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz reported she attended the community legal services luncheon in celebration of providing legal services to the community for 40 years. She said that the South Yuma County Domestic Violence Coalition has been invited to start planning events at the City of Somerton.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported he attended the PPEP Youth Build graduation last week, there were approximately 20 students and it is amazing to see that 17 students are pursuing a college degree. He thanked the City Council for the continued support to this organization/program.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz added PPEP Youth Build is a very active group in the community.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco mentioned that there are many cities allocating funds in their budget for the upcoming census.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:53 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

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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FO THE CITY COUNCIL, SAN LUIS, ARIZONA HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULLY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk