

**MINUTES**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**December 23, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED** by Council  
Date: 1/8/2020  
Clerks Office: SC

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Council Member Matias Rosales-arrived at approximately 6:36 p.m.  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Jose Ponce  
Council Member Gloria Torres-left the meeting at approximately 7:17 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Angelica Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Carlos Cortez, Assitant Director of Finance  
Edgar Carbajal, Acting Human Resources Director  
Enrique Lopez, Assitant Fire Chief  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO  
Gilberto Torres, Wastewater Supervisor  
Jonathan Dumadag, IT Technician  
Jorge Mungaray, IT Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Eddie Loo, Developer  
Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jose Ponce.

### **3. INVOCATION**

The invocation was performed by Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4.A. MINUTES OF**

- Special Council meeting held November 26, 2019

#### **4.B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM DECEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2019.**

**Total Disbursements \$989,528.03**

(Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Three Cents)

**4.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of seven (7) new cardiac monitors. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

**4.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of three (3) shade structures for the Joe Orduño Park. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation)**

**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
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:**

**5.A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of Council Member Jose Ponce to serve on the Regional Council on Aging - Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council of the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG). (Francia Alonso, Assistant to Mayor and Council/PIO)**

Ms. Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO, said that in September 2019, WACOG notified the city that there was a vacancy in the Regional Council on Aging, since then, Council Member Jose Ponce has expressed his interest in serving on this board. The last member to serve on this board was Mr. Agustin Rodriguez, former city employee.

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Gloria Torres to appoint Council Member Jose Ponce to the Regional Council on Aging as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

**5.B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding EcoVerde EG-Mini Skid Odor Control System for East Mesa Lift Station. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that East San Luis has been experiencing significant residential growth as well as some commercial and industrial construction. The existing and new developments' wastewater in that area, in addition to diverted flows from the Juan Sanchez Diversion Lift Station, enter the East San Luis Lift Station and generates the need for an odor control unit to minimize odor issues.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to waive formal purchasing procedures and approve the purchase of the EcoVerde System in the amount of \$78,610.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

**5.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and ratification of the Taylor Engineering project for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard formerly known as Juan Sanchez Boulevard Extension to Levee 6" Waterline. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, mentioned that the city requested quotes for the installation of approximately 575 linear feet of 6" water main per initial estimate based on the approximate location of existing water lines. The original quote came in well under the \$35,000.00, hence as allowed by the the purchasing code, it was procured with quotes. Taylor Engineering completed the project to meet the city's needs, which included some additional quantities and some unforeseen work.

Including the additional quantities and the change order work, the project total cost added up to \$35,752.60, exceeding the amount allowed by Section (D) and (E) of the city procurement code through the quote process.

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to waive formal purchasing procedures and approve ratification of payment to Taylor Engineering, P.L.L.C. in the amount of \$35,752.60. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

**5.D. Discussion and possible action any and all matters regarding the purchase of two, five-row bleachers and two, ten-row bleachers for the Recreation Department. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, mentioned that the Recreation Department has been looking into the possibility of purchasing two(2), five-row portable bleachers and two (2), ten-row portable bleachers for the last couple of months. These bleachers would be used for many upcoming events in which the community will be seated to enjoy the yearly baseball exhibitions brought to the city, the Fourth of July celebration, the Founders Day celebration and many more events planned throughout the year. Currently, the bleachers used for these events are a bit worn out, and staff has gone above and beyond to look for bleachers that are trustworthy and comfortable for the community.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to waive formal purchase procedures and approve the purchase of two (2) bleachers in the amount of \$45,320.40 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

**5.E. Presentation followed by discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding a Special Event Liquor License Application for the 2020 Lechuga Fest to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation Department)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, explained that the City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to partner with Jaizu Entertainment Promotions to present an event concert to bring the band "La Brissa" (Cumbia style music) to our community. Staff will be developing a contract with promoters that will be funding the entertainment, sound, stage and other requirements by Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney and Risk Management for this event. The city would provide the facility venue for the event (fields, Cultural Center and trash containers). This is an opportunity to provide the residents with a concert type event that brings popular groups and artists for a low cost to the area. The city would request the Special Event Liquor Permit, with 25% going to the city and 75% to Jaizu Entertainment Promotions. This would be a onetime trial basis, and depending on the turnout, staff would renegotiate the contract for future events. Staff would like to develop these types of events to make the City of San Luis a tourism destination point and an economic boost opportunity for our local businesses. Funds raised from this event would benefit the field renovation fund to continue to enhance Joe Orduño Park. Tickets will be \$15.00 pre-sale and \$20.00 at the gate.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that it is an excellent idea, they are willing to take the risk, events like these have been successful at local communities and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora.

Mr. Jairo Vargas stated that they are focusing in San Luis, Arizona as this is a good opportunity for everyone.

Mr. Jesus Garcia said that they already began the promotion and are negotiating with the band, they paid the upfront money and taking the risk. They are just waiting and hoping that the City Council supports this event.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez directed staff to proceed.

**5.F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 393. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona amending the City Code by amending Chapter 112, "Transportation Business Regulations" to provide for a border area and a system of issuance and regulation for border area vehicle permits to park at Taxi Stands or wait at Taxi Waiting Stands within said border area; amending the definition for Taxicab; renumbering certain sections within Chapter 112; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief and Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director)**

Mr. Marco Santana, San Luis Police Department Lieutenant, explained that the main focus of this ordinance is to move the taxi stand from the actual north side to the south side due to the congestion of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the border area of the port of entry. Staff is concerned for the safety of people traveling and walking through the area.

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, stated that this item has been discussed in depth at previous work sessions and reiterated on some of the points of public safety.

Both Mr. Santana and Mr. Ramirez particularized on the statistics of the calls received to the port of entry on a daily basis.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, added that elaborating on the additional funding, this change would have to occur regardless of this ordinance due to the redesign of the new port for vehicle exit. This change will reduce the vehicular/pedestrian conflicts significantly and should ease that intersection. This will promote the safety and welfare of the general public.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that after the president signed the \$152.4 million for the renovation, many changes will happen for the next three (3) years. Where the taxi stand is at right now, that is where the changes will happen.

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, commented that an urban study was done by General Services Administration (GSA) and the State Department approximately two (2) years ago and this location was the recommended location to do the change of the taxi stand.

**MOTION:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 393 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

Ms. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 393 by title only.

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 393. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

## **6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that many things have happened over the last week...one of them is the United States – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA) was finally approved by Congress. Arizona is getting ready because this is something that both Arizona and Sonora have been waiting for as it will help the state and locally and it will promote the economy for both countries. Secondly, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the President have signed the spending bill of \$152.4 million for the renovation of the port of entry; \$248 million was requested, but the City of San Luis did get \$152.4 million. No other port in the nation got funded but the San Luis Port of Entry as it is a priority. This is not a U.S. credit but Mexico's, the improvements need to be seen in Mexico as well and both countries need to work together; there will be a lot of construction for the next three (3) years. There will be work and opportunities for businesses. Other states wanted this money, the City of San Luis port of entry is very fortunate to have obtained this funding. He thanked the City Council for the support. With this, there is a stronger argument for Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Hwy 95, the city will need funding and will be knocking on Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the governor.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked staff for the Christmas Light Parade and looks forward for the \$152.4 million for the port of entry and his understanding is that the this project was the only GSA project that got funded nationwide.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco reported that she sat the Christmas Light Parade next to the announcing/judges booth and the comments from the public were very positive, the public enjoyed the parade.

## **7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that she appreciates the work that the City Council did for many years and the City Manager for bringing the federal funding for the Port of Entry. Also the CAFR is done, from the city's part, everything looks good. Thinking of the budget, she encouraged the City Council and City Manager to envision San Luis with the new port coming in.

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, introduced Ms. Angelica Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation.

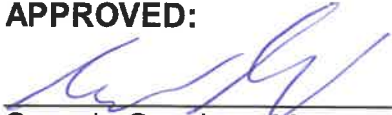
## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.


The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FO THE CITY COUNCIL, SAN LUIS, ARIZONA HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 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