

**APPROVED** by Council

Date: 3/25/2020

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**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz (telephonically)  
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 Administrator  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Carlos Cortes, Assistant Director of Finance  
Chris Velez, Management Analyst  
Derek Duenas, IT Manager  
Edgar Carbajal, Acting Director of Human Resources  
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO  
Janet Taylor, Legal Secretary  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Jorge Mungaray, IT Technician  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Maria A. Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Miguel Ramirez, Accountant  
Monica Castro, Director of Finance  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant  
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector  
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police  
Roula Encinas, Accountant  
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority Executive Director  
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Interpreter  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Dan Jackson, Willdan Financial Services  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Matias Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. INVOCATION**

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police led the invocation.

## **4. PRESENTATION**

**4.A. Presentation of plaque to Apolinar Leon, former employee, in recognition of his 13 years of service with the City of San Luis. (Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator; Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation; and Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor)**

Presentation was not held at the request of Mr. Fausto Gonzalez, Training & Programs Coordinator.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Work Session held February 5, 2020
- Regular Council meeting held February 12, 2020

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2020.**

**Total Disbursements \$718,074.14**

**(Seven Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Seventy-Four Dollars and Fourteen Cents)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce 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.A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and approval for the filing of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of San Luis, fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. (Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.)**

Ms. Britney Williams, Heingeld, Meech & Co., P.C., briefly explained the Comprehensive Annual Financial (CAFR) report. This report is filed with the complete agenda packet at the City Clerk's Office.

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that on page 6, there is a section that reads that currently, a \$248 million modernication of the San Luis I Port of Entry project is in the presidential budget and all that money was not funded.

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, responded that the information that is in the CAFR is obtained before the issuance date and at the time the report was issued that was the information that was available to them.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that it was good for an auditing agency to come out and look at the city's books and make sure everything is in order. He thanked the Finance Department and Ms. Williams for their work.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to accept and approve the filing of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of San Luis for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019. 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 amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Luis, Arizona and San Luis Commercial Holdings, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, explained that the city has been working in recruiting more commercial development for the city. In 2007, the city partnered with San Luis Commercial Holdings to look at an 8-acre site at the intersection of Highway 95 and County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Staff and San Luis Commercial Holdings worked out an agreement and hired a 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant to perform an economic analysis to determine what the benefit would be. The development agreement expired and they have requested an amendment to extend the time frame.

Mr. Dan Jackson, Vice President of Willdan Financial Services, presented the results of the economic impact analysis for the San Luis Commercial Holdings multi-use site. There were questions/answers amongst the City Council and Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson added that in their professional opinion, this project is a significant economic and financial benefit to the City of San Luis.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Jackson for the overview and added that this is a project that takes time and staff, along with the developers, have been working on this to complete the development.

Mr. Ross Wait and Mr. Andis Dimants, Developers, said they have been working on this project for several years and gave an update on this development and what they are proposing to do including tax incentives, tax credits and opportunity zone.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Wait and Mr. Dimants for being persistent on this project and added that the city will continue to work with them.

Ms. Torres stated that some minor changes were made to the agreement and asked that the developers get the opportunity to review the changes, therefore she suggested continuing this item to the next council meeting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce 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.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a proposal for a city business license fee for the San Luis Regional Detention and Support Center. (Kay Marion Macuil)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that the detention center's operating agreement with LaSalle will expire at the end of February 2020. The corporation will be meeting tomorrow night and all that applies to the city is the business license fee. In past years the business license fee was \$17,000.00, last year it was \$35,000.00 and this year, LaSalle is offering \$40,000.00 per month for five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for another five (5) years. She asked the Mayor and City Council if they were ok with this number.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez responded that \$40,000.00 is better than \$17,000.00 so he has no problem.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco agreed with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and asked how this amount was determined.

Ms. Macuil replied the city went out to bid and LaSalle was the only bidder and that was their opening offer.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that LaSalle did their numbers and they wanted to make sure the bills, facility, expansion and employees get paid. They have been good partners, honest and straightforward with the city.

Council Member Jose Ponce asked where are these fees going to; Ms. Macuil responded that these funds are going to the general fund of the city.

**MOTION:** Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Gloria Torres approve the \$40,000.00 per month business license fee for the operations of the San Luis Regional Detention and Support Center. 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 Order No. 2020-3. An Order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis approving and adopting a development agreement with Comite de Bien Estar, Inc. to purchase 20 acres of land for use as a city park. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, mentioned that the developer of Comite De Bienestar has an auction to purchase land at \$34,000.00 an acre; she provided a brief summary on the process and said that the city would not have to deal with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) like the city currently does for Joe Orduño Park.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that this is an investment for the city, no one will sell 20 acres at \$34,000.00 per acre. In this way, the city is able to assure 20 acres for a future park and at the same time help Comite de Bienestar to continue doing their self-help.

Ms. Macuil stated that regarding the retention basin, it was agreed that the subdivision in parcel A2 can use the park land as a retention and like all the other subdivisions, regulations allow the retention basins be open space. Since there will be a park right next to that subdivision, it was agreed to waive another open space in A2 and just have the open space in A1.

Council Member Jose Ponce commented that the City Council should reconsider this and asked if the city can do this moneywise. He added that the city currently needs more employees.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said that things will not get cheaper but more expensive, there is no property tax. With the property tax, the city was going to build a \$2.4 million facility but it will not happen anymore. There is only one (1) park and in the evenings the park is saturated. The money that will be invested in regards to new jobs...there will be a hotel and a lot of construction going on; he will be meeting with approximately 24 parents and they want to talk about parks. This is not a regional park but a community park for use of this community.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that he does not only see it as a good investment for the community but also as smart planning, Avenue F is growing, there are over 1,600 homes by the end of the year there will be over 2,000 residents in that area. He also brought to Ms. Macuil's attention a correction needed on Article 1: Definitions 1.07 Property.

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, indicated that building a park is an undertaking and the city does not have all the money to do it all at once. Looking into a long plan and talking to Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, it is believed to be better to phase this project, to be conservative and use the funds available and allocated for other projects.

Ms. Macuil added that if the impact fees are not spent, then they will have to be returned.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez clarified that if impact fees are not spent then a constructive way has to be found to return this money to who ever paid it. These funds cannot be used for other things but for specific projects/things.

There was discussion, questions and answers amongst the City Council and staff regarding the timeframe, land, planning, recommendations for parks based on population, master plan and the level of service.

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve and adopt Order No. 2020-3. Motion passed with five (5) ayes, one (1) nay by Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco and one (1) abstention by Council Member Gloria Torres.

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	Nay
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Abstained

**6.E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2020-4. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for overtime and mileage by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award - Overtime and Mileage between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, stated that the the City of San Luis Police Department has been awarded \$500,000.00 for overtime and \$20,000.00 for mileage under the Fiscal Year 2019 Operation Stonegarden Program Award Number 190430-01. The grant performance period is January 31, 2020 through January 31, 2021. The total awarded grant funded amount is \$520,000.00.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked and congratulated Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, and the Police Department for the good job.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve and adopt Order No. 2020-4 aproving the intergovernmental agreement and grant 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.F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2020-5. An Order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for equipment by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award - Equipment between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, explained that the City of San Luis Police Department has been awarded \$39,000.00 under the Fiscal Year 2019 Operation Stonegarden Program Award. The adoption of this order will support the United States Border Patrol mission by allowing police officers the ability to prevent or stop the egress of drug and undocumented person smuggling, and the nexus to terrorism.

Funding for equipment will be used to purchase six (6) Mobil Data Computers in the amount of \$30,000.00, and three (3) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Workstations in the amount of \$9,000.00.

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to approve and adopt Order No. 2020-5 approving the intergovernmental agreement and grant 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.G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Subdivision Case No. 2019-0826F. A request by Core Engineering Group, PLLC, on behalf of Greater Yuma Port Authority, property owner, for the final plat approval for Magrino Industrial Park Unit 3 Subdivision. The property is located east of the commercial port of entry and south of County 25th Street. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)**

#### **A. Staff presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, mentioned that the Magrino Industrial Park is located south of County 25th Street between Avenue E and Avenue D adjacent to the commercial port (San Luis II Port of Entry) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) inspection station. The Magrino Industrial Park is a project that is being done in phases, this is the 3rd phase. Phase No. 1 was approved by City Council on February 2012 and Phase No. 2 (Magrino Industrial Park Unit No. 2) was approved by City Council on December 9, 2014. The Magrino Industrial Park Unit No. 3 will consist of approximately 58.5 acres that are proposed to be divided into 1 tract and 13 lots. The item was presented to the Zoning & Planning Commission in January 2020; they recommended approval with the condition that they address some of the review comments. They did address most of them but requested to have some of them deferred to the next phase. One of them is connecting the street of Port Authority Avenue to Avenue E and the other one is the construction of the required protective fence along the east side of lots 3-13; staff agreed to these requests. The recommendation from staff is to approve the requests with the conditions as indicated on the agenda item review form to not allow any building permits on tract B until the next phase is completed connecting Port Authority Avenue to Avenue D and that the supreme wall will be completed in two (2) years by March 1, 2022.

## **B. Action on Subdivision Case No. 2019-0826F**

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Subdivision Case No. 2019-0826F with conditions 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**

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco reported she attended the MascotaMania and provided a brief summary of the event.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the bridge and stated that pipe to be installed was special ordered, it is one that has the interlocking of the joints to prevent those joints separating in the future. A change order is expected on the project per the inspection by the structural engineer it was found that the base underneath the structure had settled therefore there is a gap across the entire bridge that is four (4) inches on the side that did not have the leak and 2-four (4) feet on the side that had the leak; he believes it was a settlement issue, whether it was compaction or the material in the area. The completion date will be approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks. The cost will be approximately \$120,000.00 to \$230,000.00, DPE Construction is doing the work and Mr. Rob Campbell is the structural engineer who is consulting the contractor.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building has been sold.

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

Mr. Carlos Gamiz, resident, stated that he is representing the taxi cab drivers regarding the issue in existence on the taxi cabs. He has already met with Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, and all they are asking is for the same treatment as he believes that the same treatment should be provided just like it was given to the taxi cab companies. There were only two (2) known companies and all of sudden four (4) more companies now exist and the independent taxi cab owners were left out and without employment. This is something that they have talked to the Mayor and Mr. De La Hoya. He added that this morning, they were asked to leave the taxi stand because they did not have the sticker, they understood on January 8, 2020 that the City Attorney had given them an extension to July 31, 2020 to continue operating.

The new taxi stand is hidden, far away from people and too dark, not even during the day are there taxi cabs. Mr. Gamiz mentioned that Mr. De La Hoya asked them what suggestions they had to present them to the Mayor and City Council, and in reality they only have approximately two (2) months left of work as the agricultural season will be over. Independent taxi cab owners asked for an extension to remain there for the remainder of the field workers season, this situation is affecting many independent taxi cab owners.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, responded that at one of the council meetings she was trying to explain the pro-rating of the license and the example she gave was that if they came in July they would be pro-rated until December if they were eligible.

Mr. Rafael Avalos, resident, stated that he wants to believe that this new law was done in good faith with a purpose of making things smoother when it comes to traffic, however, he considers that it was not studied enough to be done the way it was done. It has been talked about taxis, but in San Luis, it exists transportation not taxis. At one point they were called taxis, but the state called them transportation and they were forced to remove the word taxi from their vehicles. So, if the City of San Luis approved a law for taxis then he does not think any vehicles will be found to apply this law to. Another thing, the city has placed a taxi stand and perimeter that consists of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Main Street, D Street and Urtuzuastegui, that is the commercial plaza, the problem is that if they do not have the sticker where will they work. What financial support will they take home if they are not given the opportunity work. He asked the Mayor and City Council to reconsider and allow those who do not have a sticker nor a company. It defeats the purpose that stickers are issued to companies and those owners rent the taxis and those that have the taxis to work and take food to their homes, do not count with the permit to work in the commercial zone. In addition, there are seniors who can barely walk and with this new taxi stand it will be harder for them to walk to it.

Mr. Javier Saavedra, resident, stated that this morning police officers were asking taxi cab drivers stopped at every corner, they are stating that they have to park in another location or a warning will be given to them and that if a person requests the service of taxi, they can be picked-up as long as they park properly, so where can they park now to work. He also asked for an extension on the time to allow them to keep working until July for them to be able to form their own companies owning 5 or more taxis. The city stated that signs were going to be placed indicating that the taxi stand has been moved and the signs are not up.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, stated that there was an email today to all police officers to properly enforce the ordinance; he also met with a few taxi cab drivers and they were informed that they would be allowed to pick-up passengers as long as they did not commit a traffic violation.

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, clarified that when the re-striping began and that area was closed down to traffic temporarily for the past two (2) days and that move from the north side to the south side of the road. During this transition, the police department took on the role to educate everyone during the process by implementing a soft enforcement. He is not aware of any written warnings or citations to taxi cab operators.

He added that one of the problems they will face is the safety of all residents and those who cross over.

Ms. Aracely Yañez, 4032 San Francisco Street, SLAZ, stated that the situation of having a home business occupation will be a problem that will not change as the vehicles will continue to be parked on the streets and the stickers issued were for companies that own five or more taxis and those taxi cab operators that reside in Mexico that are closing the doors to the independent taxi cab owners. This is an issue that is affecting the independent taxi cab owners and as one, she feels discriminated by the city. She asked the Mayor and City Council to reconsider the ordinance adopted, she asked for the same rights to everyone and to extend the time/permit until the season is low. She also mentioned that if the company is composed of three (3) or more for the city to issue the sticker. There are 58 licenses issued, out of the 58, 4 have not been paid or renewed, these owners have not paid because they are waiting to see what the City Council will do about this issue going on with the taxis. There are 14 units that are either vans or shuttles with stickers and considers that these units are taking the allotted number of stickers issued and limited to 35.

Mr. Enrique Fletes, resident, stated that the damage is done, he feels the Hirochima bomb was released to them on this problem regarding the taxi cabs. The city has left them without a job, he only made \$3.00 yesterday and asked how will they be able to afford a home payment, support their family, pay insurances. They are working like if they were criminals as they are hiding from the police to be able to work. He asked the Mayor and City Council to reconsider this action on the passage of the taxi ordinance. It is terrible what is happening to him and his partners, this is a big problem for them.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(1) and 38-431.03(A)(3)**

**Discussion and possible action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(1) and 38-431.03(A)(3) on any and all matters relating to the position of Director of Public Works and the employment, assignment, appointment, and/or salaries of that position and/or discussion and legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the city regarding same. (Council Members Gloria Torres, Jose Ponce and Africa Luna-Carrasco)**

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. stated that “after receiving legal advice from Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, and Mr. Justing Pierce, Labor Attorney, on an email I would like to be excluded from this item.”

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked to note Council Member Buchanan’s vote.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to go into executive session. Motion did not pass.

Council Member Gloria Torres, "I would like to make a comment Mayor, I asked for this, the three (3) of us asked for executive session"

Ms. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated "Mayor, if I may, I did not get a vote from Council Member Rosales."

Council Member Matias Rosales stated "per legal advice, nay."

Ms. Conelio stated "motion did not pass."

The vote was as follows:

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

Council Member Gloria Torres, stated, "can I make a comment?"

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez replied, "what for?"

Council Member Gloria Torres, replied "I need to make a comment, I asked, we asked for the executive session to understand what Council can do to prevent employees, good employees, leaving the city. We care about the ployees and we want to consider this a problem and we can make some policies to retain those employees. We do not agree with the things that are happening, we do not want employees leave the city and we need to prevent this, when the next one is planning to leave."

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco added "that in no way, shape or form was the intent to interfere in employee matters, our intent was to obtain information because they consider Mr. Eulogio Vera, a very respectful.."

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez interrupted and stated "Sorry, I need to clarify that.."

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Ramos, stated "excuse me Mayor I need hang up out, thank you." She left the meeting telephonically at 8:59 p.m.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said "the minute we mention an employee."

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco continued by saying "ok, strike that, I just want to get broad and general information as to what is driving employees away so that as a team we can figure out ways to correct it, because we do not want to lose valuable employees. That is the main bottom line of this motion, this item."

Council Member Jose Ponce stated “we did not mean to cause any friction amongst within Council, I mean, I agree with Council Member Africa.”

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated “motion did not carry.”

**10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION**


**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 9:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	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:**

  
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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Melissa Lopez, Deputy 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 of the city council, san luis, arizona held on february 26, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was dully called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
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Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk