

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
May 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 9:43 p.m.

Mayor, City Council, and some members of staff participated remotely.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz
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 (remotely)
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Axel Chayra, Information Technology Technician
Derek Dueñas, Information Technology Manager
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief
Eulogio Ver0a, Acting Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO
Mary French-Jones, Grant Writer
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

3.A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to the City Manager to provide a Guarantor letter and related documents confirming the City of San Luis will act as Guarantor, on a pro-rata share basis, along with the City of Yuma and Yuma County, for the Greater Yuma Port Authority refinance loan. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained this item is for the guarantor letter, the City of Yuma and Yuma County have already approved them through their public body. What this letter does is, it refinances a loan that the Greater Yuma Port Authority has and it changes the terms. Currently the loan they have is interest only and the new one will be both principal and interest paid down each month. The interest rate offered through First Bank is the low rate of 4% interest but they require a guarantor letter to obtain that rate.

Council Member Matias Rosales stated the Port Authority is refinancing the loan and the bank has requested guarantee letters from the members; the loan is valued at 60% of the loan. When he first joined the Port Authority there was a \$2.8 million debt and the Port Authority is in a position where they can re-adjust their budget and finances and be able to pay some interest and principal. They are planning to have some developed lots, which there is a waiting list for clients, and their goal is to pay this loan in approximately two (2) to three (3) years. This will not cost the city anything financially, worst case scenario if Greater Yuma Port Authority defaults on the loan, there is land to sell.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented the fact that the City of Yuma and Yuma County are willing to do this says a lot. Refinancing this loan is a smart thing at this point as it is an investment that is paying off.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the guarantor letter as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Gloria Torres to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 9:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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
Council Member Gloria Torres

Aye
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 for the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona held on May 14, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk