

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
May 27, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:04 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
Axel Chayra, Information Technology Technician
Derek Dueñas, Manager of Information Technology
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO
James Einwaechter, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jorge Mungaray, Information Technology Technician
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Ralph Velez, City Consultant (remotely)
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Elizabeth Carpenter, Realtor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PROCLAMATION

4.A. PROCLAMATION

- Men's Health Month June 2020

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated it is a fact that men live five (5) years less than women, therefore he encouraged men to take care of themselves and visit their doctors regularly.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held April 22, 2020

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 15, 2020.

Total Disbursements \$850,979.89

(Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Matias Rosales 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 authorization to purchase a vehicle storage garage for the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, explained this item was presented to the Mayor and City Council a few months ago to purchase the garage for the evidence room to put vehicles to be used in court or processed. Three (3) quotes were obtained and a vendor was selected, however due to COVID-19, the vendor informed them they no longer can attain the items requested, so the San Luis Police Department went with the second quote. There is a difference in this particular quote in the amount of \$2,800.00 more; staff is not requesting more money but re-approve the purchase of evidence garage.

Chief Richard Jessup gave a summary of where the evidence garage will be located and added there will be some type of cooling system.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Gloria Torres to approve the purchase of a vehicle storage garage in the amount of \$32,817.21 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. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to ratify the purchase to equip for K-9 use the previously approved, fully marked and equipped new 2020 Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab XL 4x4 pick-up truck. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, indicated this item was previously introduced to the Mayor and City Council and approved, yet there is a difference between the 2020 Ford F-150 and the 2019 Ford F-150, this is just asking for the additional \$2,000.00 of upgrade that need to be retrofitted to that specific vehicle. The total new price is \$54,051.18, this amount is still approximately \$4,000.00 under the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the ratification of the purchase amount of one (1) fully marked and equipped new 2020 Ford F-150 Supercrew Cab XL 4x4 pick-up truck, not to exceed the original budget of \$58,000.00. 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

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz reported she has been participating in web conferences with the Transportation Business Partners Coalition and Transportation State Stakeholders, the first meeting was with Congressman Stanton and the second conference was with Senator Martha McSally. They are trying to get funding for transportation issues, including roads/freeways they are currently facing, totaling a \$700 million shortfall. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 11 with Senator Sinema.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added he saw the slides and commented many state projects were delayed and one of the things he was looking for was Los Alamos road improvements and it was not there.

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, reported his department is doing well and he will be reporting purchases to the Limo Program accordingly for all associated personal protective equipment (PPE) expenses for his department. It will not affect the San Luis Police Department's operations too much, he is contemplating keeping the masks and hand sanitizers. There have been no other reports other than the one that tested positive, everybody else that was in contact with him tested negative. He has seen how some merchants have taken proactive steps in this matter with COVID-19 and social distancing. Everything related to the COVID-19 has been tracked and labeled as such, including their overtime. Also, last week, the department applied for a \$10,000.00 grant with the state for purchases towards PPE.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added the City of San Luis will open slowly and is reviewing the re-opening plans as the city needs to be ready and wants to make sure that staff has masks, hand sanitizers, and practice the social distancing. He added the governor's office gave the numbers of the COVID-19 funding received which is \$1.6 billion for the state. The allocation of funds for cities whose population is over 500,000 were directly received from the federal government. The City of San Luis will be allocated \$3.99 million, the City of Yuma will receive \$11 million, the City of Somerton will receive \$1.6 million, and the Town of Wellton will receive \$342,000.00, these funds are all for the COVID-19 related expenses. Everything has to be documented of what has been done and will be doing. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez also mentioned the salaries for over time of first responders also qualify under these funds under FEMA guidelines.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Administrator, stated the amounts released by Governor Ducey were allocated per capita, meaning the amount of residents. The census response rate is 9.5%. The \$7 million awarded to Yuma County was distributed as follows:

City of San Luis	\$3.9 million
City of Somerton	\$1.9 million
Town of Wellton	\$350,000.00
City of Yuma	\$11.2 million

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that residents need to realize the importance of making sure everyone is counted.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added to keep reminding constituents the importance of the census.

Ms. Francia Alonso, Assistant to the Mayor and City Council/PIO, reported that because of the census, the city was awarded \$15,000.00 from NLC's census rapid response grant; these funds will be utilized for advertisements. The city's Complete Count Committee is working on updating the census action plan.

Mr. Ralph Velez, City Consultant, reported the city is getting close to naming a Human Resources Director, staff will meet tomorrow and hopefully by the end of this week or next week a selection will be done.

Council Member Jose Ponce asked Mr. Velez about the veterans' memorial. Mr. Velez responded no meetings have been held due to the COVID-19.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:37 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 Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on May 27, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk