

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
July 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:03 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 (arrived at approximately 7:09 pm)
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager (remotely)
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney
Axel Chayra, Information Technology Technician
Derek Dueñas, Manager of Information Technology
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jorge Mungaray, Information Technology Technician
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Marlene Lara, Government and Foreign Affairs Coordinator
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ralph Velez, City Consultant (remotely)
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Roula Encinas, Accountant II
Sondra Matthews, Director of Human Resources
Elizabeth Carpenter, Realtor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held May 13, 2020
- Work Session held May 14, 2020
- Special Council meeting held May 14, 2020

4. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JUNE 13, 2020 TO JUNE 26, 2020

Total Disbursements \$1,309,302.82

(One Million, Three Hundred Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Two Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents)

4.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the agreement with Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contribution to the Greater Yuma Port Authority, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the agreement with the Humane Society of Yuma for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the proposed agreement with Portable Practical Education Preparation, Inc. (PPEP) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the dues to Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Amberly's Place, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

4.J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2135. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona approving a contribution to the transit fund for the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) Public Transportation Services. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager and Francia Alonso, Assistant to Council/PIO)

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

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

5.A. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2131. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance)

A. Open public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to open the public hearing. 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

1. Staff Presentation

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, explained that on June 10, the City Council approved that tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

Arizona Revised Statutes requires the City of San Luis to publish the city's estimate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 revenues and expenses, as well as the publication of the public hearing notice for this item once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks. She proceeded to summarize the schedule published.

2. Call to the public on this item

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated her office did not receive any comments from the public on this item.

B. Close public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to close the public hearing. 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

C. Action on Resolution No. 2131

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to ratify, adopt and approve Resolution No.2131. 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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated this will be posted online for the public's access.

Ms. Castro added she will add this information to the city's website tomorrow.

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported the city is seeing some progress on the rate response regarding the census and the importance of it.

On a separate note, he reported the current number of COVID-19 positive cases are 7,780 and 124 deaths, and that numbers continue to grow. He reminded everyone about the measures to take to prevent being infected.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, mentioned the response rate is currently at 33.4%, two weeks ago it was 31.2%.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported at the beginning of the pandemic the government did not take this situation seriously and re-opened activities too early. He asked if the City Council could be more aggressive on the city's regulations regarding the wearing of masks.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez responded that as of today, citations will be issued to those not following protocol. The city has given a two (2) week notice of education on this mandate.

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, reported one of the key components of this issue is business owners enforcing the mask mandate. The police department has utilized animal control and Transit Enforcement Officers in between their regular duties, as part of an effort to educate people on the importance of wearing a mask. Chief Jessup explained how mask wear education is the first step, followed by a warning if the individual does not comply, and resulting in citations if the person still refuses to comply. Walmart has been a terrific enforcer of mask wear by their customers, they have called to report when customers have refused to wear a mask. Unless a person has a medical condition or respiratory condition that prohibits them from wearing a mask, people are required to wear one. During police visits requested by Walmart, the San Luis Police Department has explained to individuals that Walmart as well as the city's ordinance, requires them to wear a mask inside the store. If they do not comply, aside from being cited for not wearing a mask, they also risk being cited for trespassing as per the Arizona Revised Statutes Title 13.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco thanked Parks and Recreation for the Parks and Recreation Month and for all they do in organizing events like the 4th of July, despite the situation the world is facing with COVID-19.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez remarked that this year's 4th of July celebration was different but good, he heard a lot of good comments about the band that presented. At the same time, he noted that there is an issue with the city's bandwidth.

Whenever there were more than 500 people connected at the same time, it got a little demanding for the internet connection. This shows the city needs to improve the bandwidth capacity, although it is already paying for a premium internet service. Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Manager, introduced Ms Sondra Matthews, Director of Human Resources and Ms. Marlene Lara, Government and Foreign Affairs Coordinator. They both thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity given to them to be part of the City of San Luis Family.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz welcomed and thanked them for joining the team.

Council Member Jose Ponce welcomed Ms. Matthews and Ms. Lara. He also commended the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts to fight COVID-19. He hopes when this situation is over, the city can award them and recognized their hard work.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez agreed with Council Member Jose Ponce.

7. 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 July 8, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was dully called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk