

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
March 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Jose Ponce
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT: Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney
Angelica Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Derek Dueñas, Information Technology Manager
Domingo Sosa, Information Technology
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jonathan Dumadag, Information Technology Department
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Marlene Lara, Acting Assistant to Mayor and Council/PIO
Mary French-Jones, Grants Writer
Mary Sabori, Risk Management
Ralph Velez, City Consultant (remotely)
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Jim Schuessler, President/CEO Yuma Multiversity
Kevin Blinn, Yuma County Library San Luis Branch Manager

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gloria Torres led the pledge of allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATION

4. A. - Cesar Chavez Day March 31, 2021

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that Cesar Chavez meant a lot to many people and made a big difference in regards to child labor and better working conditions for farm workers.

4. B. - National Library Week April 4-10, 2021

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

Mr. Kevin Blinn, Yuma County Library-San Luis Branch Manager, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the support provided to the library.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Blinn for all they do for the community.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco added that staff from the libraries do a lot for their communities, there have been talks about books being obsolete and they try so hard to keep that going as well as their outreach programs.

4. C. - National Fair Housing Month April 2021

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned the city will continue supporting the housing situation in the City of San Luis; people need to follow the guidelines and the laws dictated by the housing federal law.

4. D. Presentation on the Yuma Multiversity Concept by Mr. Jim Schuessler, President/CEO Yuma Multiversity. (Jim Schuessler, President/CEO)

Mr. Jim Schuessler, President/CEO, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the introduction to the Yuma Multiversity and what they are working on. The Yuma Multiversity Campus is a collaborative organization, bridging higher education, industry, and prospective talent to provide the means to achieve the skilled careers of today and the future.

This presentation is filed at the City Clerk's Office agenda packet.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Schuessler for the informative presentation. The City of San Luis is one of the communities with a high growth and the need for higher education and skilled workers.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. DISBURSEMENTS FROM MARCH 1, 2021 TO MARCH 13, 2021

Total Disbursements \$906,935.22

(Nine-Hundred Six Thousand, Nine Hundred, Thirty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents)

5. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2160. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, County of Yuma validating the results of Request for Qualifications No. 2021-002 for on-call professional services for city architectural services and authorizing the appointment of four (4) architectural firms to a list from which Architectural firms will be drawn on an as-needed basis to provide needed professional services. (Mary French-Jones, Grants Writer)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2161. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, County of Yuma, validating the results of a Request for Qualifications RFQ No. 2021-001 for on-call civil engineering services and authorizing the appointment of seven (7) civil engineering firms to a list from which city engineering firms will drawn on an as-need basis to provide needed professional services. (Mary French-Jones, Grants Writer)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Gloria Torres to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	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 2021 Chevrolet Suburban to be utilized by staff for travel and training purposes and to transfer funds from a budgeted project that is not going forward this fiscal year for purchase of the vehicle. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that this item is to request authorization to purchase a 2021 Chevrolet Suburban which will be replacing four (4) vehicles at City Hall; a 2004 Dodge Durango, 2005 Ford Taurus, 2009 Toyota Prius and a 2009 Chevrolet Suburban.

She added that at her budget meeting for the City Clerk's Office with the Finance Director, she inquired about the possibility of purchasing a vehicle this fiscal year. Mrs. Cornelio was informed that there is budget capacity as there are funds available from a project that is not going forward this fiscal year. This vehicle will be used for travel and training purposes for staff at City Hall.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales stated that Mrs. Cornelio has been asking for a vehicle for almost a decade, probably it is time to get something for the department, but he would rather see the money go to the expansion.

Council Member Gloria Torres said that Administration had asked for a vehicle for travel but they can get another type of car besides the suburban. She understands that four (4) vehicles will be replaced but what will happen if staff members need to go to different places. With only one (1) car it will be difficult. She suggested purchasing two (2) smaller vehicles instead for almost the same price as one (1) suburban, even if they had to pay a little extra.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. mentioned that he does not know if the vehicle is handy for every department when carrying items around the city for their different events.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera expressed that he looked at the vehicles to be replaced that Mrs. Cornelio mentioned, and two (2) definitely need to be replaced. He thinks the Prius and the 2009 Suburban can still be used locally and agrees with Council Member Gloria Torres. Probably the purchase of a minivan and a sedan will be better. The price can be substituted for two (2) new vehicles that will be reliable. He looked into a Toyota Sienna minivan that fits eight (8) passengers at approximately \$35,000.00 and a Toyota Corolla at a cost of approximately \$25,000.00. It will be a little bit more money, however he spoke to Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, and was told that the money will be obtained from the expansion that did not go through and use it for the purchase of two (2) vehicles.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco agreed with Council Members Gloria Torres and Luis E. Cabrera. She asked Mrs. Cornelio what was the purpose of asking for a suburban. She added that the current suburban is still in fair condition, it is fairly new and it is hardly used.

Mrs. Cornelio responded that there have been occasions where more than two (2) members of staff have to travel together for trainings and staff is looking for a vehicle that will fit more six (6) people.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated that the two (2) vehicle concept sounds good but the City Council needs to remember that the city normally purchases its vehicles through government contracts and they do not do Toyota, but Ford, Dodge, and Chevrolet. Having a state contract provides a better price. The City Council is not saying no but wants two (2) vehicles. These need to be from Ford, Dodge, or Chevrolet. The current Toyota Prius was purchased at full price and was very pricey. In addition, the city's mechanics have the modules for Ford, Dodge, and Chevrolet.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales voiced that he agrees with the two (2), and a vehicle equivalent to the Toyota Sienna can be purchased according to what a state contract allows and maybe a mid-size car not a corolla style body as it is too small.

Council Member Jose Ponce agrees with Council Member Luis E. Cabrera.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera mentioned that there is another item to purchase two (2) trucks and they are from Alexander Ford/Alexander Toyota so maybe there is a possibility to get the Toyotas.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez directed Mrs. Cornelio to talk to the Finance Department and Mr. Vera, Director of Public Works, obtain quotes for two (2) vehicles and hopefully get a better deal and bring it back to the City Council.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, indicated that timing is a big factor right now on purchasing vehicles therefore it will be hard to get the vehicles delivered prior to June 30th.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Administrator, added that during the conversation between Mrs. Cornelio and the Director of Finance, it was determined that there is budget capacity right now, do not know if will have it to budget it for next fiscal year. This item can be brought to the City Council for approval and hopefully be here before June 30th, but if not, then staff will not move forward with the purchase.

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase one (1) new 2021 Ford 4x2 Super Crew truck and one (1) new 2021 Ford 4x4 Super Crew truck for the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that these two (2) vehicles are budgeted vehicles for Fiscal Year 2021. As he stated in the previous item, staff struggled significantly to even get the quotes due to time being a factor when purchasing vehicles. He added that his thought was of continuing this item because the way it is written states that it is a state contract, this is the way it was quoted. However, today was confirmed that the Yuma Dealership does not have a state contract and they provided a state contract price. Staff was not able to obtain enough quotes because they were not going to deliver in time, so his request is to waive the Procurement Code, Section G, because he does not have the 3 quotes and Yuma Dealership does not have a state contract.

The life of the old trucks is between five (5) to seven (7) years for normal fleets and when they have a replacement program not more than ten (10) years. The Waste Water Division has vehicles from 2007 and last year they got rid of a 1996 truck. The city shop does a good job keeping the vehicles in good running conditions but at one point they start becoming unreliable and the maintenance costs are high.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that Waste Water and other different departments require heavy-duty vehicles and the maintenance costs can be very high if the vehicles are not new.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the purchase of two (2) F-150s suprer crew in the amount \$70,460.82, waiving the formal purchasing procedures, Section 36.01H. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase agreement between the City of San Luis, Arizona and Standard Printing Company, Inc. to provide the processing, printing and mailing of utility bills. (Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager)

Mr. Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager, said that this is the renewal with Standard Printing for the printing and mailing of utility bills. The city has been with this company since 2013 and there have been no issues. Staff is asking to piggyback on a contract they had with the City of Surprise saving the city time and effort on a new request for proposals for this service. This also allows under the Cooperative Purchasing of procurement.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the contract with Standard Printing Company, Inc. as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the proposed agreement between the City of San Luis, Arizona and Willdan Financial Services to assist the city in providing a water, wastewater and sanitation cost of service and rate update. (Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager)

Mr. Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager, explained that this item is to proceed with the full study on utility rates and this is the contract proposal from Willdan Financial Services.

This firm has been used by the city for the past 15 years and has assisted staff with the forecasting of utility rates. The cost of the study is \$19,000.00, and since this is a professional service, it meets the requirements of the procurement code.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that this company has also been working with other municipalities in Arizona. This is something that is needed and does not want the city to return to the use where there were almost \$1 million subsidized in water and waste water.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the professional services contract with Willdan Financial Services in the amount of \$19,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the change of appointment of a Vice Mayor. (Council Member Luis E. Cabrera; Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco; and Council Member Gloria Torres)

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera stated that they were discussing with Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, the item about the Vice Mayor for the City of San Luis. Currently the Vice Mayor serves at the pleasure of the City Council; when Vice Mayor Matias Rosales was appointed in November 2020, the support was needed right then and there. At the moment Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco showed interest in the position. He believes that now that things have settled a little bit, she is willing to take the challenge so that is the reason it is on the agenda again.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated he is not against it and the situation when the Vice Mayor was appointed was because the city was in a crisis because the funding for the port of entry was being jeopardized. This position needs to be discussed and he is aware that they want to amend the ordinance on the designation of the Vice Mayor. He has no problem with that as long as people understand that the position of Vice Mayor has changed, it is more demanding. He added that he had the opportunity to speak to Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco and she is willing to go with the challenge and assured her that she will not be by herself if this is what the City Council wants. The new appointed Vice Mayor will have to take time off work because this position is demanding in different aspects. The City Council will support the new Vice Mayor 100%.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales stated that he has no problem but he was under the impression that when the City Council voted on this in December 2020, that the City Council was going to allow him to finish the year or a 12-month period to avoid any negative pushback on the port of entry. If the City Council wants to appoint a new Vice Mayor and Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco is willing to take the challenge, he will guide her through the process and be supportive.

Council Member Gloria Torres said that at the last Council meeting where this item was discussed, she gave her opinion and it was agreed that each Council Member was going to be given the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor for one (1) year. She added that she has been an elected official and only Vice Mayor Matias Rosales and former Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz had the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayors. Ms. Cruz has commented that the Vice Mayor needs to have experience and knowledge, but when she started as a Council Member she did not have the experience and she did a good job. She expects that the new Vice Mayor is given the same opportunity to learn as it was given to Vice Mayor Matias Rosales and Ms. Cruz.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. commented that he does not doubt that Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco will do a great job as long as she has the time and the willingness. He is very supportive of the idea of each Council member serving as Vice Mayor for one (1) year. His only concern is falling behind in the process of where the city is at right now.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco said that she welcomes the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor and the challenge to continue serving her community. She knows it will be hard but she is willing to learn and put in all the effort necessary. She does not have the experience but all Council Members have to start somewhere. She thinks it is time for a change and revisit this matter on a yearly basis.

Council Members Luis E. Cabrera and Jose Ponce stated they agree with everyone's comments.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to appoint Africa Luna-Carrasco to serve as Vice Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding removing all employee staggered schedules for all city staff and report in-person to the worksite on Monday, April 5, 2021. (Council Member Luis E. Cabrera; Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco; and Council Member Gloria Torres)

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera explained that he has received a few calls from employees since this item was published on the agenda. He thinks it is time to set a date of returning to work on April 5th, 2021 but he realized that employees will not have their vaccine until April 9th, 2021. Therefore, the City Council could possibly extend this deadline to two (2) weeks after receiving the vaccine to April 26th or May 3rd. It will be nice to have the City Administrator and Department Heads back on April 5th and set a date for the rest of the employees to return. It is not that Department Heads are not working but they are not physically present at City Hall but working from home, so it is time to bring them back.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that when he saw this item, he was a little hesitant to support the date of April 5th, 2021. He also received 12 phone calls from employees they were not very happy in regards to safety. Some employees have already been vaccinated and there are some that are still pending vaccinations and some will be getting their second shot in May. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) does not give guidelines to open, not open or when it is considered safe. The City of San Luis is still considered moderate risk because Yuma County was one of the highest when it comes to COVID-19. The date of April 5th caused a lot of panic in employees because their children will go back to in person school as well. There are many unhappy employees and it is very important that they work with a morale; he added that he understands there has to be a specific date set.

When this item was discussed two (2) weeks ago, he was thinking six (6) weeks, by then the city should know if there will be a trend or spike. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez is thinking of setting a date of May 3rd to coordinate their schedules. Remember that the city lost an employee due to COVID-19 and he does not want to be responsible for causing any more deaths. He understands the importance of providing the services to the community but it is also important to provide a safe environment for employees. Vice Mayor Matias Rosales stated he agrees with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez.

Council Member Gloria Torres said she did some research and the City of Somerton did close their offices but all employees were working. She added that Comite de Bienestar began working since May 2020 with all of its employees. As she mentioned last time when this item was discussed, there have been complaints from residents about employees not answering the phone and that services are not being provided the way they should.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. expressed he agrees with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, he added to allow employees to have the second vaccine and get them to come back to work. He added to not forget that essentials workers get sick too.

Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco stated that she agrees on the date of May 3rd to give the employees the opportunity to get the vaccinations and provide a peace of mind and make arrangement in their personal life matters. She would like to see the Department Heads before this date to help with some of the administrative complaints that have been exposed and be there to assist the community. We want Department Heads to be more visible.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales asked for clarification if there are Department Heads that are not at City Hall on a daily basis, because every time he goes to City Hall he sees them there. He works a lot with companies and vendors and he has not heard of any complaints.

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Administrator, responded he has not received any complaints either, some of the Department Heads are not on a strict 7:00 am to 6:00 pm schedule because one is here either earlier or later than that and on weekends. He does not know what bringing us back means, because none of the Department Heads have stopped working. He added that even at the Senior Center which is closed, staff has been there answering the phone, working in different programs and scheduling appointments. The city has been flexible with employees when they have their children in school or with babysitter issues. Department Heads do put in their time if not more.

Council Member Jose Ponce commented that he agrees with Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco and probably the city can bring all essential employees and Department Heads back every day.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez responded that the City Council can have all Department Heads to return to work in the office every day and the city has been protecting its essential workers meaning fire, police and wastewater personnel.

These employees have been working every day, however the city cannot afford to bring everyone at the same time.

Council Member Jose Ponce said he is referring essential employees at City Hall.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that the City Administrator has the power administratively to make the decision to bring all Department Heads and Department Heads need to make sure that they get ready for when all employees return. He is very grateful to all Department Heads as they have been working from the office and from home. He suggests that all Department Heads meet and discuss this item; if the majority of the City Council want Department Heads to return, then there is no problem.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to have all Department Heads return to on-site work and remove staggered schedules starting on Monday, April 5th, 2021 and have employees return date det to May 3rd, 2021 removing staggered schedules and if needed to revisit this, to bring it back in a future agenda.

There was a roll call as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Nay
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Nay
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Nay
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

Motion passed with four (4) aye votes and three (3) nay votes by Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, Vice Mayor Matias Rosales, and Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

6. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2021-5. 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 - REALLOCATION 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 his department was notified by the Department of Homeland Security in Arizona Border Patrol that some of funds that they had requested under an initial 2018 operation fund for stone garden for equipment was cut out of that particular budget that year. He was notified that this money has been reallocated and the money is there and they have now awarded the San Luis Police Department another \$32,010.00 for the equipment.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve and adopt Order No. 2021-5 approving the intergovernmental agreement and grant as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2159. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona authorizing and directing the entering into a Development Agreement with the Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) to phase the development of Magrino Industrial Park, Unit 3. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, said this development agreement is about the subdivision and what GYPA wants to do with the Magrino Subdivision is separate the infrastructure into three (3) phases and the first is the road and the utilities and that is where the grant money is going. They want to phase out the other two (2) infrastructures. This will help them with their assurances that they have to do for subdivision, but because they submitted it as one (1) subdivision, in order for them to phase their assurances, they need to phase the subdivision. This development agreement allows them to treat each phase as a subdivision.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2159. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 414. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending, adding and renumbering sections of the San Luis City Code in Chapter 94, Titled “Parks and Recreation” under the Subchapter “Tobacco Products” to expand the prohibition on the use of tobacco products beyond city parks to city open public spaces, and designating areas to allow the use; repealing any conflicting provisions; providing for severability. (Angelica Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, commented that staff added some language on the public open spaces; all grounds in which the city permits recreational use and are either owned or maintained by the city in particular city parks, recreational facilities and retention basins are used for recreational purposes. The Parks and Recreation Department designated pathways and bicycles ways. Staff also added the smoking definition to be a more health-conscious society and understand the dangers of second-hand smoke. Staff wants the City of San Luis to be a healthy and safe community by having public spaces, recreational areas, and events free from smoke; but at the same time respect the choices of those who smoke by creating designated smoking areas.

A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 414 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 414 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 414 by title only.

B. Action and adoption of Ordinance No. 414

MOTION: Vice Mayor Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 414. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he attended the grand opening of the expansion of Spindle Cooling and it was great to hear that the main produce company that is storing fruits and vegetable in the community is going to do future investments and that means more jobs for the community. He added that he attended the meeting with Yuma County Health Department and are looking into bringing programs to essential city employees when it comes to vaccination. He mentioned that he also met with the Customs and Border Protection Chief today and together will continue supporting and working hand-in-hand as they are seeing people seeking asylum in the community. He thanked staff for putting up the Cesar Chavez banners on Main Street. The comments on the park located on the east side have been positive and residents get excited when he talks to them about the substation for police and fire. Residents in that area are asking for a gas station/convenience store, however the city does not have power for one, but can start asking developers. The only bad thing is the over price of the land to build one.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales reported he attended the Border Bridges Binational meetings focused on California and Arizona ports of entry and the San Luis port of entry remains the top project for General Services Administration (GSA). There was a glitch in regards to Mexican Federal Officials that visited the port of entry approximately two (2) weeks ago on the way they wanted to do Morelos going straight south. They are working on different options and they provided a time schedule for the study to be completed by early September 2022 for construction to begin and with a finish date of 2026 for the construction of the full port assuming that the funding is obtained this year. Another topic discussed was that of Amazon opening another facility in the Phoenix area as well as in Hermosillo. This is why the governor of Sonora provided \$50 million pesos to the Maricopa port of entry, but it is ironic because they do not have a project on the GSA and the books. He added that he also met with Consul Jose Antonio Larios from the Mexican Consulate in Yuma, he requested a one-on-one meeting with himself, Mayor Santos Yescas, and the Aduanas Director in regards to the immigration issues and the projects with the port of entry as well as an update on COVID-19. He also attended the ceremony for the park located on the east side, the community is excited for that park. Also, he thanked staff for working hard on the walking path on Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

Council Member Gloria Torres reported she attended the grand opening of the expansion of Spindle Cooling and it was a very windy day, but it was a nice ceremony.

Council Member Jose Ponce thanked everyone for the prayers while he was hospitalized.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	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 March 24, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk