

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED** by Council  
Date: 7/28/2021  
Clerks Office: SC

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Luis Cabrera

**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  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Axel Chaira, I.T. Department  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant  
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Marlene Lara, Assistant to the Mayor and City Council/PIO  
Rosalba Leon, Human Resources Coordinator  
Christian Cuevas, Translator  
Esteban Rosales, Resident  
Maria Robles, Resident  
Rosa Gonzalez, Resident

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INVOCATION**

Mr. Tadeo De La Hoya, City Administrator, led the invocation.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **4. A. MINUTES OF**

- **Work Session held June 2, 2021**
- **Regular Council meeting held June 9, 2021**
- **Regular Council meeting held June 23, 2021**

##### **4. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JUNE 15, 2021 TO JUNE 28, 2021**

**Total Disbursements \$992,577.36**

**(Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Five Hundred, Seventy-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Six 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 Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

#### **5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**5. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of a new 2022 Peterbilt Solid Waste Truck with Scorpion body (side-loader) for the Public Works Department's Solid Waste Division. (James R. Einwaechter, Assistant Director of Public Works).**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, indicated that this purchase would be their third new truck in their fleet, the others were retrofitted. During the budget retreat process, it was quoted at \$312,000.00, now it has increased \$18,000.00 more due to the cost of steel. He also added that due to COVID-19 it is taking 330 days for delivery. Currently there are four (4) routes and have one (1) spare and this new truck will increase the reliability of fleet for the routes. Staff expects to see a fifth route within the next couple year because of the city's growth. This purchase will be financed to a five (5) year loan.

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the purchase of a new solid waste truck with Scorpion Body in the amount of \$330,587.60 from Rush Truck Centers, approve the loan and transfer of \$18,056.74 shown on the fiscal impact statement and to waive formal purchasing procedures as allowed under City Code Section 3.05.010(H) for the reasons presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**5. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2188. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona amending section HR-4-03(A) of the City of San Luis Personnel Policies relating to holidays, adding Miguel Gonzalez Day in memory of our esteemed colleague lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in commemoration of the perseverance of the essential workers and first responders in continuing the services to the City of San Luis throughout the difficulties presented by the public health emergency. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that this resolution was previously passed as a commemoration of the COVID-19 pandemic. She added that Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco said it would be nice to commemorate Mr. Miguel Gonzalez, so it is now renamed to Miguel Gonzalez Day. Ms. Macuil gave a brief biography of Mr. Gonzalez.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated that the City of San Luis will commemorate this day as Miguel Gonzalez and will be part of the city's history.

Mrs. Gonzalez thanked the Mayor and City Council for this gesture and shared a story of Mr. Miguel Gonzalez and his favorite well-site pump.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve Resolution No. 2188. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez presented Mrs. Rosa Gonzalez with an official copy of Resolution No. 2188.

## **6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that this afternoon the Congressional Delegation voted unanimously to support the \$147 million that are destined for the Port of Entry. If this occurs, there should be a functional Port of Entry in two (2) to three (3) years. The City of San Luis will not stop until it is guaranteed. On a separate note, he added that he met today with the city's interns from Arizona State University. It feels good to have this internship program to assist these students in gaining experience. He hopes that this program continues for years to come and is very impressed with the quality of the community's students taking advantage of it for future jobs. He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and those involved for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities which was organized in three (3) weeks.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked Economic Development and Public Works for their hard work in organizing the packet for the application of a grant for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard expansion project.

Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco reported she attended the Library Board meeting and they applied for a grant for hotspots and the San Luis Branch will partake if granted. She added that they were approached by Yuma Police Department to have a substation at the Main Library and are looking into the possibility of achieving this. This is something that could probably occur with the City of San Luis Police Department in the east side of San Luis in the future as it is growing rapidly. She mentioned that she has participated at the Congressional meetings and both Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Council Member Matias Rosales have done a great job in taking the lead for the Port of Entry project.

Council Member Gloria Torres reported that two (2) weeks ago, she attended the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Board meeting and they approved CDBG funds for \$626,000.00 for San Luis and believes it will be used for streets.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported he has been participating in community meetings and seminars with Campesinos Sin Fronteras.

## **7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Beatriz Arroyo, resident, stated that the Mayor spoke about jobs for the youth, and asked what about people her age who can only find a job in the fields. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was difficult to find a job even in the fields because they did not want any female employee. She became unemployed and has applied at local stores in San Luis as she does not have a reliable means of transportation to Yuma. She added that it is sad to see that local stores only hire people from San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora and asked why they do not give the opportunity to local residents. She stated that some do not get hire because they are females, aged and do not speak English. She believes this is something the Mayor and City Council should take into account.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said the city will check into what can get be done, however legally they are entitle to hire whom they wish, unless they receive an incentive then that is when they are required that they have to hire locally.

Ms. Sharon Arroyo, resident, stated that her concern is the long lines to cross, she added that it is difficult for her to get to her house and that the traffic police officers are a mess as they do not know what to do; the 18-wheelers are stuck there. She does not know what the city is doing about this. The roundabouts on Main Street are not working out as they are closed.


## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:43 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.


The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	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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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 14, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk