

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
June 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco (remotely)
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis Cabrera
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, IT Technician
Derek Dueñas, IT Manager
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Miguel Ramirez, Accountant
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Jesse Lopez, PPEP, Inc.
Manuel Castro, Gethsemani Food Ministry
Fernando Quiroz, Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition, Inc. (remotely)
Genaro Soto, Resident
Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisor Inter-National (remotely)
Antonio Carrillo, Yuma County Arts and Cultural Group (remotely)
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority
Julie Engel, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (remotely)
Lizeth Chavez, Off-Road Expo Committee (remotely)
Nizzer Mendez, 4FrontED (remotely)
Paul Ward, Yuma Metropolitan Organization (remotely)

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

2. Continuation of discussion, review, and possible direction to staff on any and all matters regarding the proposed City of San Luis Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. (City Staff)

Mayor and City Council reviewed the budget listing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Contractual Services, Council Sponsorships/Pledges, and Dues and Subscriptions. Mayor and City Council proposed the following contributions. Representatives from the different agencies participated via Zoom or in-person.

Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator, informed that Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC, requested \$55,000.00, which is the same amount that has been proposed for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Mr. Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC, gave a brief update on the San Luis Port of Entry I Expansion.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and City Council thanked Mr. Ramirez for the presentation update and for advocating for the city. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC)

Ms. Julie Engel, Executive Director of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, explained that this year her agency is requesting an incremental increase of \$6,254.00 for a total amount of \$57,514.00.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Ms. Engel for working in conjunction with the city to bring jobs to San Luis and the entire Yuma County. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that the same contribution to the GYPA had been paid for the last 20 years.

Ms. Buna George, GYPA Executive Director, presented the developments her organization has been working on.

Council Member Matias Rosales mentioned that he is hopeful that the cash will continue to go up; this will avoid additional requests to the city. He thanked the City of Yuma, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and the Yuma County further continued partnership.

Mayor Sanchez thanked GYPA for their contribution to the city. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Contractual Services

Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) Youthbuild Program

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that the Youthbuild Program has proven the excellent service they provide to the community year after year, such as volunteer hours and helping with construction. He thanked Mr. Jesse Lopez, Youthbuild Program Coordinator, for his dedication and hard work. Mayor Sanchez directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Mr. Jesse Lopez, Youthbuild Program Coordinator, thanked Mayor and City Council for their continued contribution to the program.

Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked YMPO for prioritizing city projects that are very much needed in the community.

Mr. Paul Ward, YMPO Executive Director, informed that the funding shown in the spreadsheet is not correct, as the amount has decreased. He explained that as part of the stimulus funds received from the Federal Transit Administration, CARES Act brings a zero local match. As a result, this lowers the contributions by member agencies by using as much of the funds received. He informed by decreasing said amount, the contribution will be brought down to \$7,917.26.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez directed staff to proceed with the proposed new contribution as agreed by City Council members.

Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that San Luis is the community that utilizes YCAT's transportation the most. He informed that throughout the pandemic YCAT was active and did not charge its users. He stated that YCAT is requesting an increase of \$17,643.25, which will bring the total proposed contribution to \$88,216.25.

Ms. Shelly Kreger, Transit Director, informed that the increase is part of the increase to Arizona Western College, silver route. She stated that to provide service in the family secret circulator and increase the entity dues needs to be done to match the federal funding to run the service.

Council Member Luis Cabrera asked if there is a possibility that a bus route to the new medical mall is added in the future.

Mr. Ralph Velez, City Consultant, replied that the board is in the process of approving a short-range transportation plan; the east of San Luis was not part of the plan for this reason, a board meeting was held. He added that the consultants were made aware of

not considering the industrial and residential growth and the medical mall. They responded that the previous consultant recommended that the route was not feasible for east San Luis. He mentioned that the board denied the study, so they will have to present it again with new recommendations. Mr. Velez added that the yellow route (San Luis) is the main route in the system. Although he mentioned that some of the routes are not feasible, the board is considering mixing routes. He stated that it is uncertain that the plan will include east San Luis; if not, then the city should have a plan b to have its own commuter system to and from the east to bring residents from that area to downtown San Luis.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked YCAT for the service to San Luis. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Amberly's Place

Ms. Tori Bourguignon, Executive Director, informed that there is a new crisis response advocate, which is a San Luis resident. She mentioned that the city's contribution helps the advocate and the transportation to transport victims back and forth. She added that Amberly's Place appreciates and is proud of partnering with San Luis and looks forward to continuing to provide services to the community.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Amberly's Place for being present in the community and for the excellent job. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

GYEDC Binational/4FrontED

Mr. Nazzer Mendez, Executive Director, mentioned that the increase of \$343.00 is part of the intergovernmental agreement with the city, stating that the increase on each entity is based on population. He added that he has been working hard in promoting the megaregion locally and internationally.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Mendez for the excellent job. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Gethsemani Food Ministry

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Manuel Castro from Gethsemani Food Ministry for his work in the community. He commented that \$5,000.00 is minimal to the job is being done in the community.

Mr. Manuel Castro, Gethsemani Food Ministry, thanked Mayor, City Council, and the San Luis Police Department for their support. He informed that since the COVID-19 pandemic started, his ministry has organized 15 drive-thru to provide the community with food boxes. He stated that his ministry had distributed more than 500,000 lbs. of food every month. He added that the city's contribution had been well distributed.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez suggested increasing \$2,000.00 to Gethsemani’s contribution. The members of the City Council did not oppose Mayor Sanchez's suggested increase. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Agency	Approved Budget FY 2020-2021	Requested Increases by Agency FY 2021-2022	Proposed Contribution for FY 2021-2022
Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC	\$55,000.00		\$55,000.00
Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation	\$51,260.00	\$6,254.00	\$57,514.00
Greater Yuma Port Authority	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
Humane Society of Yuma	\$55,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00
PPEP, Inc. (Youth Build)	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization	\$13,319.00	\$81.00	\$13,400.00
Yuma County Area Transit	\$70,573.00	\$17,643.25	\$88,216.25
News Paper Publications	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00
JCG Technologies	\$6,462.00		\$6,462.00
Amberly’s Place	\$42,000.00		\$42,000.00
GYEDC Binational/4FrontED	\$7,598.00	\$343.00	\$7,941.00
Gethsemani Food Ministry	\$5,000.00		\$7,000.00
TOTAL	\$411,212.00		\$437,533.25

Council Sponsorships/Pledges

ComicCon and San Luis Film Festival

Mr. Antonio Carrillo, Yuma County Arts and Cultural Group, commented that in the year 2020, the ComicCon was held virtually, just like the San Luis Film Festival and a drive-in movie for both events. He thanked the Mayor, City Council, and staff for the tremendous support that has been given to both events. He informed that this year 2021, the Film Festival will commemorate its 10th year. Furthermore, he added that vendors were present during the ComicCon event, a movie was played, and other entertainment for the participants. Mr. Carrillo commented that he would like to prepare a bigger event because of this year's celebration. Therefore, he requested an increase for the Film Festival.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that the city would match whatever amount the Film Festival collects from fundraising activities, just like the other entities do. He mentioned that entities should also show commitment. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Off-Road Expo

Ms. Lizeth Chavez, Off-Road Expo Committee Chair, informed that the tentative date for this year's Off-Road Expo is October 23, 2021. She mentioned that the committee has checked within Yuma County and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico, if there will be any other event that will affect the participation in this event, and found that there is nothing plan around said date.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that this event had been a great success in the community and outside the community. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition (AIFC)

Mr. Fernie Quiroz, Arizona Interagency Farmworker Coalition, informed that AIFC had used the funding to provide scholarships to students residing in San Luis, Arizona. During the last year, AIFC awarded \$22,000 in scholarships, from which ten (10) individuals were San Luis residents totaling \$8,000.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Quiroz for the excellent service they provide to students in our community. He proposed increasing the contribution to \$5,000; there was no opposition from members of the City Council. He directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Yuma Regional Medical Center - Cancer Center

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez informed that the city received a letter from Yuma Regional Medical Cancer Center stating that they would not be requesting funds this year. But, this agency has reached out and asked if the city will be sponsoring one of their events. He suggested leaving the proposed contribution for this agency. City Council agreed with Mayor Sanchez; he directed staff to proceed with the proposed contribution as agreed by City Council.

Agency	Approved Budget FY 2020-2021	Requested Increases by Agency FY 2021-2022	Proposed Contribution for FY 2021-2022
Yuma Community Food Bank	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00
Freedom Newspaper of SW AZ	\$650.00		\$650.00
Civic Donations	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00
ComicCon	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
San Luis Film Festival	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Off-Road Expo	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition	\$3,000.00		\$5,000.00
Yuma Regional Medical Center Cancer Center	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$75,650.00		\$77,650.00

Dues and Subscriptions

The Mayor and City Council agreed with the following contributions; staff was directed to proceed with the proposed contributions.

Western Arizona Economic Development District (WAEDD)

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator, explained that this entity works in conjunction with 4FrontED and GYEDC. They are representatives for economic development in Yuma and La Paz Counties as all the tribes along with those counties. He informed that the contribution is prorated for three (3) years from 2020 through 2022 a total amount requested is \$3,569.00.

Agency	Approved Budget FY 2020-2021	Requested Increases by Agency FY 2021-2022	Proposed Contribution for FY 2021-2022
Arizona-Mexico Commission	\$1,500		\$1,500
Border Trade Alliance	\$10,000		\$10,000
Arizona League of Cities and Towns	\$22,385	\$695	\$23,080
NALEO	\$700		\$700
National League of Cities and Towns	\$849	\$1,111	\$1,960
Chamber of Commerce	\$1,500		\$1,500
The Sun	\$340	-\$170	\$170
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce	\$660		\$660
Western Arizona Economic Development District (WAEDD)	-		\$3,569
TOTAL	\$37,934		\$43,139

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Work Session at approximately 8:30 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 Luis Cabrera	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 Work Session minutes for the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on June 2, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk