

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
July 7, 2021
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:32 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
Doming Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks and Recreation
Marlene Lara, Assistant to the Mayor and Council/PIO
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Guadalupe Bustamante, Administration Intern
David Nuñez, Administration Intern
Justin Pierce, Pierce Coleman Law Firm
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

2. A. Presentation: Refresher on the Do's and Don't's for Arizona Council-Manager Government. (Justin Pierce, Pierce Coleman Law Firm)

Mr. Justin Pierce, Pierce Coleman Law Firm, "Mayor and Council, I'm excited to be here, it's been a while, I think, pre-pandemic. To see you guys and meet with you is good that we are able to get back together; I'm glad to see that you are doing good Mayor, I have not seen you in a while, we talked on the phone, and you did not sound so well.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "exactly, different times."

Mr. Pierce, "We got a PowerPoint up on the screen there, it's very short, don't worry this will not be a five (5) hour PowerPoint tonight, but I figured, we are going to kill two (2) birds with one stone, I was asked to come and do a refresher because it is just easy to forget some of these things, this, this governance especially because of the COVID pandemic, a lot of folks missed the new council training that the league does and those that did not miss it, it was online, it was virtual, maybe a little bit harder to follow than in years past, um, so I was asked if I would be available to come tonight and as a turnout, I was already coming to Yuma anyway, so I said absolutely, I would be happy to come and spend a few minutes with you on this topic. And the topic really that I'm going to focus on and I am happy to answer some other questions if you have them, as it relates to efficient and effective government, um, but these are some slides that I have actual used in other council presentations as well as slides that have been used in the league presentation to council members as it pertains to particularly to the form of government. So as you know, in Arizona primarily most councils are governed, or most cities are governed in a council-manager form of government, and what that is, it is based on the private sector model of a CEO and board of directors, think Walmart, think Target, think any other massive corporation has a board of directors, but that board of directors isn't going store to store and telling managers, or telling the clerk at the counter how to do their job. The board of directors sets the policy for the entire company. And then there is a CEO who manages the administrative affairs of everything associated with that entity, and that is how the council-manager form of government works; you are familiar probably with places where they have strong-mayor forms of government, that is like Chicago, you heard of how the mayor runs that city, that is not how we do things primarily out west, and uh, even at east, a lot of government have gotten away from this, because it tends to breed political decision making in operating the affairs of the organization, which is never good, you would not want to be the case in your company, and so certainly as an administrative organization you don't want that in your municipality, so a council-manager form of government, means that the city manager is appointed by the mayor and the council and they direct the administrative affairs of the city or town. If the council, the board of directors is unhappy with the way the administrative affairs of the organization is working, your opportunity to correct that is through your manager, you work through your manager, city manager serves at your pleasure, you don't even have to really, have cause as it pertains to a city manager, city manager could walk in with a red shirt today, and go you know what we don't like red shirts, as a board as a council you could say, you know what we are getting rid of you today because you wore a red shirt, that would be a really stupid thing to do, but you are allowed to that under that under the law, it serves at your pleasure.

The city manager obviously will have an employment contract, contract that is going to govern that because, because he can be fired for wearing a red shirt to work, most city managers have some sort of at least protection in their financial affairs through a separation package, severance package of some sort, but nothing keeps you from terminating him at your pleasure. The manager is the one who oversees all of the municipal operations; now, a council member can make inquiries of staff, what is an inquiry? Well, let's talk first about the code provision that specifically says that you are not to take part, in any manner take part in the appointment of a removal of any officers and employees in the administrative services of the city; except for the purposes of the inquiry. So you also have a resolution that was adopted many years ago, probably 15 years ago or so, uh, I put the language up there for you in this resolution, this is specific to the language of the resolution, by ordinance, the city manager is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the city and the role of the city council is that of making policy and giving policy direction to the manager. Acting as a body you can give directions to the city manager, department heads must report contacts from council, and the reason for that is if it's interfering with their ability to do their jobs, and some might say, how hard can it be if I'm simply asking for some things, that is going to get us to the inquiry, what is an inquiry, what is okay for a council member to do. Rule of thumb, to me, when in doubt ask the manager, use your manager for everything that you need, if you need something from anybody, ask your manager to get it for you, that is your primary point of contact, but say for example you, it is budget season, and you, there was a document that you knew, um, maybe there was a contract for a certain amount of services, to a certain contractor, and you are trying to remember if this is something that you will need to do for the next year, so you contact your Finance Director, "hey can you get me a copy of that contract?" That will be proper inquiry, that is fine, that is not requiring the Finance Director to go and do a whole bunch of stuff, now you want be careful of giving a bunch of tasks, because now is looking more like you are directing the operations the difference between something like that or even again with the Public Works Director, "hey, um I got constituents asking about this particular street when we are going to be filling the um, potholes because there has been a lot of potholes or something, is that on the horizon, oh yeah we are going to be doing that in six (6) months we got it on the schedule", cool that is an inquiry, that's proper, totally fine, what is not proper is "hey Public Works Director, would you please put together a spreadsheet for me, of all of the projects that we are going to be doing over the next six (6) months, uh what the cost of those projects are, etc" and so forth on, now you are actually directing the work of somebody and asking them to do something, put something together for you, so it is no longer an inquiry that is more of a direction in terms of how they are doing their job and what they are getting to you, it is a fine line but to me that is why I say, if you have any doubt, if there are any questions, is this a simple inquiry or am I really directing somebody in their work, just go to the manager, you will always be safe by doing that. Why is this important? It's important for several reasons, and I have put up here, uh, primarily what they are; obviously, you see a violation of city or town code, your city code requires that you do this, so obviously you want to abide by your city code.

It's confusing; it confuses staff, I have seen this in other municipalities; by the way where where, staff members did not know what to do, they would go to their manager and say, how do I, I don't want because you know what, you are an elected, they don't want to tell you no, they don't want to tell you, hey I am not supposed to be doing this, so there will always going to be a differential to you, but it confuses them, because now what are they supposed to do, should they go to their manager and, and do you will never be able to take that off, as a member of this council, it confuses the staff as to what they can do. My personal favorite is number one up there, that is because I have litigated that so many times and we have, I think we have had these discussions before even with some of you, offline in other contexts. Legislative immunity is your personal immunity, you don't want because you're serving in a government office and you are sacrificing your time, talents, and abilities for your community; you know is in it great that you can do that and then turn around and have somebody sue you personally and put your personal assets at risk. We don't want that to happen, it's not, it's not right that you will be serving your community and be subject to that, so the great thing is you get this legislative immunity. Nobody can question you about your motives for your voting, why you're doing what you're doing, they can question it, but they can't sue you for it, because you have legislative immunity, but that's only if you maintain your job, as a legislator, policy maker and not as an administrator, you get down into the weeds, you start working on directing the affairs of the administrative affairs of the city, not all of a sudden when somebody has an employment dispute and trust me it happens, I have been doing this for nearly 20 years, it happens and you will be drag into a lawsuit and somebody made and sue you; somebody who you though was your friend by the way who wooh I tought I was helping out a friend in their employment and all of a sudden you find yourself as a defendant in a lawsuit subject to personal assets now you go to apply for a refinance for your home and one of the questions you are going to have to answer is, are you a defendant in a lawsuit? You're going to have to answer yes, and it's going to affect your ability to refinance your home, it's going to affect your ability to go get a car loan, it's going to affect your ability to do a lot of things personally. How you avoid that is you don't get into the administrative affairs of the city, if you have a question or concern about anything going on in the city, the city manager is your point of contact. And what questions you have Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "A good question, I know that one of the things that stuck to me when, last time we spoke actually a couple of times before, uh, when you were down for the, the benefits, uh, regarding police officers and stuff like that, in one of the comments we have, a discussion we had is that, uh, you mentioned that, uh, mayors were being sued, and also council members were being sued, and I believe there is a rise in cases that the Attorney General is getting involved and, and how do you see that, where do you see that, I know you are involved in those and that's my biggest concern."

Mr. Pierce, "Yeah, Mr. Mayor, Members of Council, two (2) areas that where I am seeing that and one that I remember us talking about specifically in the context of the PSPRS, because I mean, you sit on that board, uh, was a case that I defended that involved a mayor of a municipality who, it was brought to the mayor's attention that a city employee had gone to another council member, on his employment and the mayor met with the manager and said let's bring this employee in and let's let him know his, he can't do that, he can't go to a council member for a problem in his employment, he needs to go to you, tha is all the mayor did, sat in the meeting for three (3) minutes with this employee, the manager and said, "hey, just so you know don't go to council members with your employment disputes, go to the manager, okay, okay, great, see you later and left, the mayor was the defendant in the lawsuit when that guy brought a wrongful termination, hostile environment claim, named the mayor, said the mayor was intimidating him in um, and it was, we got the mayor dismissed out of the cased but not until summary judgement, until after the mayor was deposed and everyting associated with it. How simple would that have been for the mayor simply to say to the manager, hey, that employee shouldn't be going to a council member, please take care of that, yeah, that's it and then the manager takes care of it, and that's it; second area mayor, is um, I am seeing an uptick in the Attorney General and the Attorney General's position on open meeting law, we just received a letter or saw a letter that the Attorney General's Office sent to another municipality, this wasn't you guys, sent to another municipality and said, "hey, we think that your agenda violatse the open meeting law because that item says that your are going to consider, blah, blah, blah, you needed it to say consider and potentially act upon, the public needs to know that you might potentially act upon this item", which we responded thinking good grief, it says consider I mean isn't that mean you might consider doing something, so they're taking a fairly technical view of the Open Meeting Law, which means, I think that as council members you have to be particularly mindful of the types of things that the Attorney General's Office looks for in these open meeting issues, one of those is that the, what we call the spoken wheel, you know the wheel has a spoke and it goes you've got one member of council, hey one member of council is not a quorum right?, but if that starts spoking out into the others, it's also call the splint...splintering the quorum, where we see that most often is in electronic communications, because we're just in a different world, than we were 20 years ago, right, when an Open Meeting Law wouldn't have cotenplated these things; but now whe have texts, we got Facebooks posts and things that the Attorney General's Office could say, hey wait a minute, we got a council member posting something, we got another council member commenting, we got another comment, we got another one clicking like, that's three (3), so you have to be really careful with engaging among a quorum so four(4) of you, even if it is in communications that you might think is one on one, but now you have a council member maybe that is forwarding your, that message to somebody else, now it is going to be posted here, so electronic communication and social media and things is definitely complicating, um, where the lines of the open meeting law start and end, so I would say be very cautious about that, the penalties associated with that can be, can be fairly substantial civil penalties to the point that the AG's Office can actually seek removal of, of members of a body.

I have not seen that yet, but I have seen it get close in a couple of places, so I would be particularly mindful of that.

Council Member Matias Rosales, "When social media came out that was one of the big issues, what they were going to do in regards to that policy, so, for example, 4th of July, this past weekend, the city posted a post we all liked it, is that going to, is that where, where do you draw the line, then just because we like a post that staff posted of our event, you know."

Mr. Pierce, "Excellent question Council Member Rosales, the open meeting law is only implicated if it has to do with something that can come before the body as a potential item of action, so obviously liking an event of the city that is not something that is coming before you as a potential action item; liking a council member's post that we need to bolster our Police Department spending on equipment because we are behind the time, I'm just making something up, and now all of a sudden like, like, like, it is like you just violated the Open Meeting Law, so."

Council Member Matias Rosales, "Right, it is complicated because even on the 4th of July post, sometimes people could comment that we did not like the music band and just from there then, I mean that is why you have to be careful, and it is tricky".

Mr. Pierce, "It can ballon from there because somebody could say something like that, like "why does the city keep spending this money on whatever, this when we should be spending it over here," and now you feel you have to get defensive and you are like, hey, wait a minute no we evaluated this, and we did this, and now, uh, somebody else pipes in a says yeah, you're getting there."

Council Member Matias Rosales, "Yeah, the trigger."

Mr. Pierce, "I would destroy all social media if it was up to me, but just do not click send."

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "I have another question for you, let's say for example scenario, an example an employee feels threaten by a council member or the mayor, and he decides to quit would that employee have a case against that particular entity, for example, the mayor was calling in constantly asking what are you doing, what's up, and that and that employee decides to say no more."

Mr. Pierce, "It can, it can, um, as you know you guys have a really good employment lawyers so, not but in all seriousness, um, the reason it can is, it is not against the law for, uh, for an employer, lets put aside mayor or anybody for an employer to be a jerk to an employee, so if an employee feels like man, I am getting constantly berated, as long as it is not based on some protected category of you know like religion, age, disability, uh complaint status, staff like that whistleblowing, those sorts of things, then there is no cause of action whether is the mayor, council member, manager, anybody."

However, I have always said, I never like presenting an equal opportunity jerk defense; in other words, I do not like saying, "well yeah, Mayor Sanchez was a jerk to him, but he is a jerk to everybody, so he is not singling this guy out," that nobody likes that, it is just event that is legal, nobody likes that, so I have uh, I have had cases and in fact, the EEOC once required another municipality to have me come out and do a training to their council about EEO laws, as it pertaining to conduct with city staff because city staff is protected from not just their own employer's actions, but they are protected from third party harassment, again it has to be actual legal harassment, but in that case, for example, it was a sexual harassment situation, where it was alleged that, that a council member had been sexually harassing a member of the staff and the city was like, hey sorry nothing we can do about it, it is a council member we cannot take employment action. That is true, the city cannot fire one of you for engaging in sexual harassment, the way, the way we could fire another employee for engaging in it, but we also cannot turn a blind eye to it because we can still be held liable for it".

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "I am thinking of scenarios because it is very important."

Mr. Pierce, "Don't worry, mayor, this is not speak now or forever hold your peace; I am still planning to come down at some point; I like you guys."

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "I appreciate of all you do for us, I really do and thank you for being so accessible; I know you have cases, you have a lot of things, and we really appreciate your hard work and your firm. I know Tadeo and council members appreciate your hard work and thank you for coming down, it is a refresher, um, I thought it was a good idea when it was brought up because, uh, with the whole pandemic thing, everyone, everyone wenyot electronic and I do not want to see the city involved in any litigation regarding those particular topics, and it is very important. We need to be transparent, we need to be clear, and there are certain guidelines, I remember when I first became a council member, I was told that I have, what is it, partial immunity, and I am like, what do you mean partial immunity, uh, no you are responsible for your own actions, your job is to policy, create that policy not individual, uh, departments and I have always kept it that way and it is very important, and uh, it is crucial that we all understand our position and that this partial immunity is partial immunity, you are liable; just because you hear, doesn't make you immune to the laws, no one is above the law, and the thing is that worries me sometimes".

Mr. Pierce, "Well that is why, I tell you, I put legislative immunity up there because you are absolutely immune if you stay up here and you simply focus on the policy, you are deciding what policy for the city to implement and you can be immune for that decision because that is why you are here, when you get outside of that, your immunity starts to fade away and mayor it's hard I understand; my background, well many of you know I actually grew up in Yuma so I am kind of a local, um, I know the difficulties that, that can present in smaller municipalities, not a small, smaller.

Phoenix council members are not getting, uh, approached about an employee in Public Works, it is just not happening, that is not what happens in a place like Phoenix or Mesa or Chandler or you know pick your big municipality, but when you are in a place where, I mean everybody know everybody, I understand is much more difficult that what it really is, so is really incumbent, and that is why I have always told you guys too and look this is an open meeting, blame this guy say hey man, the employment lawyer has told us that we got to stay out of, of the employment matters and those things in order to protect the city. This is to protect them too, their taxpayer money because they are paying the bills in the city, so you are doing it for their benefit, you are doing it for the city's benefit, and you are doing it for your own personal benefit because you do not want to be, uh, brought into litigation down the road either, so as hard as it is blame, blame me, and it is true, I know each one of you want to be responsive to your constituents and, and the concerns that each one of them had, and you should be, but some things they need to understand you can't legally cross certain lines because it put everybody at risk.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "Any questions from council?"

Council Member Matias Rosales, "No, just I appreciate you coming down here, uh, I said it is great information to get a refresher for all of us and then seeing you again in person, um, is a great thing to do, thank you for doing a great job."

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "very good, thank you."

Council Member Jose Ponce, "Excuse me, uh, thank you, it is a pleasure to meet you in person, uh, I am Jose Ponce, uh, I am obviously in council in the past from like year 2004 and now since then I have seen so many changes, that uh, I mean when I came back this time it took me by surprise, and sometimes I argue with the mayor and Tadeo about, uh, one of them is about not being on a, uh, hiring board in the past in order to hire a department head or any employee, uh, we need to have three (3) council members, now we are not allowed to be in the hiring board, there is one room, uh, not, I cannot even, I cannot even um, ask, uh for the list sometimes for the list of the uh, who is applying for the job, no I mean that took me by surprise and uh, like that sometimes I am with the mayor, but they explained to me you know".

Mr. Pierce, "Yeah, Council Member Ponce and Mr. Mayor, it is, uh, yeah in a lot of ways things have changed even in the, you know in the last 20 years it sounds like you were in council when for 20 years, time flies uh, and we learn from experiences of, it is how lawyers do these things, and we end up with cases and we go wow, we better change the way we do this and we better change the way we do this to avoid these problems going down the road in the future, and certainly, I now am to the extent there used to be hiring boards with a members of council, that is non-existent anymore, because of all these reasons we have just explained, is that it puts too much risk on you individually and it puts too much risk on the municipality."

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, "Have a good evening, thank you for coming down; I know you will be here for a couple of days, and uh, thank you."

2. B. Presentation by the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce and services offered to Yuma County businesses. (Kimberly Kahl, Executive Director).

Ms. Kimberly Kahl, Executive Director for the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce, mentioned that the business resource center was opened in San Luis, Arizona, but not much was done because of COVID-19. She informed that currently, there is a person assigned to the San Luis office, this person will be in the office every Thursday, and she'll be in two (2) days a week. Ms. Kahl mentioned that recently a regional task force had been created that will meet with other municipalities to find out the needs of the local businesses. She added that one other thing that will be done is that events will be rotated among the different venues in Yuma County. She mentioned that it has also been discussed to have a town hall meeting with the various businesses to hear from them to see their needs. She commented that the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce has a great relationship with state elected officials and would like to keep open communication with local officials.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Ms. Kahl for the presentation and for representing Yuma County as a whole. He added that it is crucial to promote local businesses.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked Ms. Kahl and suggested creating and distributing flyers with the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce's services throughout Yuma County.

2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis Tourism Letters. (Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator)

Mr. Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Manager, presented Mayor and City Council a design of the proposed tourism letters' proposed locations. He informed that Ramon Leon Jr., Community Manager for Ayuntamiento de San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico, created the design.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked Council Members for their input as to which proposed design they like.

Council Member Matias Rosales suggested staff send a form to each council member so that votes can be tallied and decide which design is chosen.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that staff would have to find a location as option number 3 is the most voted on.

Mr. De La Hoya mentioned that he presented proposed designs and locations and that Mayor and Council will have the final say of this project.

Council Member Rosales suggested placing the letter by the proposed Veteran's Park, as the proposed locations have high traffic. However, this could be a liability to the city, as people would want to take pictures on the letters.

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the signage would have to be located where traffic is not blocked. He mentioned that the roundabout might not be the best location.

Vice-Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco asked if there will be room at the proposed Veteran's Park, now that a tank will be installed.

Mr. Galaviz replied that it would all depend on the size and how much space will be used, then staff will be able to find a suitable location where it does not block traffic and view. He mentioned that the only concern in the roundabout would be pedestrians. He stated that in other cities, these signs are located in high-traffic pedestrian areas.

Mayor Sanchez asked what would be the cost for this sign.

Mr. De La Hoya replied that the sign would have an estimated cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000, depending on the size and material.

Mayor Sanchez stated that option number 3 is a great design, but staff will have to find a location.

2. D. Discussion and possible directions to staff 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, amending the title of the COVID-19 remembrance day on the last Monday in October to Miguel Gonzalez Remembrance Day. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco)

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, informed that a COVID-19 remembrance day was passed to be the last Monday in October at Mayor Sanchez's request. Then Vice-Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco proposed to rename the day to the remembrance of Miguel Gonzalez. She stated that the proposed resolution is on the agenda for review and asked the Mayor and Council if they would like to add anything more.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that Mr. Gonzalez always cared for his employees and was not afraid to be outspoken. He directed staff to proceed with this item as agreed by all members of the city council.

2. E. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the safety signs and striping of roads for East side San Luis. (Council Member Matias Rosales and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Council Member Matias Rosales stated that this item has been reviewed and would like to know if there is anything pending so that staff can start striping Avenue F, which has high traffic. He added that he has noticed that people are not aware of where the center of the street is. Also, Avenue E from Cesar Chavez Boulevard and County 24th Street is so wide that vehicles drive on the wrong way of the road.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that staff is currently working on a striping plan for Avenue F; he mentioned that striping is also needed for County 24th Street between Avenue E and Avenue F. He commented that staff would work on a temporary striping and centerline for those avenues. He stated that staff could start the striping within the next couple of weeks since there is already a plan layout.

Furthermore, he added that the bike lanes were incorporated into the striping; Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, is working with a consultant on that concept to add bike lanes on the city's east side.

Council Member Rosales asked about the striping of 6th Avenue.

Mr. Vera replied that 6th Avenue striping is to start within the next week; staff has been waiting on the bike lane layouts; staff will begin without the bike lane layouts; once they are done, they will be incorporated. He added that another concept is to add the pathway on the east side of 6th Avenue, as there is room where the multi-use pathway can be added.

2. F. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding signage, barricades and local business access on Archibald and Main Streets during traffic peak hours. (Council Member Matias Rosales; Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works; and Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Council Member Matias Rosales asked if volunteers are directing traffic during peak hours.

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, replied that Transit Enforcement Officers are the ones that direct traffic, but since currently, they are short staff, Animal Control Officers are giving a hand on this task. He mentioned that one of the problems is people getting off the private business; staff have suggested eliminating traffic cones and replacing them with barricades. He added that another idea is to place swing gates in some private drives sidewalks, as people will not run over them like they do with traffic cones.

Council Member Rosales mentioned that Chief Jessup's idea to replace the traffic cones with barricades is a good idea, as people will not run over them, the barricades will be harder to move.

Chief Jessup replied that staff would look for a cost estimate as to how much barricades will cost to replace all traffic cones

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked if officers are enforcing those who decide to move the cones, as he has seen people ignore officers. He mentioned that office should be citing those violators.

Chief Jessup replied that he would be working on a plan to have officers on-call to do the enforcement. He added that more motor officers would be recruited in January, which will make it easier to go through traffic.

Council Member Rosales suggested putting up signs stating that only local traffic is allowed; this will ease the traffic in that area and help officers control traffic.

Chief Jessup mentioned that the Police Department also has unmarked vehicles that can also be utilized.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, mentioned that he has a layout for Archibald Street and has a purchase order to purchase concrete barriers on the third lane going into Mexico from D Street to Urtuzuastegui Street. He asked Mayor and Council if they would like to see a permanent fix in that area. He suggested doing this in sections so that people get used to it.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. mentioned that the other problem is people trying to cross Archibald Street towards San Luis Plaza Drive. People in line to cross into Mexico do not respect the lights.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked Mr. Jessup to proceed with this item as agreed by members of the City Council.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Work Session at approximately 7:54 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 July 7, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk