

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
August 11, 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 Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis Cabrera
Council Member Jose Ponce
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT: Kay Marion Macuil, Acting City Manager/City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator
Alfredo Leon, Facilities Department
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager
Axel Chayra, I.T. Technician
Francia Alonso, Acting Assistant to the Mayor & City Council
Janet Taylor, Legal Secretary
Jonathan Dumadag, I.T. Department
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Jose Luis Cisneros, Acting Public Information Officer
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Margarita Dominguez, Planning & Zoning Department
Mary French-Jones, Grant Writer
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ralph Velez, City Consultant
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Rosalba Leon, Human Resources Coordinator
Adelaida Buchanan, Resident
Aurora Leon, City of San Luis Retiree
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Columba Nuñez, Resident

Christian Cuevas, Translator
Gary Snyder, Resident
Genaro Soto-Cordova, Resident
Javier Vargas, Resident
Maria Alegria, Resident
Maria Cecilia Cruz, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Matias Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PRESENTATION

4. A. Presentation of plaques to the following retired former employees in recognition of their many years of service: Oscar Lara, Aurora Leon, Carlos Torres, and Jose Raul Sanchez. (Rosalva Leon, Human Resources Coordinator)

Ms. Rosalva Leon, Human Resources Coordinator, presented a plaque and recognized the retirees.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the retirees for dedicated years of service to the City of San Luis.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held July 28, 2021

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 21, 2021 TO AUGUST 2, 2021

Total Disbursements \$1,580,087.30

(One Million, Five Hundred Eighty Thousand, Eighty-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of a new ladder truck. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase six (6) fully marked and equipped new 2022 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4 x 4 Short Box pick-up trucks using Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Projects budgeted funds. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

5. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2190. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, removing property from the Southwest Arizona Industrial Subdivision Street Lighting Improvement District; declaring certain territory to be no longer benefited by inclusion within the district; amending the district boundaries to exclude such areas; and forming a new district out of the balance of the original district pursuant to A.R.S. §48-616(H). (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

5. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2191. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, removing property from the Southwest Arizona Industrial Subdivision Municipal Services Improvement District; declaring certain territory to be no longer benefited by inclusion within the district; amending the district boundaries to exclude such areas; and forming a new district out of the balance of the original district pursuant to A.R.S. §48-575(J). (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. 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 Luis Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the ratification of payment to Wizard Education. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, indicated that Wizard Education has been the vendor utilized for their educational needs. The paramedic class began in May with the intention of paying for it in the new fiscal year in the amount of \$16,900.00, he also asked that the formal purchasing procedures be waived as permitted under the Purchasing Code. He concluded with Wizard Education has a 93% passing rate on the first time they take a test, they are one of the highest in the state and they are also Interactive Network (ITN).

MOTION: Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to ratify training through Wizard Education for \$16,900.00 and waive formal purchasing procedures under Purchasing Code §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 Luis Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the salary adjustment budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance)

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, explained that in this year's budget, staff included \$666,240.00 to complete the third (3rd) phase of the salary adjustment for city employees. After reviewing to ensure consistency, the fiscal impact increased to \$866,240.00 which is \$200,000.00 more than budgeted. Last year, there was no salary adjustment due to COVID-19, therefore staff considers that this year it is very important that it is done. The implementation of this phase if it happens, will bring all city employees in general Fire and Police Departments to 100% of their salary target and at least to 95% in the executive and management classes. The proposed effective date is August 28, 2021. She added that there is budget capacity to make this possible in the Capital Projects Account. The ladder truck for the Fire Department will be ordered this year, however it will not be here until next year, therefore this relieves some budget capacity. Staff is asking the Mayor and City Council for authorization to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Capital Projects Account to the various salary accounts.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the budget transfer to fund the salary adjustment 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 Luis Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the design contract with James Davey and Associates, Inc. for the Merrill Avenue Reconstruction Project - County 22nd Street to Los Oros Street. (Mary French Jones, Grant Writer)

Ms. Mary French-Jones, Grant Writer, stated that staff is recommending submission of the application for the Merrill Avenue project as an additional element for Rancho Los Oros Subdivision. The contract if awarded and approved, will go to James Davey and Associates who is an on-call engineer for the City of San Luis.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Gloria Torres to approve the design contract for James Davey and Associates, Inc. for the Merrill Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$38,155.00, 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 Luis Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2021-7. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona authorizing and directing the acquisition of all property necessary for the completion of construction of the Mesa Street improvements project, including Mesa Street, Mesa Street Alley located between C and E Streets and neighboring and surrounding rights of way within the City of San Luis by dedication, donation, purchase, exchange, or under the power of eminent domain as a matter of public necessity. (Mary French Jones, Grant Writer and Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Mary French-Jones, Grant Writer, said this is a matter of public necessity and the first step is negotiating the right-of-way acquisition for the properties from the private owners.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve Order No. 2021-7 as a matter of public necessity. 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

6. E. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Minor General Plan Amendment Case No. 2021-0336 and Resolution No. 2192. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the 2040 General Plan to change the land use designation of 19.95 acres of land located east of 20th Avenue and south of Belleza Del Desierto Phase 2 Subdivision from Commercial (C) to Medium Density Residential (MDR); repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez removed Items No. 6.E. and 6.F. from the agenda and moved them to the Regular Council meeting scheduled for September 8, 2021.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney/Acting City Manager, stated that for members of the public who wanted to speak on these two (2) items, the September 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- A. Open public hearing**
- 1. Staff presentation**
- 2. Call to the Public on this item**
- B. Close public hearing**
- C. Action on Resolution No. 2192**

6. F. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2021-0243 and Ordinance No. 420. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the official zoning map of the City of San Luis by changing the zoning classification of 19.95 acres from Light Industrial (L-I) to Medium Density Residential (R1-6) for property located east of 20th Avenue and south of Belleza Del Desierto Phase 2 Subdivision. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

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- A. Open public hearing**
- 1. Staff presentation**
- 2. Call to the Public on this item**
- B. Close public hearing**
- C. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 420 by title only
(Clerk to read the ordinance by title only)**
- D. Action on Ordinance No. 420**

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, reported he met the new Mayor Elect for Rocky Point and discussed his agenda and the projects he has been working on. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the Mayors from the Cities of Yuma and Somerton and the City Manager from the Town of Wellton for being there.

It makes an impact when they gather together and improve their relationships. He added that they will continue working together to reinforce the region to improve the economies on both sides.

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported that his department is working and planning the city's Founders Day, which is scheduled for October 2, 2021. He added that usually the week before, the Founder's Day Parade takes place, however staff will postpone it this year. Staff met with the Gadsden School District Superintendent and they are concerned with the rise of the different cases, they had an increase of students with the online learning alternative. The school district, the Senior Center and other groups are a big part of the parade and it would not be a parade without them.

Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco, reported that last Wednesday, she attended the redistricting hearing that was held in Yuma after ten (10) years, the commission is looking at the redistricting. A hearing was held and there was good participation, several people spoke up for South County. She also attended the Library Board of Trustees and the San Luis Branch is planning their Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 – October 15. They are looking for members of the community that are artistically inclined. She also mentioned that Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and herself attended the internship presentations and was impressive to see the interns speak publicly.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that he is very proud the interns, there was one (1) from Somerton and the rest were residents of San Luis. The City of San Luis is trying hard to recruit to improve the number of interns to participate. Early next year, the city is going to have the businesses involved so that interns also have that experience. He also attended the graduation ceremony for the cadets who passed their academy. He thanked the San Luis Police Department for the support they provide to the cadets.

Council Member Matias Rosales, reported that he attended the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) ribbon cutting ceremony the Highway 95 Expansion Project on Avenue 9E and Highway 95. Hopefully in the near future, he will see the Cesar Chavez expansion ceremony.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Maria Cecilia Cruz, 1255 Ruiz Avenue, San Luis, AZ, said they wanted to express their anger because of last Wednesday. She asked why did Council Members Jose Ponce, Luis Cabrera and Gloria Torres went out the back the door when they had asked them to step into the lobby and talk to the residents. She added that those are the Council Members' voters, it is disrespectful and shows their true character. She asked if this is revenge, she asked Council Member Gloria Torres if she was ending Tadeo's contract to get revenge because there is no reason. She remembers Council Member Gloria Torres telling her that a former Mayor let go of her daughter and that former Mayor was Council Member Gloria Torres's friend at that time. She added that Tadeo's mom was her friend and both would travel together and attend events together.

Ms. Cruz mentioned that in her eight (8) years as Council Member, Tadeo has been very professional, doing his job as Interim Administrator and as Administrator with excellence. She addressed Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco that she would call Tadeo friend, that she has a reputation of doing this to her friends and asked if this is going to be their legacies; getting rid of Tadeo because of revenge. There is no reason to get rid of Tadeo and if there were concerns they should have mentioned it to him face to face. As Council Member's trying to end a friend's contract...she asked what has the City Council done in the years they have served the city; something that residents can see and would want to vote for them again. The City Council approved the community park but there are two (2) Council Members who did not but yet they were quick to take a picture in front of the sign. She continued by saying that the City Council needs to think about it because residents are sick and tired of them not doing nothing for the community. Ms. Cruz indicated that she was given a letter from a resident that was not able to attend the meeting in person and asked for permission to read it.

Ms. Maria Cruz read a letter from resident Gloria Reyes, 1655 C Street, San Luis, AZ, the letter stated she supports to return Mr. Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to his position. Tha she is against the decision taken by the Council Members Jose Ponce, Luis Cabrera, Gloria Torres and Africa Luna-Carrasco. Ms. Cruz provided the letter to Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk.

Ms. Maria Robles, 1195 California Street, San Luis, AZ, stated she was there for the same reason she was at the meeting two (2) weeks ago to ask for unification for the immigration reform campaign so that farm workers are included. The DREAMers have the support of organizations as well as those for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), but unfortunately farm workers do not have any representation from Arizona. She has tried to meet with Council Member Luis Cabrera to discuss the subject. This Friday her group will begin to gather throughout the city to collect the 5,000 signed cards needed by March 31, 2021 to take them to Senator Kyrsten Sinema's Office, who is their voice in Washington, D.C. She asked for the support from the City Council for their people.

Mr. Gilbert Zarate, resident, said that those who took a decision two (2) weeks ago, to check what they are doing, because he thinks that this person that was just let go had done a good job. He is a humble and honest person and has represented each one of the Council Members when they are not present. He asked that they amend their decision, because just how they let go of this person, the day of tomorrow some Council Members will have to go to elections. He added that if things are not right, he will be the first one that will vote against those four (4) and he will win as he already did it once with a person the City Council knows and he/she lost the election. Once again he asked the City Council to amend their decision because the community is outside asking that they think twice about their decision. This person also has a family like the City Council Members and himself and lives from his work. He has a commitment with the Mayor, City Council Members and the residents, he asked what was the reason to let him go. If he committed an error, he should have been informed, but to take a decision without fundamentals, is a mistake that will cost the city and its residents. He ended by requesting they think it well or else he will be after them during the elections.

Mr. Gary Snyder, Resident, mentioned that there is a senator that is not in this district but he has been accused of sexually assaulting kids. The bills that have been signed by Lisa Otondo and Charlene Fernandez, is something that is part of the community in south county that the community does not condone. Recently, this community also learned about the band teacher touching kids in the Gadsden School District and that should not be condoned. On top of this, there is a lot of bashing going on, on homophobia adding that he does not know if this an issue for maybe trying to kick out Tadeo. There are no reasons from Council Members Jose Ponce, Luis Cabrera, Gloria Torres and everyone else who voted yes to get him out. Mr. Snyder said they would like to know why; now if he just has not done the job, he will accept, probably the residents will not, but at least they will understand. But if there is no explanation as to why, all he sees there is what the normal name is. To him San Luis, Arizona is the worst city in this state that has corruption, nepotism, which the community already knows. City Council Members are not showing it to say that is not true, that they got elected and earned their spot and actually be good board members and Mayor as well. What he wants to know and the public is what did Tadeo do to deserve a vote of not being appointed. He asked if they are going to put in possibly her daughter or Monica who is her goddaughter as well. Who else do they have that has the experience or maybe the possibility of being a better City Administrator. It took them two (2) weeks to say at least when they asked at the last board meeting, how much time do they need, which was two (2) weeks to find them. So that means they already knew how they were going to vote, so that was against the open meeting law. Because they met about a vote that had not happened yet and already knew who they were going to appoint. The community wants to know what did Tadeo do and the facts mentioned are pertinent for the residents, for them to understand and trust them as board members, the residents need the information. He recommended that the City Council tells the truth.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to hold Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) subsections (1), (3), and (4).

Discussion and possible action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) subsections (1), (3) and (4) on any and all matters regarding appointing an Interim City Manager and/or a possible contract describing the term for the Interim City Manager and/or legal advice from the city's attorney or attorneys and/or instruction to the city's attorney or attorneys as delineated by the above-referenced Arizona Revised Statute and subsections. (Council Member Luis Cabrera, Council Member Jose Ponce, and Gloria Torres)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:41 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

10. MOTION TO GO BACK TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to go back to Regular Session at approximately 8:17 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

11. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding action to terminate administrative leave status and reinstate City Manager Tadeo Azael De La Hoya. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated he placed this item on the agenda as a possible option, he wants to make sure they all understand the decision they are about to make and he feels that Mr. De La Hoya should have an opportunity to continue. He believes Mr. De La Hoya is not perfect but all can do better. He wants to make sure that each individually Council Member has the option to think about it.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented he has had the privilege of working for the community and Mr. De La Hoya for ten (10) years. He also does not agree that there is a valid reason for this type of change; especially at this time during the city's growth and with the large projects they have started such as the Port of Entry. They also have expansion, remodel, street projects and everything else going on. The city is coming up in the eve of an election year next year, which will affect the recruitment a new City Manager. Everyone knows that the City Manager's position is about an average of two and half (2 ½) years, so to find someone to replace an existing City Manager right now is going to be tough. But again, he does not see no reason for the change.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to reinstate Tadeo De La Hoya as City Manager. Motion did not pass with three (3) ayes and four (4) nays.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked for a roll call vote.

The vote was as follows:

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

12. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding action to approve a mutual severance agreement with Tadeo Azael De La Hoya. (Council Member Luis Cabrera, Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco and Council Member Jose Ponce)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney/Acting City Manager, explained that there was a development, the way the contract was drafted, Mr. De La Hoya is not in complete agreement with it, regarding the payout of sick leave so the fiscal impact on this, if the payout of sick leave is included would be correct according to the fiscal impact on the computer. She handed out a fiscal impact as the contract reads to the City Council beforehand. Therefore, depending on whether you want the sick leave to be paid out, if one of the motions passes...if the first motion was to pass then it would be the amount on the sheet she handed out before meeting. The alternative is to go back and to discuss the severance agreement more.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to move that the City Attorney's Office continue to attempt negotiations for mutual severance agreement with Tadeo De La Hoya. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked for a roll call vote.

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

13. Discussion and possible action regarding any and all matters regarding action to appoint Interim City Manager and set terms of employment with possible instructions to the City Attorney regarding a possible contract with an Interim City Manager. (Council Member Luis Cabrera, Council Member Jose Ponce, and Council Member Gloria Torres)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney/Acting City Manager, said that this item was put on the agenda by the three (3) Council Members and she has not initiated any type of negotiation on this item.

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to appoint Finance Director Monica Castro to the position of Interim City Manager beginning on August 12, 2021, to serve until the City Council make a further decision regarding the position of City Manager and that she retain her permanent position of Finance Director and direct the City Attorney to prepare an appropriate contract for this appointment and bring it before the City Council for its consideration at the next Regular City Council meeting. Motion did not pass with four (4) nays and three (3) ayes.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez asked for a roll call vote.

The vote was as follows:

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

Council Member Matia Rosales stated, so the question is...

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez responded that, that is a legal question that they will have to clarify.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney/Acting City Manager, said that if the City Council does not decide, then the status quo continues until they do and so she would be honored to continue as a temporary person until there is a majority vote.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated that Ms. Macuil is the Interim City Manager and also legal counsel, he recommended that she get legal advice from a second attorney, that would be Mr. Glenn Gimbut. He added that with all due respect, he wants to make sure the City Council follows the law, the City Council is very transparent but she is playing two (2) roles right now. It is best that a legal opinion is obtained for clarification.

Ms. Macuil said that Mr. Gimbut specified he would be on standby on the phone if he would like to get that information now.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that her status does not change at this point in time. She has not been terminated or withdrawn that position and her status is not going to change there right now.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:27 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 minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on August 11, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk