

APPROVED by Council
Date: 10/13/2021
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MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
September 22, 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.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Luis Cabrera
Council Member Jose Ponce

OTHERS PRESENT: Kay Macuil, Acting Interim City Manager/City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation
Axel Chayra, I.T. Department
Crystal Fragozo, Administrative Coordinator
Domingo Sosa, I.T. Department
Francia Alonso, Acting Assistant to the Mayor & City Council
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Jose Luis Cisneros, Acting Public Information Officer
Karla Lastra, Office Assistant
Ralph Velez, Consultant
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Christian Cuevas, Translator
Tadeo De La Hoya, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4. A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2021

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that it is important for the screenings/mamograms to be done as this saves lives. Technology is getting better each time and one needs to continue promoting breast cancer awareness.

4. B. Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2021

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked those agencies who provide services to the victims.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Work Session held September 1, 2021
- Regular Council meeting held September 8, 2021

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM AUGUST 31, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Total Disbursements \$1,489,586.76

(One Million, Four Hundred Eighty - Nine Thousand, Five Hundred, Eighty - Six Dollars and Seventy - Six Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/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 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 modification of a Capital Improvement Project purchase approved for the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation, indicated that in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the replacement and installation of new drapes for the stage in the main room for the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center were approved. This expense was approved as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and was given a budget of \$15,660.00. Currently, the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center is being reserved by the community as well as for city events. With the high demand for the Cultural Center, staff is wanting to take a different route regarding the approved CIP expense. Staff would like to use the approved CIP budget for the purchase and installation of a sound system for the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. The sound system in the main room needs to be upgraded and improved to comply with the demand of the Cultural Center for reservations and events. Staff would like to purchase this sound system equipment from the vendor Sweetwater. The I.T. Department has reached out to this vendor and they provided staff with a quote for this purchase. The quote they provided is for the amount of \$9,493.57 and includes all the items necessary to revamp the sound system in the main room. Once the equipment is received, staff will reach out to vendors to proceed with the installation. This expense will be within the budget of the remaining balance left in the CIP account. Staff is seeking the approval of the Mayor and City Council to modify the description of the approved CIP expense for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Axel Chayra, I.T. Department, stated that staff worked with the vendor based on the budget allocated for the upgrade.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to remove the Cultural Center drapes from the Capital Improvement Projects and replace it with the sound system improvements 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase a new 2020 Ford Starcraft Allstar Bus for the Senior Center. (Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation, The Senior Center currently has two buses that are used to transport seniors around the city and take them on trips. The Senior Center would schedule trips to other cities to have seniors see other Senior Center facilities and entertainment. Due to the usage of these buses over the years, they are fairly worn out and have high mileage. This is a concern for staff and has decided to budget the purchase of a new bus for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. For this fiscal year; the Senior Center was approved a budget of \$89,870.00 for the purchase of a Ford passenger bus with wheelchair accessibility. Staff contacted vendor, Creative Bus Sales, and received a quote for a new 2020 Ford Starcraft Allstar Bus for the price of \$89,166.00.

This bus meets the criteria that staff was looking for and budgeted this fiscal year since it is a 20 passenger vehicle with wheelchair accessibility. Staff would like to seek authorization to purchase the 2020 Ford Starcraft Allstar Bus from Creative Bus Sales. The quote presented is under State Contract CTR054848 which is under the San Luis City Code - Purchasing Section 3.05.090 - Cooperative Purchasing.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Gloria Torres to approve the purchase of a bus for the Senior Center in the amount of \$89,166.00 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. C. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club to sell alcohol during the 2021 Founders' Day Celebration on Saturday, October 2, 2021. (Marcos Ramirez, Secretary for San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club)

A. Open public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco to open the public hearing. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

1. Staff and/or applicant presentation

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club wishes to sell alcohol at the 2021 Founders' Day Celebration event that will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Joe Orduño Park from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The proceeds will be used for scholarships.

2. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

B. Close public hearing

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to close the public hearing. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

C. Action on Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to recommend approval of the application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked staff that volunteered at the last vaccine campaign held at the Cultural Center. The next event will be on October 6, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m at the Cultural Center. The FDA just approved the third dose booster for those 65 years old and older and those with a medical condition. He also thanked the different agencies who have been part of the team who have tackled the pandemic.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that he and other Council Members attended the Senior Center on September 17, 2021 to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day. He added that he and Mayor Gerardo Sanchez attended ADOT's lunch invitation on Friday, September 10, 2021 where the planning and preparing for the Port of Entry was discussed.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. reported that several Council Members and himself attended the grand opening of the Medical Mall by Regional Center for Border Health.

Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco reported that last Tuesday, September 14, 2021, she attended the Yuma Library Board of Trustess meeting and on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, she attended the Colorado River Citizens Forum where they had the Swear-In Ceremony of new U.S. Commissioner Maria Elena Giner who was appointed by President Biden. On Thursday, September 16, 2021, she and Council Member Matias Rosales attend the Library Heritage Grand Opening. She made an invitation to attend the Independent Redistricting Commission public hearing scheduled for October 7, 2021 at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center beginning at 4:00 p.m.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Elizabeth Luera, 1768 Los Olivos Drive, San Luis, AZ, stated she is a taxi cab owner and has been driving her taxi for the past seven (7) years. Her husband recently passed away and now she has to come with the monthly funds for her household. She commented that if her taxi does not bear the sticker, she cannot form in line to pick-up passengers at the border. For those who do not have the sticker on their taxi cabs, are only left with the option of driving around the city to pick-up passenger and the gasoline cost is too expensive. She asked the Mayor and City Council to consider this for those taxi cabs that do not have the sticker and to give them the opportunity to work. With the new ordinance that will come in effect in January 2022 only five (5) taxi cabs per company are allowed. She asked if they are independent taxi cab owners and do not have five (5) taxi cabs, will they be allowed to join or gather five (5) different ones to obtain a sticker.

Mr. Isauro Serna, taxi cab owner, stated that he has the same issue as Ms. Luera and asked the Mayor and City Council to consider their situation as they have bills to pay and need the sticker to pick-up passengers at the border.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

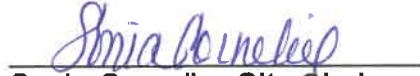
Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

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 September 22, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk