

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

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

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales called the Work Session to order at approximately 7:27 p.m.

Mayor and City Council participated remotely due to COVID-19.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tadeo A. De La Hoya, City Administrator  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Axel Chayra, Information Technology Department  
Doming Sosa, Information Technology Department  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager  
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant  
Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Marlene Lara, Acting Assistant to Mayor and Council/PIO  
Marco Santana, Lieutenant  
Ralph Velez, City Consultant (remotely)  
Richard Jessup, Police Chief  
Richard Bauermann, Fire Department

## **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:**

### **2. A. Presentation, followed by discussion and possible direction to staff on any and all matters regarding the Mesa Street Project. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, informed that this item was discussed during the last Work Session, where Mr. James Davey from Davey and Associates made a presentation. As Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, was not present during that meeting, he will be making a presentation on this item.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, mentioned that he had received an engineer's estimate, which is approximately \$1.2 million; he added that the item with the highest cost would be the retaining wall, which would be \$425,000.00. He commented that the layout is to do a two-way lane on Mesa Street. He stated that it is an excellent option to create access on this street, especially during the winter with the high traffic flows in that area.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales suggested that staff meet with property and business owners before making any parking decisions in that area as it will affect their properties. He asked how much it would cost without the retaining wall and doing Mesa Street.

Mr. Vera replied that this would be a multi-phase project; staff will use grant funding to finish the alley on Mesa Street.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. asked if the cost will include storm drainage.

Mr. Vera replied that this project does not include storm drainage, but it collects waste from the street and takes it to the north or south and will end up in an existing storm drain.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that staff should proceed with this item; this project will benefit merchants and property owners in that area.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera agreed with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez. There were no other questions and or comments from members of the City Council.

Ms. Torres informed that staff is planning to talk to the merchants in that area to get some feedback from them. She mentioned that the city would obtain funding for this year and have to wait two (2) years to get any additional funding, as it will only qualify for a regional account grant and not as a state special project grant. She added that unless the city budgets additional funding for \$600,000.00, it does not include drainage issues in that area. She stated that if the City Council's direction is to proceed with this project, staff will meet with them.

**2. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the design concept of the temporary Fire Station #2. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that staff obtained four (4) proposals to build a temporary Fire Station #3 with a 2,400 sq. ft. and a shade structure. This building will house 5-7 firefighters, one (1) fire truck, and an ambulance. He stated that staff recommends going with the lowest proposal, which is Vega and Vega Engineering. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that Vega and Vega Engineering have worked with the city on different projects; he asked staff to move with this item as it needs to be done in less than two (2) years.

Members of the City Council agreed with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez; they all thanked Chief Ramirez for this much-needed project.

Chief Angel Ramirez mentioned that it would take from 6-7 weeks to get the design, then staff will go out to bid, and responses should be in by April-May; for this reason, this project will be phased out between Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. He informed that all that is needed is the building as the department already has the equipment.

**2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding contracting CXT Incorporated for the Bienestar 9B restroom project. (Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, informed that staff has been in communication with CXT Incorporated, a company that manufactures restrooms, shower, and concession buildings. He presented Mayor and City Council with a potential design. He added that staff budgeted \$60,000.00 for this project, and the quote came in at \$65,600.38. He mentioned that staff has been discussing this matter with the Finance Department to see if the extra funding needed can be utilized from Impact Fees. He added that the Public Works Department would be in charge of connecting the sewer, water, and electrical.

Vice Mayor Matias Rosales mentioned that this project is much needed for the east side residents in Bienestar 9B. He asked other members of the City Council for their comments. The Mayor and the members of the City Council agreed with Vice Mayor Rosales.

**2. D. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding joint use of recreational facilities at Yuma Union High School District #70 (San Luis High School) and the City of San Luis. (Lizandro Galaviz, Parks and Recreation Director)**

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Director of Parks & Recreation, informed that the current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Yuma Union High School District #70 would soon expire. He mentioned that staff has negotiated the new contract term and present

it to City Council in the next scheduled meeting if YUHSD #70 agrees with the new contract. He commented that part of expiring IGA was that the city would pay for electricity on the soccer fields, pay for maintenance of the field, and provide facilities for the city to use if requested. They were able to use the city's facilities if requested. The following are the suggested changes: APS bill for the lights will go to the high school, the high school will pay for \$150,000.00 for the field lights in a lump sum, the city will stop doing maintenance of the field, and joint use of each other's facilities will continue. Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that the suggested changes to the new IGA are a win-win for both entities. The other members of the City Council agreed with Mayor Gerardo Sanchez.

**2. E. Discussion and possible directions to staff regarding the Border Area Taxi Vehicle Permit and parking fine for use of public parking as a taxi stand in the Border Area Taxi Stand. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, mentioned that in December, it was agreed that in addition to the \$24.00 fee, it was a proposal to extend through 2021 the \$50 fee paid for the 35 vehicles in 2020. She added that for vehicles that did not get a permit in 2020 but are among the 35 vehicles for 2021.

Mr. Jorge Perez, Billing & Collections Manager, mentioned that permits expire on December 31, but they have until January to renew their permit for the following year.

Ms. Macuil informed that staff would prepare a resolution to adopt the fee and an ordinance to clean up areas in the ordinance and remove the \$50 fee. She commented that during the meeting held with staff and some City Council members, it was suggested that a parking fine is approved for those parking in the Border Area. She added that staff had received complaints that taxis are unlawfully using public parking to set up as taxi stands. The proposed fine fee will a minimum of \$250.00, which is the maximum allowed under A.R.S. § 28-1598.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked if the Police Department will start the enforcement in that area.

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, replied that the department already started the enforcement in that area with marked and unmarked vehicles and also utilizing the traffic enforcement officers. He added that one of the issues that came up is that taxis were paying the parking meters to park in the area reserved explicitly for the public in public property; the new fine fee will give the officer the ability to site taxis in violation. Furthermore, he mentioned that to avoid taxis parking on a public property (parking meters) the parking meter has been removed. That area has been assigned for emergency parking only, and loading and unloading area has also been assigned.

There were no other comments from the member of the City Council.


### 3. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Mayor Gerardo Sanchez to adjourn the Work Session at approximately 8:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**APPROVED:**



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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*for* UMYhops, Deputy City Clerk  
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 January 06, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

*for* UMYhops, Deputy City Clerk  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk