

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**March 9, 2022**  
**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 Luis Cabrera  
Council Member Jose Ponce (joined at approximately 7:15 p.m.)  
Council Member Matias Rosales  
Council Member Gloria Torres

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Marco A. Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician  
Adelaida Buchanan, Resident  
Greg LaVann, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation  
and Board Member of Children's Museum of Yuma County  
Mario Buchanan Sr., Resident  
Mark Concha, Riedel Construction  
Nieves Riedel, Developer – Riedel Construction  
Olivia Jenkins, Riedel Construction

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Mr. Marco A. Santana, Police Lieutenant, led the invocation.

**4. Presentation on any and all matters regarding Children's Museum of Yuma County regarding their services and programs by Ms. Melissa Rushin Irr, Executive Director. (Ms. Melissa Rushin Irr, Executive Director)**

Mr. Greg LaVann, Board Member of Children's Museum of Yuma County, stated that they will be submitting a request for the City of San Luis Council to consider them in the upcoming budget cycle. Mr. LaVann acknowledged and thanked the current and past board members who represent the different communities in Yuma County.

Ms. Melissa Rushin Irr, Executive Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining who they are, their services, the suggested programming for the City of San Luis and its benefits. She added that most of their budget is through donations and grant money which varies from year to year.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Ms. Rushin Irr for the presentation and added that he will be visiting the museum.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. A. MINUTES OF**

**- Regular Council meeting held February 23, 2022**

**5. B. Disbursements from February 15, 2022 to February 28, 2022**

**Total Disbursements \$1,147,531.63**

**(One Million, One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents)**

**5. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the recommendation to City Council to reappoint or appoint directors to the Board of the San Luis Facilities Development Corporation for the terms that expired on July 29, 2021, and to fill a vacancy. (Kay Marion Macuil, General Counsel for the Board and City Attorney)**

**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 award of Construction Contract for Fleet Services Building Expansion Project (New Fleet Services Shop) to Merrill Development, LLC. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that staff received bids for the new Fleet Shop on February 17, 2022. Staff was surprised with a higher bid than anticipated; numbers were evaluated by the architect and looked into the reasoning why bids came in higher and provided staff with a recommendation and a statement that explains that with the current atmosphere and supply chain issues, it is not foreseen prices lowering. Staff recommends moving forward with the lowest responsible bidder which is Merrill Walker at \$2.6 million; the other two (2) bids from Pilkington at \$2.9 million and Yuma Valley at \$2.9 million. He added that their budget for this year was \$796,000.00 to get the project going and built over a period of two (2) years with an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. Staff proposed to continue with the project anticipating they can spend this fiscal year under \$900,000.00 and the remainder needed funds will be budgeted in the next fiscal year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the award of a construction contract for the Fleet Services Building Expansion Project to Merrill Development LLC in the amount of \$2,638,718.00 and approve budget transfers as stated in the fiscal impact. 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 Resolution No. 2210. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, providing for a Call of Election for 2022 Primary and General Elections, designating the election dates and purpose, designating the deadline and location for candidates to file Nomination Petitions and designating the deadline for voter registration. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

Ms. Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, stated that this resolution provides for the Call of Election for the 2022 Primary and General Elections scheduled for August 2, 2022 and November 8, 2022, its designation dates, deadlines and location for candidates to file their nomination petitions and deadlines for voter registration.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Luis Cabrera to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2210. 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 Subdivision Case No. 2021-0751F. A request by Edais Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Riedel Holding LLC, for the approval of Los Mezquites Unit 1 Final Plat; the property is located on the southeast corner of Avenue E and County 23 ½ Street (San Luis Lane) in San Luis, Arizona. (Fernando Villegas, Pricipal Planner)**

#### **A. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner, explained that this request is to approve the Final Plat of Los Mezquites Unit 1. This subdivision will consist of 195 of residential lots in approximately 38.81 acres. The lots range in size from 6,000 to 10,000 square feet. The City Council approved a Major Amendment to rezone the property and a Development Agreement to proceed with this project. Staff recommends approval of Los Mezquites Unit 1 Final Plat with the following conditions:

1. The developer must comply with all provisions and conditions of the Development Agreement approved by Resolution No. 2204;
2. Developer must pay to the city the sum of \$260.00 per acre, or any portion of an acre, as a proportionate contribution for a traffic signal at the intersection of County 24th Street and Avenue E;
3. A road connection from the southeast corner of the subdivision to County 24th Street should be provided.
4. Developer must comply with review comments letter dated March 8, 2022;
5. Developer agrees to sign the petitions for the creation of a street lighting improvement district, a community facilities district, and any enhanced municipal district needed, prior to the recordation of the plat.

Mr. Villegas added that the developer has agreed to all the conditions.

#### **B. Action on Subdivision Case No. 2021-0751F**

**MOTION:** Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve Subdivision Case No. 2021-0751F with the conditions as presented by staff. 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 the purchase of playground equipment for the playground expansion of PPEP Park. (Maria A. Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation)**

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Parks and Recreation Department would like to expand the current playground area at the PPEP Park. The PPEP Park is visited by many residents on a daily basis. Staff has reached out to Dave Bang Associates, Inc. for assistance and a quote for playground equipment. She added that they have worked with Dave Bang Associates, Inc. for many years and have purchased various playground equipment for the city parks, including PPEP Park.

**MOTION:** Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Luis Cabrera to approve the cooperative purchase of playground equipment for PPEP Park in the amount of \$53,994.91 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

**7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he and Council Member Matias Rosales, attended via Zoom one (1) of many workshops regarding the Port of Entry. It looks like the U.S. side has guaranteed funding, therefore the funding is there and the planning is almost finalized. The question now is what is going to happen with the counterparts in Mexico. It appears that the Federal Government is not communicating with state and local officials and is causing some friction within themselves. He added that the Cesar Chavez Boulevard is being discussed in the Senate and the House of Representatives in the state.

## 8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gilbert Zarate, 848 Orquidea Avenue, San Luis, AZ, stated that he came to ask about something that happened months ago, regarding Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco and her accident that she had. He asked why has this been on standby, when the trial should be ending or what happened, what was the end of it. Adding, that yesterday, he was investigating at the ranch and there are cameras and requested the recording from County 19th Street to Somerton Avenue. He hopes that when the company gives it to him, he can bring it to the Mayor and City Council to verify that the person was there. He wants to know what they are going to do, because the person had a problem and is in office...why was she not removed from the position until the investigation was over. What is happening that they have given her so much preference or what are they covering up. Mr. Zarate asked that as Mayor, who represents San Luis, Arizona, is doing about this. He thinks the Mayor can order the City Attorney, because she should take action on the matter as the residents of this town want to know what happened. Mr. Zarate continued by saying that if it was someone like him, they would want to throw him in jail. His question is what happened, why is everything at a standstill.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, responded that his time is up, but he is going to talk to the Legal Department and the things that can be done as it is limited. If it is a case that is being investigated, it is very limited and since it is not in the city, but in any case, you have the right; he will investigate what can be done.

Mr. Luis Marquez, 1254 America Street, San Luis, AZ, indicated that he is a retired police officer and said that yesterday was a memorable day for him because four (4) years ago, he left the San Luis Police Department thanks to Mr. Jessup, Mr. Lara and Lieutenant Alvarez. He wanted to publicly thank them, because of them he retired. He is a happy retiree as there is no more tension nor pressure. He also thank the City of San Luis for the 20 years of service, he was allowed to be with the community. He hopes that the city continues with the programs he once handled. He added that he loves his city and gives all for it and believes that the City of San Luis deserves to be respected as well as the elected officials. He mentioned that there are no hard feelings and gets along with everyone.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:40 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:**

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Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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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 March 9, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk