

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
May 11, 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
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT: Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Edgar Esparza, Acting Billing & Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Isaac Gutierrez, GIS Specialist
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Maria Muñoz, Human Resources Coordinator
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Miguel Ramirez, Assistant Director of Finance
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ralph Velez, Consultant (via Zoom)
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Roula Encinas, Assistant Director of Finance
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Translator
Mario Buchanan Sr., Resident
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident
Nieves Riedel, Developer – Riedel Construction
Olivia Jenkins, Riedel Construction
Veronica Zavala, Developer – VZ Construction

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Jose Ponce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. A. Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 1 - 7, 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the City Clerk's Office for all they do and their work, adding that he has been informed that the City Clerk's implement what is taught at their long hours of training.

4. B. Economic Development Week May 9-13, 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commended the Economic Development Department for their hard work and dedication.

4. C. National Public Works Week May 15 - 21, 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez mentioned that without the Public Works Department, the City of San Luis does not grow. He congratulated and thanked Public Works for their work.

4. D. Peace Officers' Memorial Day May 15, 2022 and National Police Week May 15 - 21, 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked all the men and women serving in the Police Department for their dedication to the City of San Luis community. He also thanked Chief Jessup for representing the city at the state.

4. E. Bike Month May 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez indicated that residents will begin noticing there are going to be more bicycle track on the streets. This is something that is happening across the United States. He thanked the organizations involved and the bicycle coalition for talking to the City of San Luis about it and its benefits.

4. F. Building Safety Month 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commended the Planning & Zoning Department as they stay up to date, getting certified and for working on the building codes to raise awareness and planning for safe and sustainable construction.

4. G. Presentation of the Safety Award issued to the City of San Luis by the Industrial Commission of Arizona. (Maria Sabori, Risk Property Analyst and Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor)

Ms. Maria Sabori, Risk Property Analyst and Ms. Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor, presented Mayor Gerardo Sanchez with the Safety Award received from the Industrial Commission of Arizona. The City of San Luis has been part of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Program since 2019 and recently was awarded with a contract extension for three (3) additional years. The purpose of the program is to enhance the health and well being of the employees through safety and health measures including trainings provided by OSHA.

4. H. Presentation on any and all matters regarding the donation of photographs to the City of San Luis and request of surplus goods by the 29 H. Ayuntamiento de San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. (Council Member Rebecca Ching-Hurtado from San Luis Rio Colorado)

Ms. Rebecca Ching-Hurtado, Chairman of the Human Rights and Border Affairs Commission and Council Member from San Luis Rio Colorado, stated that this is the first time a representative from this commission addresses the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona. She presented some pictures from the sister city San Luis Rio Colorado, adding that people in both sides of the border are the same people, one same binational community. Both communities maintain a strong and historical binational exchange relationship with the understanding that both sides need from each other. The six (6) photographs represent the life aspect in San Luis Rio Colorado and hopes the City of San Luis is willing to display them to the public.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Ms. Ching Hurtado for the donation of the photographs.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez moved Call to the Public to be next on the agenda. There were no opposition from the City Council.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Maria Medina, resident of Yuma, AZ, thanked the Mayor for the support and aid received during the lost of their homes. She said that not only her family was affected but other families as well and that although they are not residents from the City of San Luis, they received assistance from the SOMOS Foundation.

Ms. Medina presented a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, Mexican Consulate Office, Mr. Gilbert Zarate and Ms. Maria Robles.

Mr. Gilbert Zarate and Ms. Maria Robles, residents of San Luis, AZ, indicated that they have been assisting the families that recently lost their homes in Yuma, AZ. The trailer park is almost finished with the concrete work for the trailers to be installed. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony because it is a big achievement to be able to assist eight (8) families that includes seniors and invited the City Council to attend. Mr. Zarate asked for the city's support for the trailer to assist homeless and added that this is one (1) of a few projects that will benefit the community.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Work Session held April 6, 2022
- Special Council meeting held April 6, 2022
- Regular Council meeting held April 13, 2022
- Work Session held April 27, 2022

5. B. Disbursements from April 5, 2022 to May 2, 2022

Total Disbursements \$2,200,557.87

(Two Million, Two Hundred Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Amberly's Place, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the annual contribution under the 4FrontED Intergovernmental Agreement for a binational regional program to promote education, infrastructure, and tourism, to stimulate mutual economic development for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Gethsemani Food Ministry for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the annual contribution under the Greater Yuma Port Authority, Inc. Intergovernmental Agreement for economic development near the Land Port of Entry 2, Magrino Industrial Park for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with the Humane Society of Yuma for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the proposed agreement with Portable Practical Education Preparation, Inc. (PPEP) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. K. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Yuma Community Food Bank for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. L. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2216. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the annual contribution under the Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority for the Yuma County Area Transit ("YCAT"), the regional public transportation services for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023: repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. M. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of a contract with Yuma County Arts and Cultural Group for the 2023 Annual Blazing Desert ComicCon event in San Luis, Arizona, for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. N. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2217. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving a one-time contribution under the Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority for the Yuma County Area Transit ("YCAT"), the regional public transportation services for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023: repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. O. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of a contract with Yuma County Arts and Cultural Group for the San Luis Film Festival event in San Luis, Arizona, for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. P. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the dues to Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis Cabrera 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 a Guaranty for Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) infrastructure loan from Yuma County. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that the County of Yuma is loaning Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA), \$1,550,000.00 to complete the last unit of GYPA's subdivision and they have asked the City of San Luis and City of Yuma to act as guarantors on the loan. The City of Yuma is taking the lead in protecting the interests of the cities. They have said that the value of the land is over the loan amount and have indicated on the guarantor document that if there is a default, which is unlikely, that any surplus proceeds from the sale of the land to pay off the loan will go to the cities.

MOTION: Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Gloria Torres to authorize the Acting City Manager to take all steps and execute all documents relating to the proposed guaranty of the Yuma County loan to GYPA that are acceptable to the Acting City Manager without further approval from City Council. 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 Council ratification of an emergency contract with Desert Excavating Inc. to lower and relocate water lines on north 4th Avenue. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, asked that this item be continued to the next scheduled council meeting as this is a ratification and staff had to move the work and were not able to get it to the City Council earlier; there might be a slight change and if ratified tonight, he might have to come back to the City Council and increase the amount.

MOTION: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to continue this item to the next scheduled council meeting. 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 engagement of DPE Construction, Inc., for the City of San Luis 5th and 7th Avenue Improvements. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, stated that this item is to award a construction contract to DPE Construction for a paving project; improvements on 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue between Cesar Chavez Boulevard and the subdivision to the south. He requested quotes from four (4) paving contractors and DPE was the only who responded. The amount is above the threshold the state has without having to go through the advertisement process, therefore staff removed four (4) items in the scope of work. If awarded, DPE can begin the project as early as next week and complete it before the fiscal year is over.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that it is not an award as staff had to reject the quote, rather this is a purchasing contract.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis Cabrera to engage DPE Construction, Inc. for the 5th and 7th Avenue improvements for \$245,058.00 from the Capital Outlay Improvement Roads Account, authorize the Acting City Manager or the Public Works Director to execute all documents necessary to do so without further approval of City Council and waive formal purchasing procedures 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. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the change of appointment of a Vice-Mayor. (Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco; Council Member Gloria Torres and Council Member Luis Cabrera)

Council Member Gloria Torres indicated that it has been already over a year since Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco was appointed to serve as such and they agreed that each year there will be an opportunity in appointing a new Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Africa Luna-Carrasco agreed with this and added that it is time to review and have somebody else appointed. She thanked the City Council for giving her the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Vice Mayor for the past year and has learned a lot of things and that is why she thinks it is important that other Council Members are given the opportunity too.

Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. commented that he would like to have the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor.

Discussion took place amongst the Mayor and City Council regarding the commitment, time and meetings that this position demands.

Council Member Luis Cabrera mentioned that he thinks that a resolution is necessary to amend the City Code to review the appointment of the Vice Mayor every 12 months.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez read Section 2.05.020 of the City Code, he directed Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, to look into this.

Council Member Gloria Torres agreed with Council Member Luis Cabrera and further said that sometimes it is hard to obtain the three (3) signatures from other Council Members to place an item on the agenda and does not believe that something like this requires three (3) signatures from the City Council.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that it should be the City Manager's responsibility to add this item on the agenda in a yearly basis.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis Cabrera to appoint Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to serve as the Vice Mayor for the next term. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention from Council Member Gloria Torres.

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	Abstained

6. E. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 425. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis amending Title 6 of the San Luis City Code by adding a new Chapter 6.20 Abuse of Animals; imposing penalties for violation; repealing any conflicting provisions and ordinances; and providing for severability. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Mr. Jose de la Vara, City Prosecutor, explained that this ordinance is necessary for the community. He had a case where a Police Officer cited someone for animal cruelty for salvagely beating a pitbull. As he was preparing for trial, he realized that he needed to check the statute to make sure each element is present and noted that the statute did not cover the situation because the dog was not injured, thus the case was dismissed. He checked with other attorneys throughout the state and no other city has an ordinance on abuse of animals.

A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 425 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Ordinance No. 425 by title only. 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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 425 by title only.

B. Action and adoption of Ordinance No. 425

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Ordinance No. 425. 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 announced that the city has obtained its new ambulance, while the Public Works Department did an emergency purchase for a trash truck and added that a lot of good things are happening in the City of San Luis. He also informed that material that was discussed last year regarding the park such as the grass and lights will be installed soon. All this was talked about and planned two (2) years ago. Some projects were delayed due to the pandemic but the City of San Luis has not stopped working.

Council Member Luis Cabrera reported that he attended the Dia Del Niño, he thanked the Departments of Parks & Recreation, Fire, Police and all those involved in this event.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that he attended his monthly Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting, they have a lot of new projects and a new executive director. He also mentioned that the Greater Yuma Port Authority has a letter on intent for the purchase of the remaining parcels of the Port Authority. He also attended the National Association of Realtors Legislators Summit and the focus was on how a lot of redistrictions are affecting housing in the nation. He also met with Senator Mark Kelly in Washington, D.C. as he was one of the guest speakers at one of the receptions and Senator Kelly brought up the issue of the \$30 million for the Port of Entry.

Council Member Gloria Torres reported she was not able to attend the Mother's Day event at the Senior Center but was able to visit the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 10 which is Mexico's Mother Day.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported that he also attend the Dia Del Niño event and thanked Parks & Recreation and all those involved for this event.

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager, reminded the Mayor, City Council and Department Heads of the Budget Retreat scheduled for May 14, 2022. He added that a lot of things are happening and will continue to happen in the City of San Luis and the city should be promoted as much as possible with residents and visitors.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:30 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 May 11, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk