

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
July 6, 2022
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. Due to lack of quorum an informal meeting was held.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Matias Rosales

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis Cabrera
Council Member Jose Ponce
Council Member Gloria Torres

OTHERS PRESENT: Kay Mario Macuil, City Attorney
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Domingo Sosa, Graphics & Media Designer
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Records Management Specialist
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Jose L. Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Richard Jessup, Police Chief
Ruben Lopez, IT Technician
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

2. A. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis Mural Policy. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, informed that the proposed mural policy sets forth clear and consistent procedures and requirements for applying for a permit to create a mural on private or public property. He mentioned that based on recent case laws regarding the First Amendment, staff would be removing the section that applies to private property. He stated that once the policy is finalized, it will be presented before the City Council for approval.

Mr. Guzman informed that the city had received several requests for murals within the city; for this reason, staff has decided to move forward with the policy as currently there is no process established.

2. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the emergency response unit process and the city's overview. (Council Member Matias Rosales; Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief; Richard Jessup, Chief of Police; Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, informed that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the city is located in the San Luis Fire Department. He mentioned that his department and the Information Technology department have been working together to have an EOC. He also informed that he attended the Yuma County EOC, where they discussed guidelines and classes to be taken by individuals within the organization. Furthermore, he added that in 2019 the City of San Luis Emergency Operations Plan was updated, and a copy was provided to each department within the city. He mentioned that this plan gets reviewed and updated every six (6) months; he encouraged Mayor, City Council, and staff to review their corresponding section of the plan and provide any changes and/or suggestions to the San Luis Fire Department. He stated that his department has been working with police, fire, and other departments to see how service can be improved. He added that the San Luis Fire Department has mutual aid agreements with Somerton and Yuma, where the different entities work mutually in emergencies.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked Ms. Ramirez for the presentation and information. He mentioned it is a good practice to update the plan every six (6) months or every year to keep department heads updated and City Council. He informed that the training Yuma County provided was very informative, and people had the opportunity to learn new stuff.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked Mr. Ramirez for the update on this item.

2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding Las Quintas II walkway to San Luis High School. (Council Member Matias Rosales; Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning)

Council Member Matias Rosales mentioned that he placed this item on the agenda because he has been approached by residents regarding this topic, as the school will be starting soon. Students use this walkway to San Luis High School and/or Southwest Junior High.

Ms. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, informed that the canal is part of the Parks, Paths, and Trails Master Plan. He mentioned that currently, there is no connection between the subdivision and the canal. The property belongs to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), so the city will need to obtain authorization to make improvements to the area.

Council Member Matias Rosales asked that since the city is currently asking BLM for right-of-way on specific areas, can this be added to the application.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, mentioned that staff would have to see what type of request that would be, staff is currently working on requesting right-of-way for the roadway. He commented that for a pathway, they might have some other requirements.

Council Member Rosales asked Mr. Vera to inquire about what is needed so that a response can be given to those concerned residents.

2. D. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding future economic development sites and growth management. (Council Member Matias Rosales and Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, made a PowerPoint presentation which included land ownership within city limits. A copy of this presentation is included with the complete agenda packet filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The informal work session adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.

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 Work Session minutes for the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on June 1, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk