

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
October 11, 2022
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Crystal Ochoa, Acting Assistant to Council/PIO
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Ralph Velez, City Consultant
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority
Columba Nuñez, Resident
Gary Black, Comite De Bienestar
Luis Ramirez, Ramirez Advisors
Nieves Riedel, Mayor Elect/Riedel Construction
Olivia Jenkins, Resident
Tadeo De La Hoya, Resident
Tony Reyes Sr., Comite De Bienestar
Vianey Vega, Vega & Vega Engineering

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4. A. Cities & Towns Week October 16-22, 2022

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

4. B. Community Planning Month October 2022

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held September 28, 2022

5. B. Disbursements from September 20, 2022 to October 3, 2022

Total Disbursements \$1,427,859.17

(One Million, Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Seventeen Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the final design and placement location of the City of San Luis Tourism Letters. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the garden area fencing at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis purchasing slurry seal application services from American Pavement Preservation for the application of type 2 slurry seal as part of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Pavement Preservation Project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

5. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the budget adjustment for temporary staffing expenses of the annual cleanup campaign. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez moved Item No. 9 to be next on the agenda, there was no opposition from the City Council.

9. PRESENTATION

Special recognition presented to State Senator Lisa Otondo and Arizona House of Representative Brian Fernandez for the support in appropriating \$33 million to the Arizona Department of Transportation to construct, widen, repair and upgrade Cesar Chavez Boulevard in the City of San Luis. (Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and City Council)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked and recognized State Senator Lisa Otondo and Arizona House of Representative Brian Fernandez and their team who supported the funding for the widening of the Cesar Chavez Boulevard. He issued them the key of the city adding that these funds will be involved in the growth and development of the City of San Luis, Yuma County and the State of Arizona. Special thanks to Arizona State Senators Lisa Otondo and Sine Kerr; Arizona State Representatives Brian Fernandez, Joanne Osborne, Joel John and Timothy Dunn; County Board of Supervisors Marco Antonio Reyes, Jonathan Lines, Darren Simmons, Lynne Pancrazi and Martin Porchas; Arizona Department of Transportation Director John Halikowski and Mark Sanders; Luis Ramirez from Ramirez Advisors Inter-National; US Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly, US Representative Raul Grijalva; Arizona Department of Transportation, Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, Yuma County, Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, US Customs and Border Protection, Regional Center for Border Health, 4FRONTED, Greater Yuma Port Authority and the Gadsden Elementary School District.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2022-12. An Order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for the Impaired Driver/DUI Alcohol Enforcement and STEP/Selective Traffic Enforcement Projects by approving Highway Safety Contracts 2023-AL-028 & 2023-PTS-055 between the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department and the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, explained that the City of San Luis Police Department has been awarded \$58,667.00 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to support additional equipment, overtime and employee related expenses to enhance driving under the influence (DUI) and traffic enforcement throughout the City of San Luis.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve and adopt Order No. 2022-12. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. | Aye |
| Council Member Luis Cabrera | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | 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 an updated software contract with Benchmark Analytics to continue better managing officer and civilian staff performance, training and policy storage and delivery to the San Luis Police Department. (Richard Jessup, Chief of Police)

Mr. Richard Jessup, Chief of Police, stated that the contract is for the tracking devices they have used over the last several years. This system has allowed the department to better manage internal affairs, use of force incidents, community engagements, officer and civilian staff performance and behavior evaluations has served as a first sign early intervention system, training and policy storage and delivery to the San Luis Police Department. The current contract with Benchmark Analytics will soon expire, and they are requesting to continue the contract for an additional three (3) years.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the contract with Benchmark Analytics as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. | Aye |
| Council Member Luis Cabrera | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | 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. 2022-0422F. A request by Vega and Vega Engineering, PLC, on behalf of Comite de Bienestar, Inc., for the approval of Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 1 Final Plat; for property located on the southeast corner of Avenue F and San Fernando Street in San Luis Arizona. (Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner)

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, cited that this is the first phase of Bienestar Estate 12, it is approximately 40 acres and will consist of 183 residential lots in sizes from 6,000 to 11,000 square feet. It was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and they recommended approval with two (2) conditions. The conditions were that they would need to build a wall next to the retention basins and comply with the street naming and address policy. The developer has complied with both requested conditions; they have a special request for a street name to be named in honor of a young man that was working with them in this project, who passed away.

Mr. Marco Antonio Reyes Sr., Comite De Bienestar, indicated that they had not realize that there was a policy for naming the streets. They named one (1) of the streets Eric Salazar who was the underwriter that was doing the underwriting for La Raza Development.

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve Subdivision Case No. 2022-0422F. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention by Council Member Gloria Torres due a possible conflict of interest.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Luis Cabrera reported that he, Council Member Matias Rosales, Acting City Manager Lizandro Galaviz and Economic Development Manager Jenny Torres attended the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) in San Diego and spoke to different retail companies.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported he attended Harvest Preparatory Academy's Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that he attended the first cuisine tasting tour in San Luis Rio Colorado along with the Mayor from the City of Yuma, City of Somerton and the Town of Wellton. They visited five (5) different restaurants, he thanked Mayor Santos Gonzalez Yescas for the invitation.

Council Member Matias Rosales attended the domestic violence walk from Main Street to Joe Orduño Park with a positive turn out. He also added that all Elected Officials attended the grand opening of Clean Freak Car Wash and reminded everyone about the Binational Bike Ride on October 22, 2022 and the 4x4 Expo.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez added that the CEO of Clean Freak Car Wash donated \$1,000.00 to the South Yuma County Domestic Violence Coalition and thanked him for being part of this community.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Gerardo Sanchez | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. | Aye |
| Council Member Luis Cabrera | Aye |
| Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco | 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 Special City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on October 11, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk