

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
October 27, 2022
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:31 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
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager
Ernesto Prieto, Police Sergeant
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Jossue Cerda, I.T. Help Desk Technician
Maria A. Roldan, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ralph Velez, City Consultant (via Zoom)
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Roula Encina, Finance Operations Manager
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Xochitl Lopez, Administrative Coordinator
Columba Nuñez, Resident
Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer
Jesse Lugo, Resident
Maria Cecilia Cruz, Resident
Mark Concha, Resident
Nieves Riedel, Mayor Elect/Riedel Construction
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident

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. PROCLAMATION

4. A. PPEP, Inc.'s 55th Anniversary

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated PPEP, Inc. for their 55 years of service, commenting on the amazing work they do throughout Arizona.

4. B. Extra Mile Day November 1, 2022

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

4. C. Alzheimer's and Caregiver Awareness Month November 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that Alzheimer's is something that affects the community, it is a devastating disease and commended the caregivers for their hardwork.

4. D. National Diabetes Month November 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez commented that along with diabetes, people have hypertension with high blood pressure and as a community, something should be done.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- **Work Session held October 5, 2022**
- **Special Council meeting held October 11, 2022**

5. B. Disbursements from October 4, 2022 to October 17, 2022

Total Disbursements \$ 1,011,768.31

(One Million, Eleven Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-One Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

6. A. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of the Liquor License Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control by Nieves Garcia Riedel on behalf of Colibri Gas Station & Mini Mart located at 155 N. Avenue E, San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

1. Staff and/or applicant presentation

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that she received the Liquor License Application and was posted at the proposed premises to sell alcohol. She added that her office did not received any comments in favor of or against the application and that staff recommends approval of this item.

2. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

B. Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Luis Cabrera to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

C. Action on the recommendation of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Colibri Gas Station & Mini Mart.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis Cabrera to recommend approval of Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Colibri Gas Station & Mini Mart as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 the purchase of a new Pureflow Iron and Manganese Filtration System unit for Well Site #5. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained this is to re-purchase a Pureflow filtration system. The city is growing and this is in an effort to sustain a level of service for the current growth. The city presently has seven (7) well sites, but one (1) of them does not actually have a well (well site #5). He further stated that this filtration system would complete the entire site. There are booster pumps and a storage tank at this location and it is missing the manganese streaming unit. Staff is recommending a sole source purchase for a Pureflow, similar to what was purchased for well site #7. This is a budgeted item and part of the capital improvement projects in the amount of \$1.1 million. The city will be purchasing the system and then will be contracting for the installation.

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the purchase of a Pureflow Filtration System Model No. C-2400HD in the amount of \$1,108,715.00 and to waive formal purchasing procedures for the reasons presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 the selection of the vendor who will complete the rough grading for the East San Luis Community Park parking lots. (Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, indicated that staff would like to make sure that the park can be accessed from three (3) parking lots, north, south and west. She added that quotes were obtained for the grading of the three (3) parking lots, from Evans Custom Concrete for \$52,130.04, CEMEX Construction Materials South LLC for \$106,750.39, DPE Construction, Inc. for \$130,000.00 and GCE for \$150,000.00. Ms. Roldan asked the City Council to waive formal bidding procedures and award Evans Custom Concrete in the amount of \$52,130.04.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Jose Ponce to contract with Evans Custom Concrete in the amount of \$52,130.04 for rough grading of the East San Luis Community Park parking lots and waive formal purchasing procedures for the reasons presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding revised Resolution No. 2234. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving and ratifying a Memorandum of Understanding to conform to the City Council's October 19th revisions concerning MOY Farming Company, L.L.C.'s proposed lot split of a parcel bounded by Avenue D^{1/2}, County 24^{1/2} Street, Avenue D, and County 25th Street. (Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner)

Mr. Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner, stated this is a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was previously approved by the City Council on October 19, 2022. Discussed changes were made to the MOU by the City Attorney and in agreement with the City Council and the developer.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Luis Cabrera to approve, adopt and ratify revised Resolution No. 2234. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2235. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona amending section HR-4-03(A) of the City of San Luis Personnel Policies relating to holidays, renaming the last Monday in October COVID-19 Pandemic Remembrance Day. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager, asked the Mayor and City Council to consider renaming the last Monday in October to COVID-19 Pandemic Remembrance Day. The city lost its Chief Operator Miguel Gonzales but also lost one (1) of its Firefighters, Robert Fernandez. This resolution will recognize and honor both of them.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Luis Cabrera to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2235. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Yadira Valdez, resident, commented she represent a group of parents. She petitioned to the Mayor and City Council to consider the community's teens by providing more baseball fields to prevent the kids being out on the streets. She does not think it is fair that there are baseball fields in the City of San Luis being used as soccer fields and they are not allowed to use them, but yet non residents are allowed. She asked for support from the local government, as the kids are residents of the City of San Luis.

Mr. Ernesto Prieto, Police Sergeant, introduced the Samano twins, local boxers. He added that Fidel Samano is considered the champion of the American Boxing Federation at 140 lbs. One twin is ranked #41 and in Mexico #85 and both are in the top 500 in the United States. Mr. Prieto mentioned that they will be champions of the world. He invited everyone to their next boxing event on November 19, 2022.

Ms. Maria Cruz, resident, stated that they are very appreciative of the civic contribution to Proverbs 31 Home and South Yuma County Domestic Violence Coalition. They hosted the Father & Daughter Dinner Dance with the vision of strengthening the family dynamics. She presented the Mayor with a certificate.

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that the State Department, their counterparts from Mexico and different agencies were present in an event where issues in regards to the border infrastructure, investment in all three (3) ports in the State of Arizona and California were discussed.

Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. reported that some members of the City Council and himself attended the Annual Off-Road Expo, he added that it was a good event.

The Mayor and City Council presented Mr. Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager, a plaque for his years of service with the City of San Luis. Mr. Galaviz will be joining the City of Somerton as their City Manager as of October 31, 2022.

Mr. Galaviz thanked the Mayor, City Council, Department Heads, staff and residents for the opportunity given to him serving the City of San Luis community.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to hold Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) subsections (1), (3), and (4)

Discussion and possible action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (3), and (4) on any and all matters relating to the position the City Manager as delineated in the above-listed statutes and discussion and legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the city regarding same. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

10. MOTION TO GO BACK TO SPECIAL SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Luis Cabrera/Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. to back into Special Session at approximately 7:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

11. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding action to fill the position or appoint an Interim or Acting City Manager and set terms of employment with possible instructions to the City Attorney regarding a possible contract. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to appoint Ralph Velez as Interim City Manager and direct the City Attorney to negotiate a contract effect immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 27, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk