

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
November 30, 2022
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:44 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Nieves Riedel
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya
Council Member Matias Rosales – via Zoom
Council Member Gloria Torres
Council Member Javier Vargas

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Edgar Esparza, Director Billing & Collections
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, Acting Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Jossue Cerda, I.T. Help Desk Technician
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Maria Sabori, Risk Management
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Translator
Jose Ponce, Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Maria Luz Hoyos, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

3. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of a Vice Mayor. (City Council)

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that there is an opening for the position of Vice Mayor and asked the City Council if they wanted to nominate a member of the City Council.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Javier Vargas to nominate Council Member Luis E. Cabrera as the Vice Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

3. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the removal and appointment of a Trustee for the Employee Benefit Trust. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney and Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that former Mayor Gerardo Sanchez is the chairman of the Employee Benefit Trust adding that his term expires March 14, 2025. It is not a requirement of the Declaration of Trust that a Council Member be on the Trust, therefore, it is possible for him to continue. However, the Declaration of Trust also allows the City Council to remove members and trustees from the Trust. This item is to consider whether to remove Mr. Sanchez from the Trust or chose someone else. The person who would be eligible for that seat would be either a Council Member or anyone else who would be appropriate fiduciary. The Declaration of Trust requires no more than one (1) employee and there is already one (1) employee on that trust.

A. Action by City Council as to whether to remove a Trustee of the Employee Benefit Trust.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to remove Gerardo Sanchez as Trustee from the Employee Benefit Trust. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

B. Action by the Mayor only, to nominate and recommend a Trustee to the Employee Benefit Trust.

Mayor Nieves Riedel to nominate and recommend Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya as Trustee to the Employee Benefit Trust.

C. Action by City Council on the nomination and recommendations of the Mayor.

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to designate Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya as Trustee to the Employee Benefit Trust. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera asked who is the employee serving in the Trust.

Ms. Macuil responded that it is Ms. Maria Sabori from Risk Management and her term expires March 14, 2025.

4. 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

5. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SPECIAL SESSION

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to go back into Special Session at approximately 8:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the position of Interim City Manager with possible instructions to the City Attorney regarding a possible contract or extending the current Interim City Manager's contract. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to extend Mr. Ralph Velez's contract as Interim City Manager for six (6) months and direct staff to continue the recruitment process for a permanent City Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Luis Cabrera/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 8:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

APPROVED:

Nieves Riedel, 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 November 30, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk