

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Work Session to order at approximately 6:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nieves Riedel  
Council Member 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 Marion Macuil, City Attorney  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Glenn Gimbut, Assistant City Attorney  
Gilberto Torres, Wastewater Supervisor  
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Jose L. Cisneros, Acting Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jossue Cerda, IT Help Desk Technician  
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector  
Ruben Lopez, IT Technician  
Cesar Neyoy, Bajo El Sol  
Juan Carlos Cornelio, Resident  
Lucy Lopez, San Luis AZ News  
Maria Luz Hoyos, Resident  
Olivia Jenkins, Resident

## **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:**

### **2. A. Presentation followed by discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, and Mike Krebs, Vice President of PACE Advanced Water Engineering)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that approximately a year ago, staff started an analysis of the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the goal of expanding it. He mentioned that the expansion is needed to keep up with the growth and alleviate the current diversion to the East Plant. He introduced Mr. Mike Krebs, Vice President of PACE Advanced Water Engineering and Mr. Duong Do and Mr. Taylor Pierce, Engineers from PACE, which all made a PowerPoint Presentation that included the following, City of San Luis WWTP Process Evaluation, Current Wastewater Generation, Juan Sanchez Luis Lift Station, Population Growth, West WWTP Service Area Growth, West WWTP Existing SBR Process, Capacity Evaluation – West WWTP, Capacity Deficiency-Influent Screens, Component Evaluation/Condition Assessment, Recommended Improvements, Recommendations – West WWTP Expansion, WWTP Expansion Options, MLE Expansion Option, MLE Expansion Phasing, SBR Expansion Option, MLE Expansion Phasing, SBR Expansion Option, MBR Expansion Option, WWTP Expansion Cost Evaluation, WWTP Expansion LCC, and Recommendation. A copy of the presentation is included in the complete agenda packet filed in the City Clerk's Office.

A discussion was held and comments were addressed by members of the City Council, Eulogio Vera, Mike Krebs, Vice President of PACE Advanced Water Engineering, Duong Do and Taylor Pierce, Engineers from PACE.

### **2. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the Parks, Paths & Trails Master Plan. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning and Zoning)**

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning, informed that staff is working on the final stages of the Parks, Paths & Trails Master Plan; this plan needs to be taken to the Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. He added that community meetings were held to obtain input from the community. Mr. Guzman made a PowerPoint presentation which is included in the complete agenda packet filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that she would like to see the Master Plan move forward, as it is very important to the residents.

Vice-Mayor Luis E. Cabrera commented that there are currently bike lanes already in place that lead nowhere; he asked if those will be addressed during the process.

Mr. Guzman replied that the current bike lanes would be addressed in the plan.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that the city needs better parks, amenities and residents keep asking for more, but everything costs.

She mentioned that the city should consider just like Yuma County, City of Yuma, and other cities, when a developer proposes a new subdivision, they require a number of acres in lieu of impact fees that can be used for a neighborhood park, this way the city will no longer use retention basins as parks in the community. Mayor Nieves Riedel suggested having exercise equipment installed in the city parks, as this motivates residents to go out and exercise. She also suggested designating or creating parks for pets.

Vice-Mayor Luis E. Cabrera informed that some parks already have exercise equipment, and people do take advantage of that equipment.

## **2. C. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding a Tree Match Campaign for Earth Day 2023 in the City of San Luis. (Council Member Luis E. Cabrera)**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he would like to bring a tree match campaign to the city. He informed that community leaders met with residents and one of the things addressed was that they would like to see more trees in the community. He commented that in the past, Mr. Jesse Lopez from PPEP donated trees to be planted on Earth Day. He explained how this campaign would work, for example if 100 trees are donated, then the city will match those 100 trees. Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he spoke with Ms. Maria Roldan, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, to see if the Parks Division would be able to help during the campaign and she was more than willing to help as they have always done. He stated that the estimated cost would be \$6,000.00. He mentioned that City Council should consider this project and find the funds to get this campaign going and start promoting it in early January so that the community is aware and staff prepares with all the logistics for this project.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz thanked Council Member Luis E. Cabrera for bringing this topic for discussion. She added that she had discussed this topic in the past. She commented that she would also like to proceed with this campaign not only at the parks but also along Cesar Chavez Boulevard and in other city areas.

Council Member Gloria Torres stated that this is a great project and proposed the City Council to donate some trees.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Council Member Luis E. Cabrera for this great project; this will make the city look appealing to visitors. She hopes that the City Council would give full support to this project.

**2. D. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding joining Yuma County and Somerton for Avenue E Corridor and connecting Los Alamos Subdivision. (Council Member Luis E. Cabrera and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he would like to see the City of San Luis join Yuma County and the City of Somerton on the Avenue E corridor. This will help connect Los Alamos Subdivision, alleviate traffic and provide an entrance and exit to San Luis.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, informed that Yuma County has been pushing forward this project and they have been in constant communication with the City of San Luis and Somerton. This project will greatly benefit the City of Somerton by connecting the community to what they will be considering as their industrial area. He stated that the City of San Luis had that project included in the Yuma Metropolitan Organization (YMPO) list of projects, but it was removed because the county was pushing for that project.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that Yuma County and the City of Somerton had asked the City of San Luis to support and participate in this project. She expressed the desire to join this project and mentioned that the City Administrator should lead this committee.

Mr. Vera informed that since this project was removed from the project list, staff added another project to connect the Mesa to the Valley along Avenue G.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that this project has been on the YMPO's list for the past five (5) years. He added that this project is in the final stages of the design project, and the city has been in full support of it.

**2. E. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding a Code of Ethics for Elected Officials. (Council Member Luis E. Cabrera and Kay Macuil, City Attorney)**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera stated that the City of San Luis currently does not have a Code of Ethics for Elected Officials. He mentioned that during the past two (2) years he has seen how other Council Members have been disrespected or intimidated with comments adding that with a new City Council, one should start on the right foot and work together to support the community as well as showing respect within themselves and the residents. He indicated that the Town of Tolleson, Arizona, has a good Code of Conduct for Council Members and that the City of Somerton established one recently as well.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya commented and encouraged that if there is anyone with a complaint to properly file it with Administration, that way it can be followed up as best practice.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Council Members Luis E. Cabrera and Tadeo Azael De La Hoya and included that this is a topic that needs to be talked about and the City Council needs to act like adults and respect city employees. The families of Council Members and city employees are sacred.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to adjourn the Work Session at approximately 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

**APPROVED:**

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Nieves Riedel, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk