

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
September 28, 2022
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis Cabrera (via Zoom at approximately 7:05 pm)
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Matias Rosales (via Zoom)
Council Member Gloria Torres

ABSENT: Council Member Jose Ponce

OTHERS PRESENT: Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager (via Zoom)
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alfredo Leon, Building Maintenance Technician
Crystal Ochoa, Acting Assistant to Council/PIO
Derek Dueñas, I.T. Manager
Edgar Esparza, Acting Billing & Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Laura Cornejo, Custodian
Luigie Gutierrez, Building Maintenance Technician
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Osvaldo Rodriguez, Lead Custodian
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Translator
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

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. - National Custodian Workers Recognition Day October 2, 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez thanked the city's custodians for their dedication and hard work.

4. B. - Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated he has seen advanced cancers being treated with the new immunotherapies and encouraged to have a screen done not only for females but for males as well; preventing is a key factor.

4. C. - Bullying Prevention Month October 2022

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

4.D. - Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2022

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

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez recognized and thanked Amberly's Place for their continued services to the City of San Luis residents.

Ms. Tori Bourguignon, Amberly's Place Executive Director, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the years of partnership, collaboration and support. She added that they are honored to to the opportunity to serve citizens of the City of San Luis and to work with victims. Domestic violence numbers in Yuma County are up 39%.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- **Work Session held September 7, 2022**

- **Regular Council meeting held September 14, 2022**

5. B. Disbursements from September 7, 2022 to September 19, 2022

Total Disbursements \$899,286.77

(Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase and installation of decorative lights on Main Street. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the placement of an International Peace Pole to be donated by the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club. (Lizandro Galaviz, Acting City Manager)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the engagement of James Davey and Associates, Inc. for the design of Well Site #5 Improvements. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, indicated that the Public Works Department and its Water Division are seeking approval to engage James Davey and Associates, Inc., (JDA) for engineering services in the design and construction phase services of Well Site #5 (Public Works Yard) improvements in the amount of \$283,639.00. Such improvements will constitute the construction of new groundwater well, a new manganese treatment unit (MTU), and an expansion of the current office to provide for a system control room at said site. By doing so, the city will be increasing its treated water production by 1,100 gallons per minute (GPM). The improvements will entail Phase One of the water distribution system improvements intended to occur over the upcoming four (4) years. Subsequent phases will constitute additional storage tanks, booster pumps, ground wells and treatment units at a different system location.

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Luis Cabrera to approve the contract with James Davey and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$283,639.00. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to reallocate budget items to address shortfalls and cost increases in the Capital Projects Budget. (Monica Castro, Director of Finance)

Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, explained that in Fiscal Year 2022, staff had expected to complete some projects, however, due to delays in supply chain due to economic rebound of COVID-19 labor shortages and constraints in transportation, the projects were not able to be completed. The delays were not foreseen and these projects were not included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Additionally, she added that staff has also seen a record high inflation that has caused an increase in projects. These two (2) events have caused a budget shortage. In order to address this situation, staff has evaluated the Capital Improvement Projects to realign priorities and to reallocate funds where needed the most. Staff identified projects that were budgeted and concluded that it did not require funding from the city as funds from another source were received, such as grants. She briefly explained some of the Capital Improvement Projects list attached to the agenda item and filed at the City Clerk's Office.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to approve budget reallocation as indicated in the budget transfer form of this agenda item. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

6. 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)

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. to continue this item to the next scheduled Work Session as staff has received new information regarding the bids for the installation. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported that Vice Mayor Mario Buchana Jr. attended the grand opening of Starbucks and added that every morning the place is full of people. He mentioned there is a new car wash facility, which was very much needed; he thanked staff for working hard on these projects as well as the City Council for the support provided and making the right decisions for creating the right environment to non local investors. Even though the city does not have property taxes, the city depends on sales tax. With the success of Starbucks, he would not be surprised if there is a second location for Starbuck nor if more businesses come to the city. On a separate note he added that on October 22, 2022, the Mayors' International Bicycle Ride event will take place. He invited staff to participate in this 26-mile occurrence.

Council Member Luis Cabrera reiterated what Mayor Gerardo Sanchez reported on Starbucks and added that he and Council Member Matias Rosales are currently attending the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) to speak to other retailers. He added that it is very positive to see the community come together and support the local businesses, as other retailers will be able to see that Starbucks is thriving in the City of San Luis and meeting their sales quotas, so they will want to come to our community. He attended the grand opening of Starbucks and stated that they met their sales quota of one (1) week in three (3) days.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr./Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:35 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 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 Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on September 28, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk