

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
November 9, 2022
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Edgar Esparza, Acting Billing & Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Richard Jessup, Chief of Police
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Xochitl Lopez, Administrative Coordinator
Christian Cuevas, Translator
Columba Nuñez, Resident
Olivia Jenkins, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

4. A. MINUTES OF

- Special Council meeting held October 19, 2022
- Special Council meeting held October 27, 2022

4. B. Disbursements from October 18, 2022 to November 1, 2022

Total Disbursements \$924,320.67

(Nine Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred, Twenty Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Jose Ponce 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

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

5. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement with Velez Consulting Services. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that on October 27, 2022, the Mayor and City Council directed her to negotiate with Mr. Ralph Velez for his appointment as Interim City Manager. She added that a contract was prepared with an ending date of December 14, 2022, but it does allow to re-open for negotiations. She added it is a flat fee for those weeks, including lodging and mileage; and the city will pay for his insurance as he wants to continue his independent contract. Ms. Macuil added that the city can place him on the city's risk pool insurance.

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. to approve the Addendum to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Velez Consulting Services. 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

5. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 431. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending San Luis City Code Section 5.15.60 to set the duration of each transportation business vehicle permit and individual operator permit to be valid only for the calendar year in which it was issued. (Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager)

Mr. Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager, stated that all taxi companies must have a general business license, valid from January to December 31st. It must be renewed every January. In addition of the general business license, they must also have a taxi vehicle permit and a taxi individual permit. These permits are valid for one (1) year after the issuance date per City Code. There are currently 144 taxi drivers permits and 49 are expired; there are 94 taxi vehicle permits that will expire on December 31st. He added that the cost of a general business license is \$100.00, taxi vehicle permit \$200.00 and the taxi individual permit is \$20.00.

A. Action on Ordinance No. 431 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Ordinance No. 431 by title only. 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

(City Clerk to read Ordinance No. 431 by title only)

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 431 by title only.

B. Action on Ordinance No. 431

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve Ordinance No. 431. 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. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager, reported that Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) drivers and the maintenance crews wanted a 43% rate hike for the next five (5) years. The YCAT Board was able to negotiate an amount that would be sustainable with their annual dues; 88% of YCAT drivers and maintenance crews voted in favor of their offer. He added that the YCAT Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, to ratify the agreement and there will be no strike. Arizona Western College will stay at a reduced amount equal to their student population, which was fair.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported he attended the 4th Annual Tour De Fields event, hosted by the City of San Luis for the first time. He thanked staff involved in the organization of this event.

Council Member Jose Ponce reported he attended the Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center and thanked city staff for organizing the event.

Council Member Luis Cabrera reported he has been receiving complaints from residents regarding the graffiti at the east side of San Luis and believes this issue needs to be addressed by City Council. He added that Council needs to come up with a solution such as reaching out to parents and let them know that it is important they are vigilant and making sure children are not doing any of those things that are harming the community.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Xochitl Lopez, resident, invited the Mayor, Council and the community to the Annual Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at the Wetlands Park. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., the ceremony will start at 9:00 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. This event is free of charge and it is to raise awareness about alzheimer's.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr. 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 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 Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on November 9, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk