

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
November 28, 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
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco
Council Member Jose Ponce
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr.
Council Member Luis Cabrera

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Velez, Interim 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
Edgar Esparza, Director Billing & Collections
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Luis Cisneros, Executive Assistant
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Maria Sabori, Risk Management
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Simultaneous Translator
Columba Nuñez, Resident
Doug Nicholls, Mayor – City of Yuma
Javier Vargas, Council Member Elect
Joe Harper, Resident
Juan Manual Guerrero, Justice of the Peace 2 Judge
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Maria Alegria, Resident
Maria Cecilia Cruz, Council Member Elect

Mark Concha, Resident
Nieves Riedel, Mayor Elect/Riedel Construction
Scarlett Harper, Resident
Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, Council Member Elect
Veronica Zavala, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Matias Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Mesa Street Improvements Phase I (CDBG Contract No. 119-22) Change Order No.

1. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, explained that staff has been working on the Mesa Street project. She added this is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded project. Many of the CDBG projects are focused in the older parts of town. The project was funded specifically to address the residential area that included the alley and Mesa Street. There is no Mesa Street at the moment and there were big portions of the area where people began dumping a lot of debris. The area has been cleared so that it can be developed and construct the road. The contractor has dug to the point of where the contract stated the removal of the debris. The city's engineers and Geotech were brought in to identify how much deeper was needed to be dug into it for the construction of a stable road. The change order is in the amount of \$125,200.00 and in addition to this amount, the properties will need to be leveled. The change order also included a 20 day additional contract time and that is still within the ADOT contract. Ms. Torres asked the Mayor and City Council to approve Change Order No. 1 and to waive the formal purchasing procedures for the good cause presented.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Jose Ponce to approve the Mesa Street Improvement project Change Order No. 1, authorize a budget transfer and waive formal purchasing procedures for the good cause presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	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 award of a construction contract for the Mesa Street Improvements, Phase II Project. (Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager and Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, indicated that this is Phase 2 of the project and the funding was allocated in the capital projects. She added that Phase 1 includes the alley and Mesa Street and Phase 2 includes parts of C Street, E Street and F Street. Arizona Department of Housing contract is only able to assist the residential portion; Ms. Torres briefly explained the project. Staff received two (2) quotes from DPE totaling \$197,948.10 and Gutierrez Canales and Engineering totaling \$239,635.21. She asked the Mayor and City Council to award the contract to DPE in the amount of \$197,948.10 and to waive formal purchasing procedures for the good cause. This project is CDBG and the city has been focusing for the past nine (9) years in doing street improvements in older areas of town. This project is addressing the drainage problem and hopes the Mayor and City Council continue to support staff in the improvement for downtown.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco to award the construction contract to DPE in the amount of \$197,948.10 and waive formal purchasing procedures for the good cause presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	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 Resolution No. 2241. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held November 8, 2022, in the City of San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, explained this resolution adopts and declares the elections results for the election held November 8, 2022 for three (3) Council Member seats. Therefore, certificates of election will be provided to Council Members Elect Maria Cecila Cruz, Tadeo Azael De La Hoya and Javier Vargas.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez congratulated the future Mayor and Council Members Elect.

MOTION: Council Member Jose Ponce/Council Member Africa Luna Carrasco to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2241. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye

3. D. Presentation of plaques to Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, Vice Mayor Mario Buchanan Jr., Council Members Africa Luna-Carrasco and Jose Ponce for their years of service to the City of San Luis. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources)

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez presented a plaque to Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco and Council Member Jose Ponce for serving the community with great heart and dedication.

Both Council Members thanked the Mayor and the community adding that it was a pleasure to have served them.

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, presented Mayor Gerardo Sanchez with a plaque for the years of service.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez stated that it was an honor to have served 14 years as an Elected Official. He thanked the City Council, staff and community for the support and help he received during his time as a Council Member, Vice Mayor and Mayor.

Mr. Doug Nicholls, City of Yuma Mayor, congratulated and thanked Mayor Gerardo Sanchez for having the privilege of working with him and his leadership. He presented Mayor Gerardo Sanchez with the City of Yuma's Mayor Coin.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Council Members Mario Buchanan Jr., Africa Luna-Carrasco and Jose Ponce for their service and dedication to the community.

Council Member Gloria Torres thanked Council Members Africa Luna-Carrasco and Jose Ponce for their service.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco/Council Member Jose Ponce to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez	Aye
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco	Aye
Council Member Jose Ponce	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	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 28, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk