

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
March 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Nieves Riedel
Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Tadeo De La Hoya (arrived at approximately 6:05 p.m.)
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres
Council Member Javier Vargas

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager
Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Francia Alonso, Acting Public Information Officer
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Planning & Zoning
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police
Monica Castro, Director of Finance
Olivian Jenkins, Government & Foreign Affairs Coordinator
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Translator
Lucky Hoyos, Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Ms. Helia Martinez, Pastor – Templo Cristiano Vino Nuevo, led the invocation.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Marco A. Santana, 1943 Georgina Street, San Luis, AZ, off duty San Luis Police Lieutenant, stated his concerns going on at his agency, the San Luis Police Department. In the last five (5) months they have lost four (4) officers; officers that the City of San Luis spent money, time and effort to make them who they became and ultimately went to other agencies as a result of better pay and opportunities. He is concerned as a citizen of what the city will become, if there are not enough officers to protect the residents. His other concern is having Police Officers aggravated assaulted, he added that it is not only his concerned but that of the Sergeants as well. Mr. Santana mentioned that a few of the officers are eligible to retire and if they retire, where does that leave the successional plan. He concluded by saying that the City of San Luis Police Department has the tools necessary to maintain the safety of this community. He asked the Mayor and City Council to help and consider the circumstances to prevent losing more Police Officers.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that she was surprised to learn how much a Police Officer is earning. She added she will work hard and expects the rest of the City Council to work with her to make sure they do the right thing not only for Police Officers but all city employees as they are all underpaid.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held February 8, 2023

5. B. Disbursements from February 14, 2023 to February 27, 2023

Total disbursements \$1,005,744.97

(One Million, Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 ITEMS:

6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a one-time pay-out of COVID-19 measures for vacation hours exceeding vacation leave accrual caps set under San Luis Personnel Policies § HR4-04 effective immediately and declaring an emergency. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources)

(6 votes in favor are required to pass immediately as an emergency measure per A.R.S. § 19-142)

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, explained that due to the unforeseen pandemic, on June 24, 2020, the city had to make changes to the accrual of vacation hours because of the restrictions of traveling outside of the county and the United States. Employees were reaching their accrual cap and were not going to be able to accumulate any more hours. At the time, a decision was made to increase each of the three (3) vacation caps by 80 hours. To date, staff has not revisited the regular accrual caps adding that most agencies throughout the United States practiced in the same manner by increasing the accrual caps but have gone back to normal. Staff is asking for approval to immediately enforce the vacation caps per policy and for those employees who have hours over the regular accrual cap to provide a payout for the overage of hours promptly.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya commented he understands the financial liability but there are employees that are a one (1) person department and worked tirelessly during the pandemic and public safety employees never stopped working. He agrees with the Human Resources Department reducing the cap but also staff should look for another incentive for those employees that do not miss a day of work.

Ms. Cortez stated that an employer is not forced to provide paid vacation, it is more like a benefit to employees and thinks that the number of accrual is competitive based on the survey from other municipalities.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Mayor Nieves Riedel to approve a one-time payout to employees who have accrued vacation leave above the cap set by San Luis Personnel Policies § HR4-04 under the June 24, 2020, COVID-19 pandemic measure in an amount not to exceed a total expenditure of \$100,000.00, to authorize the Finance Department staff to make budget transfers as needed to complete the vacation payout, and to find that it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of San Luis an emergency be declared to exist and the accruals under the COVID-19 pandemic measures shall end immediately. 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. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding obtaining authorization for processing vacation buy-back. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources)

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, stated this item is related to vacation, but is the program that allows employees to sell back vacation hours as an incentive. When the budget was prepared for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, budget was not allocated to provide for this program. Although, the employee benefit package is comprehensive in allowing these essential benefits, sometimes it is hard to take vacation in certain positions and unfortunately employees reach their accruals. This program provides for employees to sell back some of those vacation hours that they might not use, up to 40 hours. She added that last year during the budget retreat it was mentioned that a review and assessment of funding would be done at mid-year to determine if there was funding available to hold this program. Ms. Monica Castro, Director of Finance, completed the assessment and determined that there is funding to cover if every full-time employee wanted to sell up to 40 hours of vacation. The funding is there but authorization is required since an allocation was not approved during the budget.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked why did the policy change to one (1) time a year.

Ms. Castro responded that the policy has not changed but as stated by Ms. Cortez, staff did not budget for vacation buyback. The first opportunity to do the buyback is in September and it is early in the year to make an assessment and identify availability of funds, but during the budget retreat she indicated that she would look into it and review it in December for availability of funds, which there are. Therefore, staff does not want employees to miss the opportunity to allow them to exercise that option in April. The employee can sell 40 hours either in September or April, but if an employee sells hours in September, they cannot sell hours in April, the payout will be made once per fiscal year. The buyback is something based on budget availability, staff will know during the mid-year if there is budget to pay it; this is not a priority.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that as an operational program, the Mayor and City Council could pass this for this year and direct staff to come back next year with the April and September options.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that it may not be a priority for the City Council but it is a priority for employees.

Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera commented that it is healthy for employees to take vacation and approving this is probably giving employees the perception to not use their vacation time as the city will be buying their vacation hours.

Council Member Tadeo De La Hoya added that it is the employees' choice as this is not a forced vacation nor an incentive but rather a proposal.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that this would give an employee the opportunity to do it twice a year, whether it is in April or if the city has the budget to make sure that there is a policy that allows them to do it in September. This is an incentive to employees that are underpaid.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales to authorize processing of the vacation buyback with adding September and April and once per year amending the policy as presented. 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. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Arizona State Land Department application for the acquisition of 17.84 acres of land for the expansion of City Hall. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager, explained that the departments have been meeting and are trying to find a possible location to expand the City Hall offices. City Hall was built in 2007 and planned for a ten (10) year term, the term has passed and it is not meeting staff's needs. Staff has been looking into different options and determined that keeping the services within one (1) location is important. Staff has looked at the State Land Department next to the Fire Station which is approximately 17.84 acres of land. The application process is simple and the city would need to pay \$1,000.00, staff would have to allocate approximately \$15,000.00 next fiscal year to perform a cultural survey as required by the application and then the State Land Department will request an appraisal and at that time, staff will know the price of the land. The Arizona State Land Department will auction the property and there is a possibility of the city getting outbid. However, any fees associated with the acquisition would be reimbursed to the city should the city not be the successful bidder.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the application to the Arizona State Land Department for the expansion of City Hall. 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.D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2023-04. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, (1) authorizing and directing the acquisition of all property necessary for the construction to widen Cesar Chavez Boulevard by dedication, donation, purchase, exchange, or under the power of eminent domain as a matter of public necessity, (2) authorizing the transfer of funds to make up a short-fall from a federal grant and the general fund for the acquisitions, and (3) authorizing the City Manager to take any and all actions in furtherance of the acquisitions. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager, mentioned that staff has been working on this project for the past five (5) years and were able to acquire right-of-way of 64 acres from the Federal Government as well as 16 acres from the State Land Department. Currently, staff is trying to acquire approximately four (4) acres from 11 different property owners. Staff has contracted with the consulting firm that is helping staff with the right-of-way acquisition as the uniform act has to be followed to be eligible to obtain federal funding. She added that through a federal grant, staff was able to hire a consultant who coordinated the acquisition with the property owners.

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest as she is one of the property owners.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve Order No. 2023-04, the reallocation of funding from the accounts stated in the fiscal impact and authorize the City Manager to take such actions as may be needed to close escrow according to the terms in the offer packages. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2023-02. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for overtime and mileage by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award; Overtime and Mileage between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona, through the San Luis Police Department. (Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police)

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, explained that the San Luis Police Department was awarded grant funding through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for overtime and mileage. He asked for the Mayor and City Council's approval to receive funding to continue working Operation Stonegarden which helps the border security as well as having more officers out on the street.

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera to approve and adopt Order No. 2023-02 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement and grant as presented. 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. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2023-03. An Order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for equipment by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award - Equipment between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the City of San Luis, Arizona, through the San Luis Police Department. (Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police)

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, explained that the San Luis Police Department was awarded grant funding through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for equipment. He asked for the Mayor and City Council's approval to receive funding to purchase three (3) license plate readers which will help identify stolen vehicles more rapidly while they are out on the roadway. Additionally, they will purchase one (1) contraband detector kit, which is a camera utilized to identify any drugs or contraband hidden within a vehicle.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Order No. 2023-03 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement and grant as presented. 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. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding revised Ordinance No. 433. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending City Code § 10.15.235, titled, Parking in Alleys; continuing the penalty for violations under City Code § 10.15.990; repealing any conflicting provisions and providing for severability. (Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police)

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, indicated that a Work Session was held to discuss this item and stated that this ordinance will improve public safety services as the city continues to grow. The San Luis Police Department will have a soft enforcement as the priority is to educate residents and prepare the field workers when they come back to the city in October.

A. Action on Ordinance No. 433 to read by title only

MOTION: Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 433 by title only. 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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 433 by title only.

B. Action on Ordinance No. 433

MOTION: Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 433. 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

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that before continuing the meeting, she wanted to declare a conflict of interest on Item Nos. 6.H., 6. I. and 6. J. and asked Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera to take over the meeting.

6. H. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Minor Amendment Case No. 2022-0711 for Los Mezquites Phase 3 and Resolution No. 2257. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the 2040 General Plan to change the land use designation of 8.9 acres of land located north of County 24th Street between Avenue E and 24th Avenue from Commercial to Medium Density Residential. (Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

1. Staff Presentation

Mr. Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner, stated this is a request to change the land designation of approximately 8.9 acres from commercial to medium density residential and the applicant is requesting the land use change to allow the rezoning to R1-6 for the construction of Los Mezquites Phase 3, a residential subdivision. He added that the City Council approved last year a major amendment to change the land use designation to medium density residential. However, 8.9 acres to the southwest corner were not included as part of the major amendment and that portion remains with the land use designation of commercial. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the minor amendment.

2. Call to the public on this item

Mr. Najeh Edais, applicant, stated he was present in case there were any questions on this item.

B. Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

C. Action on Resolution No. 2257

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2257. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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. I. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2023-0007 for Los Mezquites Phase 3 and Ordinance No. 438. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, rezoning 8.9 acres from Community Commercial (C-2) to Medium Density Residential (R1-6). A portion of the assessor's parcel number 227-11-393, located north of County 24th Street between Avenue E and 24th Avenue in San Luis, Arizona. (Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

1. Staff Presentation

Mr. Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner, explained that this is the same portion discussed in the previous item on the minor amendment to rezone that portion from commercial to medium density residential for the construction of Los Mezquites Phase 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of this request with one (1) condition which is that the applicant will submit a preliminary plat for approval in compliance with the City of San Luis subdivision regulations.

2. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

B. Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

C. Action on Ordinance No. 438

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve reading of Ordinance No. 438 by title only. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 438 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 438. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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. J. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2022-0693 for Los Mezquites Townhomes and Ordinance No. 439. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, rezoning 5 acres from Medium Density Residential (R1-6) to Medium High Density Residential (R2-6). A portion of assessor's parcel number 227-11-393, located west of 24th Avenue between Ortega Street and County 24th Street in San Luis, Arizona. (Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

1. Staff presentation

Mr. Fernando Villegas, Principal Planner, stated this request involves the same parcel and the applicant wants to rezone five (5) acres located on the opposite side, east of the property, to build a subdivision for townhomes. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval with the condition that the applicant shall submit a preliminary plat for approval in compliance with the City of San Luis subdivision regulations.

2. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

B. Close Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

C. Action on Ordinance No. 439

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve reading of Ordinance No. 439 by title only. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 439 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 439. Motion passed with six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention from Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz reported she attended the Mascota Mania adding that although it was a windy day there were many owners with their furry friends. She thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and all those involved for organizing this event.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported he participated in the Dr. Seuss Week at Ed Pastor Elementary School and read to the 6th Grade students.

Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera reported that he, Mayor Nieves Riedel, Council Members Javier Vargas and Maria Cecilia Cruz attended the Career Technical Education (CTE) tour at San Luis High School. He also attended a presentation at PPEP Tech and they are more than willing to help the city by volunteering and providing support to the city's events. He thought about them working in conjunction with the San Luis Police Department to cover up the graffiti on the streets and mentioned he will present this project to the Mayor and City Council in the future.

Council Member Maria Cecilia added she is very supportive of PPEP Tech as they give people an opportunity to continue with their education and eventually graduate from high school to continue on attend college.

Council Member Gloria Torres commented she herself attend PPEP Tech and graduated many years ago and is thankful for the opportunity she was given.

Mayor Nieves Riedel reported she met with Governor Katie Hobbs and she pledges all the help that she can possibly provide to the City of San Luis. Staff has been working with the governor's staff and it is a great opportunity to establish a good relationship at the governor's office level.

8. 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 and contract of 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: Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to continue this item to March 9, 2023, Special Council meeting at 6:00 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

9. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

Discussion and possible action regarding any and all matters relating to appointing a City Manager. (Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to continue this item to March 9, 2023, Special Council meeting at 6:00 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

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:12 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 Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on March 8, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk