

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
May 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Special City Council meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Nieves Riedel
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya – via Zoom
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres
Council Member Javier Vargas

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Luis E. Cabrera

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph Velez, Interim City Manager
Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Antonio Maldonado, Video Production Specialist
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jose Luis Cisneros, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation
Lizette Varela, Recreation Coordinator
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant
Manuel Hernandez, Acting Assistant Director of Public Works
Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Antonio Carrillo, San Luis ComicCon and Film Festival
Lizeth Servin, Comite De Bien Estar
Manuel Castro, Pastor
Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club
Maria Esparza, Cancer Survivors' Support Group
Mark Concha, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident

Martina Lopez, Comite De Bien Estar
Tori Bourguignon, Amberly's Place Executive Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Assistant Pastor Joel Ames – Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus led the invocation.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Maria Robles, 1195 California Street, San Luis, AZ, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the continued support provided to the Cesar Chavez Life and Legacy events. She also thanked the coaches that organized the soccer tournament to raise funds for the Josefina Yepez Foundation.

Mayor Nieves Riedel moved Item Nos. 7 through 7.C. to be next on the agenda as some Council Members had to leave in the next 30 minutes to attend graduations.

ITEM NO. 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM NO. 7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Mesa Street Improvements Phase II Change Order No. 1. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager, explained that Mesa Street Phase 1 will be completed in the next three (3) weeks, and Ranchos Los Oros Phase 2 is complete. There are some funds available that were not used for these two (2) projects from Contingency and Mesa Street Phase 2 is under construction. Staff is requesting to reallocate some of the Contingency funding from the other two (2) projects to construct some steps that go down from San Luis Plaza Drive to Mesa Street. DPE has provided a proposal of \$47,788.00. Ms. Torres asked the Mayor and City Council for their approval to proceed with the change order and to ratify the work that is currently being done as staff is limited in time and the project needs to be completed by June 30, 2023.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to ratify and approve the Mesa Street Improvements Phase II Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$47,788.90, authorize a budget transfer and waive formal purchase procedures for the reasons presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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

ITEM NO. 7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a Lease Agreement with Gemini Property Holdings, Inc. for a temporary Police Station located in East San Luis. (Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police)

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, stated that the Lease Agreement was updated, the major change is that after three (3) years the lease amount will increase, however staff does not foresee staying there more than three (3) years.

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Lease Agreement with Gemini Property Holdings, as presented. The motion passed with five (5) ayes and one (1) abstention from Council Member Gloria Torres due to a possible conflict of interest.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

ITEM NO. 7. C. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club to sell alcohol at the 4th of July Celebration to be held July 4, 2023. (Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Matias Rosales to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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. Presentation by staff and/or applicant

Mr. Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club, indicated that the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club is requesting authorization for a Special Event Liquor License for the 4th of July celebration. He added that the proper paperwork has been submitted and they are pleased to participate once again at this event.

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 Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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 Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Special Event Liquor License application to the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club as presented. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

ITEM NO. 6. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 6. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held April 12, 2023
- Work Session held April 18, 2023
- Regular Council meeting held April 26, 2023

ITEM NO. 6. B. DISBURSEMENT FROM May 1, 2023 TO May 12, 2023

Total disbursements \$1,921,398.23

(One Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents)

ITEM NO. 6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Amberly's Place, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with the Chicano Art Collective for the Chicano Art Walk event in San Luis, Arizona for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with the Comite De Bien Estar, Inc. for the Cancer Support Group of Yuma County for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with the Comite De Bien Estar, Inc. for the Cesar Chavez Life and Legacy Celebrations in March. (Jenny Torres, Assistance City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Gethsemani Food Ministry for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with the Humane Society of Yuma for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding two proposals from Consultant Ramirez Advisors Inter-National, LLC. the first for the basic consulting services including assistance and coordination with Federal, State, and Bi-National entities, and the second for consulting for federal grants and federal lands for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the contract with Yuma Community Food Bank for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. K. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of a contract with Yuma County Arts and Cultural Group for the San Luis Film Festival event in San Luis, Arizona, for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. L. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2262. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the annual contribution under the Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority for the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT), the regional public transportation services for the fiscal year 2023-2024; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

ITEM NO. 6. M. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for City Council's dues, and subscriptions. (Jenny Torres, Assistant City Manager)

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz mentioned that a minor correction is needed on the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 26, 2023 to reflect the correct spelling of Ms. Helia Martinez.

MOTION: Council Member Gloria Torres/Council Member Matias Rosales to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction as stated by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that staff wants to put the Film Festival Contract on the next agenda and to have a corrected motion to remove this item from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales to approve the Consent Agenda with removing the Film Festival Contract amending the previous motion already approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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

ITEM NO 8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that he and other Elected Officials attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference in Las Vegas. They met with some of the franchises, restaurants and other companies. Elected Officials told them about San Luis and what it had to offer.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported she attended the Senior Award Night alongside with Mr. Fernie Quiroz with the Arizona Interagency Farmer Workers Coalition, where the city donated \$5,000.00 in scholarships. She also attended the Miss San Luis Pageant and the Community of Learners 2023 for South Yuma County, San Luis, Gadsden and Somerton.

Council Member Javier Vargas reported he attend the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas and hopes that those Elected Officials met with are interested in doing business in San Luis. He thanked the Public Works Department staff for the invitation to their celebration week adding that it was a good learning event and hopes it would also be available for the public next time.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz added to Council Member Javier Vargas' comment that the city needs to educate the public more on what some of the departments do for the city. Maybe even a short educational video from the Wastewater Division on what they do.

Mayor Nieves Riedel mentioned that also the Police Department can speak about the safety issues such as when the manholes are being maintained and barricades are placed, people still manage to go around.

5. PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NO. 5. PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NO. 5. A. Thank you and farewell to the Task Force Badge Arizona National Guard Soldiers for the support provided to the San Luis Police Department . (Marco Santana, Lieutenant)

Mr. Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant, explained that the Task Force Badge Arizona National Guard Soldiers assisted and supported the Police Department with different administrative duties to from July 2021-July 2023.

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, said that the National Guard has been a tremendous support, have saved the city a lot of money and alleviated headaches personnel wise as without them, he would have had to have more officers instead of going out the streets patrolling.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked the Task Force Badge Arizona National Guard Soldiers on behalf of the City Council, staff and community.

ITEM NO. 5. B. Presentation of award to Mr. Dennis Lopez for assisting the San Luis Police Department. (Marco Santana, Lieutenant)

Mr. Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant, presented the Citizens Valor Award to Mr. Dennis Lopez, Correctional Officer, who was off-duty and assisted the San Luis Police Department while a Police Officer responded to a disorderly subject, which resulted in an individual much bigger than one of the officers and began assaulting the officer.

Mr. Miguel Alvarez, Interim Chief of Police, thanked Mr. Lopez for aiding the officer and added that they have a lot of gratitude for those that are willing to step up and help.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Mr. Lopez on behalf of the City Council, staff and community.

Council Member Matias Rosales thanked the National Guard for all they have done and their support. He also thanked Mr. Lopez for his actions.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz thanked the National Guard and Mr. Lopez adding that she is grateful that there are people who risk their lives for us.

Council Member Gloria Torres thanked the National Guard and Mr. Lopez on behalf of the City of San Luis.

Council Member Javier Vargas thanked them and stated he is very grateful.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya thanked the city's laws enforcement agency for all they do and Mr. Lopez for assisting the department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 5:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	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 Special City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on May 24, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk