

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
March 13, 2024
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
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Matias Rosales
Council Member Javier Vargas
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Gloria Torres
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Video Production Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Fernando Corona, Acting I.T. Manager
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Joel Armendariz, I.T. Help Desk Technician
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services
Lizette Varela, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Operations Coordinator
Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance
Ruben Lopez, I.T. Technician
Cristian Cuevas, Simultaneous Translator
Alberto Leon, Resident
Emanuel Reyes, Resident
Najeh Edais, Edais Engineering
Manuel Rojas, Resident
Mark Concha, Resident

Monica Villalobos, Arizona Chamber of Commerce

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Abel Garcia – Church for the City, led the invocation.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, invited the public, community members and other departments for a series of Community Forums that will be held throughout the City of San Luis. For the month of March, the Community Forums will start in the area of Avenue F and Avenue E. March 21, 2024, it will be at Sandoval Park located at Janet Napolitano Boulevard at 6:00 p.m. and March 25, 2024 at Alegria Park, located at 3571 Udall Lane at 6:00 p.m. Police Department Community Forums are for questions, concerns, feedback, and starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.

5. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

5. A. Proclamation – Women’s History Month March 2024

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read the proclamation by title only.

5. B. Presentation on the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce DATOS program by Bonsal Glascock, Chair of the Mexico Committee. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, introduced Mr. Bonsal Glascock.

Mr. Glascock thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing the Arizona Hispanic Chamber to present to them in a manner of education and collaboration between the city and the Arizona Hispanic Chamber. He introduced Ms. Monica Villalobos, Executive Director and CEO of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Villalobos provided a PowerPoint presentation sharing information and the positive impact Latinos have in the state of Arizona, county and economy. She added that the Arizona Hispanic Chamber has been in existence for 75 years. Her presentation included topics regarding key initiatives and impact areas, and economic opportunity.

Mr. Paul Padilla, Arizona Hispanic Chamber, explained the data at the state relationship and trade relationship between Mexico and Arizona. He added that Mexico is a top trading partner for Arizona on the export and import aspects.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked the Arizona Hispanic Chamber for the presentation and information provided.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Special Council meeting held February 7, 2024

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2024 TO MARCH 6, 2024

Total \$1,494,612.86

(One Million, Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and award of a construction contract to DWD Construction for the municipal pool renovation and repair project. (Lizette Varela, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Lizette Varela, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, explained that staff held a bid opening and received two (2) bids; one (1) from Milan Pool Spas in the amount of \$225,145.12 and the other one from DWD Construction in the amount of \$250,359.67 plus \$36,500.00 for amenities and water features. After reviewing the bids, DWC was selected as the responsive bid and staff recommends awarding the bid to DWD Construction in the amount of \$286,859.67, as the only responsive and responsive bid allowed under the Recruitment Code of the City Code Section 3.05.040.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked how long will the construction last or when will it be ready?

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation, responded that staff will be working continuously with the pool contractor to open the pool as soon as possible. She added that the city pool has not been opened for over a year. Having the water drain has caused much damage to the plaster and time will be needed for the new plaster to cure. Her department will work with the contractor to maintain a timeline with a tentative date of the end of June 2024.

The contractor stated that the construction process will be done before June 30th, plus 26 to 30 days for cure time, so it will be ready by the middle of July.

Council Member Matias Rosales stated that the city is being verbally told that it will be completed by the end of June and asked if there is a penalty if it is not completed by certain time frame?

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated there is a liquidated damages clause for delay included on the contract.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked if the building will be needing any repairs or renovation?

Ms. Varela responded that currently staff is working on the budget and some repairs will be done inside the building.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the construction contract with DWD Construction in an amount not to exceed \$286,859.67, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 447. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, repealing San Luis Ordinance No. 442 City Code 6.05.31 License Requirements, 6.05.031 License and Tags Generally, and 6.05.033 License – Vaccination Requirements. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, indicated that they are seeking approval for Ordinance No. 447, which repeals some sections from Ordinance No. 442. He added that in June 2023, Ordinance No. 442 was approved, amending some sections of the City Code for Animal Control as well as establishing that the city was able to issue, regulate and enforce pet licenses. However, after implementation of the ordinance, both the Police Department and the Billing & Collections Department, determined that it was unable to properly service, support and adequately enforce the program due to lack of staff and license limitations. This will allow and maintain the licensing responsibility under the county.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked how many Police Officers is the city short?

Chief Reynoso responded that by looking at the numbers it would be one (1), but based on the population the Police Department should have over 80 Police Officers, currently there are 41 Police Officers. He clarified that the enforcement would have been done by Animal Control and there is only one (1) Animal Control Officer for the entire city.

A. Action on Ordinance No. 447 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 447 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 447 by title only.

B. Action on Ordinance No. 447

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 447 to repeal Ordinance No. 442 on Dog Licensing as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2305. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, repealing dog license fees under Resolution No. 2278, Repealing conflicting provisions, and providing for severability. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, mentioned that in addition to the ordinance, staff is also seeking approval of Resolution No. 2305, which repeals Resolution No. 2278. Resolution No. 2278 was adopted on June 2023 establishing the dog licensing fees. Staff is recommending eliminating a dog licensing fee and turn it over to Yuma County Services who will continue to provide licenses with the approval of Resolution No. 2305.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2305, repealing Resolution No. 2278, eliminating the City Dog Licensing fee. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. D. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2023-0761 - Los Mezquites Townhomes 2 and Ordinance No. 448. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of San Luis by changing the zoning classification of 10.31 acres from Medium Density Residential (R1-6) to Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) located east of 24th Avenue between Ortega Street and Nadine Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest on this item and abstained from participating. She asked Council Member Javier Vargas to take over this item.

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

1. Staff presentation

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is a request by Edais Engineering to rezone 10.31 acres from R-1-6 to R-2; the property is located east of 24th Avenue between Ortega Street and Nadine Street. The request for the R-2 will allow the applicant to build townhomes. The project is proposing to construct 84 attached town homes units. The subdivision will be named Mezquites Town Homes 2.

This item was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission during their regular meeting on February 13, 2024. The Commission recommended approval of the request with the condition that the applicant will submit the preliminary plat when they submit the plat approval.

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 Matias Rosales to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

C. Action on Ordinance No. 448 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 448 by title only. Motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 448 by title only.

D. Action on Ordinance No. 448

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya /Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve Ordinance No. 448. Motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. E. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2024-0002 - Bienestar Estates 10 Townhomes and Ordinance No. 449. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of San Luis by changing the zoning classification of 3.47 acres from Community Commercial (C-2) to Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) on property located at the southeast corner of Avenue F and County 24th Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

A. Open Public Hearing

MOTION: Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

1. Staff presentation

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is a request by Vega & Vega Engineering to rezone 3.47 acres from C-2 to R-2 for the construction of town homes which will contain 31 attached town home units and the subdivision will be named Bienestar Estates 10 Town Homes. This item was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission during their meeting in February and recommended approval with the condition that the applicant will submit the full preliminary plat at the time of the subdivision submittal.

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 Matias Rosales to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

C. Action on Ordinance No. 449 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 449 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 449 by title only.

D. Action on Ordinance No. 449

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya /Council Member Javier Vargas to approve Ordinance No. 449. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Nieves Riedel congratulated and thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for organizing the Safety Event, which she attended along with Council Members Maria Cecilia Cruz and Tadeo Azael De La Hoya.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported that he, other Elected Officials and staff have attended different local schools to participate in the Read Across America event. He also mentioned that he attended the Greater Yuma Port Authority Strategic Planning Retreat with their counterparts to discuss and figure out which direction the Port Authority is going to be heading, how it benefits the City of San Luis and the region. Additionally, he will be attending the monthly Greater Yuma Economic Development meeting tomorrow and on Monday he will attend the YCIPA meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	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 13, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk