

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**June 12, 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  
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres  
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Council Member Matias Rosales  
Council Member Javier Vargas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources  
Adriana Garcia, Human Resources Manager  
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator  
Antonio Maldonado, Video Production Specialist  
Aracely De La Hoya, Senior Services Manager  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Fernando Corona, Director of Information Technology  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Javier Gonzalez, Fire Captain  
Jeremy Humphrey, Fire Battalion Chief  
Joel Arizmendi, I.T. Help Desk Technician  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police  
Olivia Jenkins, Operations Coordinator  
Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance  
Albert Leon, Resident  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Cristian Cuevas, Simultaneous Translator

Damara Rodriguez, Resident  
Emma Torres, Campesinos Sin Fronteras  
Fabher Sanchez, Resident  
James Allen Jr., Resident  
Lucy Lopez, Reporter  
Manuel Rojas, Resident  
Mark Concha, Resident  
Martha Ulloa, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. INVOCATION**

Mr. Alberto Geraldo – Preacher for Iglesia de Cristo led the invocation.

## **4. PROCLAMATIONS**

- 4. A. Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2024**
- 4. B. Waste and Recycling Workers Week June 16-22, 2024**
- 4. C. Juneteenth Day June 19, 2024**
- 4. D. LGBTQ Pride Month June 2024**
- 4. E. Men's Health Month June 2024**
- 4. F. National Homeownership Month June 2024**
- 4. G. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Month June 2024**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. A. MINUTES OF**

**- Regular Council meeting held May 8, 2024**

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 16, 2024 TO JUNE 5, 2024**

**Total \$3,266,431.70**

(Three Million, Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Seventy Cents)

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/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 Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**6. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and approval of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance)**

Ms. Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance, presented an overview of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The City of San Luis is committed to prudent fiscal practices and is excited about the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. We have a balanced budget as required by statute, a gap between revenues, and expenses covered by positive fund balances. The Fiscal Year 2025 budget is \$122.3 Million (\$122,334,360).

Council Member Matias Rosales asked for clarification on the amount being tapped into from the reserves.

Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance, stated that the amount is \$4.2 million.

Council Member Matias Rosales asked what amount was used last year from the reserves.

Ms. Encinas stated she did not remember the amount and did not have that information at the moment.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz, asked to state the amount on the current reserves.

Ms. Encinas responded that on the General Fund, there are \$30.5 million, Highway Users \$2.4 million, Water \$25.2 million, and Waste Water \$20.9 million.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that the reserves' funds should be used for emergencies and was thankful for the Finance Department's conservative approach.

The PowerPoint presentation is included with the complete Agenda packet filed at the City Clerk's Office.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as presented. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) nay vote by Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving a contract with Gadsden Elementary School District for its Marching Band's trip to London to perform in the 2025 New Year's Day Parade. (Olivia Jenkins, Operations Coordinator)**

Ms. Olivia Jenkins, Operations Coordinator, regarding a presentation made by Gadsden Elementary School District on February 28, 2024, when they came in to request a contribution to perform in the New Year's Day Parade in London, England. The item was not budgeted for this year's budget because the request came in after the fiscal year budget had been prepared. She stated that funds are still available from the contribution council account and is suggesting a contribution of \$5,000.00.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked if the agreement is between the school district or the marching band.

Ms. Jenkins responded that it is for the marching band, which is part of the Gadsden School District, and clarified that the money would not go to the parents.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked what the total cost is for the marching band's entire trip.

Ms. Jenkins responded that the total amount was not provided; she was only provided with the number of students going on the trip.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Gloria Torres/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the contribution to the Gadsden School District No. 32 Marching Band in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of the statutory partnership between Campesinos Sin Fronteras and the City of San Luis. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development)**

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, explained the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grants Program. The program aims to transform disadvantaged communities into resilient, thriving areas by addressing climate challenges and reducing pollution.

Eligibility is a partnership between community-based non-profits, tribes, local governments, or educational institutions. The goal is to enhance climate resilience, minimize pollution, ensure community-driven decision-making, and promote equitable economic opportunities. The City of San Luis is in a good position to apply for this grant because the Environmental Protection Agency has identified southern border communities as a Target Investment Area. Out of the 2 billion dollars funded for this grant, a big portion of that will go to the communities on the southern border. The City of San Luis will submit a project in partnership with Campesinos Sin Fronteras and request grant funding.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked if one can only apply once. He mentioned the recycling program and suggested that it be funded through that grant.

Mr. Esparza responded that one can apply again and one of the projects mentioned is recycling.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that resubmitting is a very good idea if it is not awarded the first time. She also mentioned that Campesinos Sin Fronteras is known for its resiliency and that it was a very good choice to partner with them.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the statutory partnership between the City of San Luis and Campesinos Sin Frontera to seek funding from the Community Change Grant Program from the Environmental Protection Agency. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the engagement of engineering services from PACE Advance Water Engineering, for the design of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, is requesting approval mainly to engage in the design and construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. PACE went through a selection process, and they were the ones with the highest scores.

PACE Advance Water Engineering has actively been helping the Department of Public Works since 2020. They helped identify and evaluate different process controls that could be implemented in the expansion.

Mayor Nieves Riedel, commented that it is \$1 million more than previously discussed. It is something that needs to be done, and if the city waits, construction costs will continue to increase.

Mr. Vera added that the scope is a little over \$2 million, including the design, construction services, and the design of a force main that feeds into the wastewater treatment plant.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera, asked if any residents tour the wastewater plant for educational purposes.

Mr. Vera responded that pre-COVID residents had toured the plant but had stopped until the recent Public Works Event.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to accept and award the successful statement of qualifications to Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE), and approve the contract for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion design project in the amount of \$2,004,638.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and award of a construction contract to MGC Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the Well Site 5 - New Manganese Treatment Unit Project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented and requested the award of a construction contract to MGC Contractors, Inc. for the construction of Well Site 5 – New Manganese Treatment Unit Project. He updated that they initiated the purchase of the filtration equipment, purchased the metal building that will house the filtration equipment, have completed the drilling of the well, and ordered all the electrical components, which include the service entrance, the generator, and the transfer switch for the project. The project received three (3) bids from different contractors, and MGC Contractors, Inc. was the lowest bid.

This project was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for \$3.2 million; the lowest bid came in at \$3.966 million. They discussed sacrificing the Well Site 3 electrical equipment upgrade project and transferring \$400,000.00 from one of the tank rehabilitations that were already scheduled.

Mayor Nieves Riedel, commented that these types of investments are needed for the residents' future. She added that it upsets her that to make this happen, other projects must be sacrificed even though all projects are needed and important. The city has to provide them with police protection, a fire department, water and sewer needs.

Mr. Vera mentioned that water and wastewater are for current and future investments, but they also have to do a lot with compliance. He added that even though construction costs have increased, many of the bidders are very competitive, even coming from out of town.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz, commented that the City of San Luis is the sixth fastest-growing city in the State of Arizona. These projects cannot be stopped and need to be properly funded.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Vice Mayor Gloria Torres to accept and award the contract to MGC Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the New Manganese Treatment Unit Project at Well Site #5, not to exceed \$3,966,900.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of water line pipes, valves, and fittings for the utility improvements for Cesar Chavez Boulevard Project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, is seeking approval to purchase water line pipes, valves, and fittings for the utility improvements for Cesar Chavez Boulevard Project. This is for the underground installation and relocation of water pipes. They are being proactive by finalizing the design with a consultant on the changes needed for the water and wastewater. The purchase will be made with the current fiscal year funding, which is budgeted and available. Once the full design is ready, construction is planned.

Three (3) requests for approval have been submitted for this item, including the purchase, waiving purchasing procedures, and moving funding from a wastewater account to a water account.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that this would be needed in the future and save the city at least 40 to 60 percent six (6) months from now.

Mr. Perez responded that the material is available and ready to be delivered within the next two (2) weeks. Two (2) quotes were requested from two (2) local vendors: Furguson and Will Nelson. They plan to purchase from Furguson, which was the lowest proposal.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the purchase of materials from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$273,372.96, to waive formal purchasing procedures for the reason presented and the transfer of budget authority as presented in the fiscal impact of this Item. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. G. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2024-0127- KNAM Townhomes and Ordinance No. 450. 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 0.44 acres from Community Commercial (C-2) to Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) on property located at 1185 N Hidalgo Avenue; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest on Item 6. G. and abstained from participating. She asked Vice Mayor Gloria Torres to take over this item.

#### **A. Open Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed with four (6) ayes votes and one (1) abstention vote by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

### **1. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services, mentioned this is a request by Edais Engineering on behalf of the owner, KNAM & D Construction, to rezone 0.44 acres from Community Commercial (C-2) to Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) on property located at 1185 N. Hidalgo Avenue. The request is to allow the construction of a townhome subdivision. The proposed subdivision consists of five(5) townhomes attached and one (1) lot for retention. This item was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who recommended approval with the conditions as staff presented.

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Vice Mayor Gloria Torres asked if they were going to be apartments.

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services, responded that the proposed plan is for five (5) townhomes will be attached and one (1) lot for retention.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked if Track A exists or will it be created.

Mr. Guzman, responded that it will go through the subdivision process and it will be created.

### **2. Call to the public on this item**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **B. Close Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention vote by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
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Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**C. Action on Ordinance No. 450 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 450 by title only. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention vote by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 450 by title only.

**D. Action on Ordinance No. 450**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 450. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention vote by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding results of the Base Compensation Study. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources & Kay Tilzer, Vice President for Public Sector Personnel Consultants)**

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya declared a conflict of interest on Item 6. H. and abstained from participating.

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, stated that during the meeting of November 21, 2023, the Council approved a transfer of funds to Human Resources to secure professional services from Public Sector Personnel Consultants to conduct a base compensation study, although the adjustments may not be implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year. Ms. Kay Tilzer, Vice President for Public Sector Personnel Consultants, will present the study results and implementations.

Ms. Kay Tilzer, Vice President for Public Sector Personnel Consultants, stated that the project goals are to develop a competitive salary plan and fiscally responsible salary administration policy. "Price" jobs to be both externally competitive and internally equitable. Also to develop a salary administration policy that is readily understood by employees and easy to administer. Initial implementation steps would be to adopt the proposed 2.5% Salary Structure, adopt a market competitiveness policy of 100%, 97.5%, or 92.5%, adopt the recommended salary ranges for the chosen market competitiveness policy, and increase employee salaries so no employee is below the proposed, new minimum. The salary plan maintenance would be to periodically refresh the market data using the city's comparators, compute the prevailing rates, confirm the desired salary competitiveness policy, adjust salary ranges based on the prevailing rates, increase all salaries to the new minimum, and determine if in range adjustments are needed to mitigate compression.

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Discussion was held, and comments were made by the Mayor, City Council, and presenter.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the concept of changing the pay grade structure, as presented. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention vote by Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2316. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the 2023-2024 Classification and Salary Structures to create six (6) new classifications and change/amend four (4) classifications; superseding any conflicting provisions of existing regulations, policies, or**

**procedures; providing for severability. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources)**

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya declared a conflict of interest on Item 6. I. and abstained from participating.

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, explained that the organizational structure is continually assessed to ensure it provides a clear framework for decision-making and resource allocation, enabling the city to operate effectively and achieve its goals. The facilities division was placed under the Administration Department during a restructuring last year. Additional research of other municipalities determined that it should be under the Public Works Department and that it is the proposal to move it this year. There are other departments that are being restructured, and reviews on classification continue to be conducted periodically. She is requesting to ratify, approve, and adopt resolution No. 2316. The changes would be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Council Member Matias Rosales asked how the change would affect employees.

Ms. Cortez, responded that for the department being moved, pay rate and positions remain the same.

The PowerPoint presentation is included with the complete Agenda packet filed at the City Clerk's Office.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to ratify, approve, and adopt resolution No. 2316 as presented. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention vote by Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya.

The vote was as follows:

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

**6. J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 451. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the city code to establish a fee category for those requesting public records to obtain law enforcement video recordings. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, is requesting approval for Ordinance No. 451, which adds a new subsection to the City Code in Title 2.40.310, which establishes a one-time

fee per copy not to exceed the dollar amount permitted by law. It is charged to a person who submits a public record request to the Police Department for a copy of a video recording; this is in accordance with A.R.S. §39.127 and A.R.S. §39.129.

**A. Action on the reading of Ordinance No. 451 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 451 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, ready Ordinance No. 451 by title only.

**B. Action on Ordinance No. 451**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 451, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. K. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2317. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, restating, amending, and appending the public records request fee schedule to add fees for law enforcement video recordings (including body cam recordings); repealing conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)**

**A. Open Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

### **1. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, stated that Resolution No. 2317, will reinstate, amend, and add public record request fees for law enforcement video recordings, including body camera recordings. Under Senate Bill 1148, it was established the approval to implement fees of \$46.00 per video hour redacted. For every hour of video, it takes approximately three (3) hours of review for transmitting, making copies, and redacting for public release. Also would like to change the commercial fee that was established in 2017, the fee was \$19.04 and would like to change it to a fee of \$23.72 per hour. There is no fee for the first hour, so this only involves the more voluminous records.

Vice Mayor Gloria Torres asked if people request video recordings.

Chief Reynoso, responded, yes, it is a tedious process, and it takes a lot of time to go through the videos and redact. The fee has increased to \$46.00.

### **2. Call to the Public on this item**

There were no comments from the public.

### **B. Close the Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**C. Action on Resolution No. 2317**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2317. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. L. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2318. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, initiating procedures for an Alternative Expenditure Limitation (also known as the Home Rule Option) by adopting a notice of public hearings, establishing a deadline for submission of pro and con statements for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot; and declaring an emergency. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through Resolution No. 2303, the City Council ordered a General Election to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024; however, it did not include the Alternative Expenditure Limitation or the Home Rule Option nor the deadline for pro and con statements to appear on the ballot for the General Election.

Resolution No. 2318 allows the City Council to start the process of the Home Rule Option, which requires two (2) public hearings and establishing a deadline for the submission of arguments in favor of or against the measure. If the resolution is approved by the City Council, the Home Rule Option measure will be added to appear on the ballot for the General Election. The dates of the two (2) public hearings and the deadline for the pro and con statements must be published for two (2) consecutive weeks as required by the Arizona Revised Statute and the San Luis City Code, which also requires that the resolutions are not operative until 30 days after passage by the City Council. There are not 30 days between this Council Meeting and June 21<sup>st</sup>; therefore, the City Council would need to pass the resolution as an emergency, so that the effective date would be sooner than the 30-day effective date on resolutions. The law does allow for the sooner passage of the measures necessary due to an

emergency. On May 22, 2024, Council Meeting Resolution No. 2309 proposed the same action to start the process for the home rule; however, the item did not pass as an emergency, and the proposed dates for the publication of the notice would not work. Staff is presenting this item again for your consideration.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2318 and declare an emergency. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) nay vote by Mayor Nieves Riedel. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Nay
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

## 7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Events by Mayor, Council Members and/or City Manager pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 (K).

Mayor Nieves Riedel informed the public that Yuma County published a notice that they would increase property taxes and invited the residents of San Luis, Arizona, to participate.

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read the notice.

Ms. Angelica Roldan, introduced Ms. San Luis 2024, Tamara Rodriguez. Her platform is mental balance and medical issues, and her first official appearance will be at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Celebration.

Ms. San Luis Tamara Rodriguez thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the City of San Luis and promote her platform.

Council Member Matias Rosales informed that Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, and himself were part of the state's trust auction. Nobody bid against the City of San Luis and was able to acquire the parcel to the west of City Hall. The parcel between the Police Station and Fourth Avenue now belongs to the City of San Luis.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked the Acting City Manager for believing in this project. Even though there aren't any funds to build anything, the City of San Luis is preparing for the future.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz, reported that at the YMPO Executive Board meeting, it was announced that there will be a \$500,000.00 grant. The YMPO will pay

for a \$1000.00 local match. The grant is to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Cities and counties will be responsible for applying for that grant.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera attended the Graduation Ceremony at Arizona Western College. Some familiar faces, like interns and staff, graduated. He is happy to see that Latinos are contributing to the positive statistics and thriving in the workforce and education.

## 8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Fabher Sanchez, 3779 E. San Gabriel Street invited all the residents who had a campaign against the property taxes for the City of San Luis to do the same against the Yuma County tax increase. He added that if they did not campaign against the Yuma County property tax, that would prove that it was against Mayor Riedel. The tax increase will not benefit the residents of San Luis as Proposition 422 would have.

Mr. James Allen Jr. retired United States Navy, 1549 E. Babbit Lane, stated his response to the lies voiced in front of the council. He established a committee so the people would read and be educated before voting. The people in San Luis, Arizona, gave their reply. He encourages people to make an educated guess. He is running for council in San Luis, Arizona, not for propaganda but to be the voice of the people who feel disenfranchised because of what goes on every day in the community.

Ms. Beatriz Sanchez chose not to disclose her address due to privacy matters. She discussed minimum wage, unpaid wages, education, and security. She stated that she has tried to speak with the mayor and other staff, but they have refused.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 8:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Gloria Torres	Aye
Council Member 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**APPROVED:**

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Nieves Riedel, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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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 June 12, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

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