

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**June 26, 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  
Adriana Garcia, Human Resources Manager  
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Antonio Maldonado, Video Production Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Candy Lara, Records Management Specialist  
Damian Miller, Police Sergeant  
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist  
Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant  
Ernesto Prieto, Police Sergeant  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Fabian Felix, Fire Captain  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Gabriela Guevara, Police Communications Supervisor  
Humberto Arcos, Grants Coordinator  
Javier Nuño, Police Officer  
Joel Arizmendi, I.T. Help Desk Technician  
Laura Leon, Administrative Coordinator  
Lizeth Laguna, Police Records Supervisor  
Lizette Varela, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Marco Santana, Police Lieutenant  
Maria Muñoz, Human Resources Analyst

Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Michelle Boucher, Police Administrator  
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police  
Olivia Jenkins, Operations Coordinator  
Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance  
Socorro Ayala, Police Records Specialist  
Albert Leon, Resident  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
James Allen Jr., Resident  
Jossue Aranda, Visitor  
Luis Marquez Jr., Visitor  
Luis Marquez Sr., Resident  
Luisa Arreola, Resident  
Maria Luz Hoyos, Resident  
Mark Concha, Resident  
Mike Lopez, Visitor  
Nohemi Echavarria, Visitor  
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident  
Richard Jessup, Visitor  
Tori Bourguignon, Director of Amberly's Place

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **3. INVOCATION**

Ms. Maria Cecilia Cruz – Member of Church For The City led the invocation.

## **4. 4. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS**

### **4. A. Proclamation - Parks and Recreation Month July 2024**

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

### **4. B. Presentation of a \$10,000.00 check by Campesinos Sin Fronteras to the Parks and Recreation Department for the THRIVE program. (Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks and Recreation)**

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation, introduced Mr. Eric Luzanilla and his team from Campesinos in Fronteras' Thrive Program, who presented a check to the Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Eric Luzanilla, stated that on behalf of their Executive Director, Emma Torres, they want to express how extremely honored they are to be partnering with the City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department. He added that their company and efforts are youth-led most of the time.

Campesinos Sin Fronteras Representative thanked everyone in the Parks & Recreation Department for the guidance and support given.

Volunteer at Campesinos Sin Fronteras thanked the City of San Luis and Parks & Recreation Department for the support received. He once participated in the Thrive Program while attending high school and now he is a volunteer of the program to help other teenagers.

**4. C. Presentation of retirement plaque to Lieutenant Marco Santana for his years of service to the City of San Luis Police Department. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, recognized Lieutenant Marco Santana's 21 year trajectory with the City of San Luis Police Department. He added that Lieutenant Santana started his career on May 11, 2003. During this time he held various positions, allowing him to experience many aspects of this beautiful, but demanding profession. Lieutenant Santa was presented with a shadow box containing professional memories that he would cherish for the rest of his life.

Lieutenant Santana provided a speech and thanked all those who, during his career, supported him in one way or another that were involved, including the community, the Mayor, and City Council.

Mayor Nieves Riedel and City Council congratulated and thanked Lieutenant Marco Santana for his years of service to the community and the San Luis Police Department.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. A. MINUTES OF**

- Regular Council Meeting held May 22, 2024
- Special Council Meeting held June 5, 2024

**5. B. DISBURSEMENTS FROM JUNE 6, 2024 TO JUNE 19, 2024**

**Total \$1,903,426.82**

**(One Million, Nine Hundred Three Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Vice Mayor Gloria Torres 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 purchase of radio equipment for the Public Works Department from Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that Public Works is seeking the Mayor and Council's approval to enter into a contract with Motorola Corporation for the purchase of 60 handheld radios and seven (7) vehicle-mounted radios and to join the Yuma Regional Communication System (YRCS). The radio purchase will be made through a state contract if approved. He added that Public Works staff currently uses portable handheld radios as their primary method of communication for their day-to-day operations. The radios have an average age of approximately ten (10) years, with some radios as old as 15 years old. The average replacement age of radios is approximately five (5) to seven (7) years. The radios have exceeded the service, life and availability of parts and service from the manufacturer. Additionally, the locally owned towers and systems cannot support the communication needs on the east side of San Luis. This fiscal year, Public Works tested the local radio services from Gila Electronics as well as a new push to talk T-mobile radios. Both of these services continued having issues in areas in the east part of the city. Finally, Public Works tested the Yuma Regional Communication System radios for several months, and staff unanimously agreed that YRCS is the only service that works in all areas within the city. In addition, this is the radio service the Police and Fire Departments use.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Gloria Torres/Council Member Javier Vargas to award the contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of 67 radios in the amount of \$239,837.61. 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	Nay
Council Member Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

### **6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding amendment No. 1 to James Davey and Associates, Inc. Contract for the Downtown Park and Parking Lot project. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, explained that on August 24, 2022, the Council approved a contract to James Davey and Associates (JDA) Engineering for the design of the park and parking lot master plan.

During that fiscal year the project was not completed, therefore staff rolled over the remaining funds in the contract to this fiscal year.

The project is already completed and designed, but what was noticed as staff was checking to make sure that all the payments and contracts were in line, is that an amendment had not been done to the contract from last year, thereby authorizing the city to continue with the design of the project. This will not be an after the fact, because they have not invoiced the city for that; the invoice is expected to come in the next two (2) days. Staff is asking for an amendment approval to the JDA Contract, for the \$84,500.00 and extending the contract time to the end of this fiscal year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve Amendment No. 1 to James Davey and Associates, Inc. Contract in the amount of \$84,473.00. 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 award of a contract to Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard Project. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, indicated that this is one (1) of the city's dreams, Cesar Chavez Boulevard Widening Project. Staff has been working on it for ten (10) years, and as the city is getting closer to finalizing the design, there's been a lot of hiccups along the way. She mentioned this because the public needs to understand the impacts of this project. The city was able to get \$62 million in grants for this project; the cost was estimated at about \$65 million. As part of the \$25 million that was received from the Federal Highway, they requested \$3.2 million as a match, and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in order to go out to bid for the construction, the city needed to commit those \$3.2 million by the end of the calendar year, which is December. Since the city did not have any funding allocated for this, staff reallocated that funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the wastewater treatment plant to this project. Another glitch that was encountered was the utility relocation. During the design, it was found out that Arizona Public Service (APS) had prior rights to the relocation of the utility poles. What this means is that if the city needs to relocate, then the city needs to pay for the relocation of the poles, which is an estimated cost of \$1.6 million that was not anticipated as part of the project. The other cost that the city has been contributing is the \$1.2 million, which is included in the next fiscal year for water and sewer relocation.

Another issue discovered through the Bureau of Reclamation, from 10th Avenue to SR195, is that the city was able to acquire the right of way, but as part of the environmental process that was completed in 2019, the city has to compensate for the flat-tailed horn lizard habitat.

A survey was completed this week, where they swept the property along Cesar Chavez Boulevard, and unfortunately, a deceased flat-tail horn lizard was found, which triggered the compensation. The exact compensation amount is unknown, but it is expected to be approximately between \$600,000.00 to \$1 million, causing this to be another additional cost that the city had not anticipated. The city still has not acquired the right-of-way from the Dollar Store and need to acquire an additional right-of-way in front of the Post Office. Also, the city needs to acquire what they call temporary construction easements, which is kind of the similar process for appraisals and compensating the property owner. Staff does not know what that amount will be, so that is an additional expense. Adding all the unforeseen costs for this project, it totals approximately \$6 or \$7 million. In the past, the city has contributed to right-of- away acquisitions, estimated to be at already \$7 million.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to award the contract to Consultant Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$80,192.85, as presented and transfer funds as shown on the Fiscal Impact Statement 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. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the authorization to reallocate budget funds from approved projects on March 27, 2024, to the partial payment for the APS Utility Re-allocation on Cesar Chavez Boulevard. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that this item is part of the Cesar Chavez Boulevard project and it is for a deposit to Arizona Public Service (APS) this fiscal year, so that it does not impact next fiscal year. \$900,000.00 will be reallocated from the list of projects that will not be completed this fiscal year.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked if any of the projects not completed this fiscal year will be coming back next fiscal year, specifically the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue design and construcion?

Ms. Torres replied that the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue design and construction right-of-away and the acquisition are included as part of the APS utility, approximately \$1 million; for the utility relocation, some material was purchased this fiscal year, but it is going to get done next year; the downtown drainage is being negotiated for the property and is continuing to next year; and the amount on the land acquisition was overestimated, and some funds were able to be taken from that.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve a budget transfer as stated in the Fiscal Impact Statement for the partial payment of \$900,040.00 to APS for utility line relocation for the Cesar Chavez Boulevard Improvement Project. 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. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2319. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Roula Encinas, Acting Director of Finance)**

### **1. Staff Presentation**

Ms. Roula Encina, Acting Director of Finance, explained that following the tentative budget adoption on June 12, 2024, and as required by state statute, this public hearing serves as the final step in the budget process. The budget was published in the newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, as required by law. She reported that the revenues and expenses remain unchanged from the tentative budget, with expenditures amounting to \$122.3 million. This budget serves as a roadmap, outlining how the city will allocate and spent funds in the next fiscal year. By adopting this final budget, the city can continue providing high-quality services and achieve its strategic goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **2. Open Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales 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

### 3. Call to the public on this item

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, mentioned that he listened to some of the other items earlier and is getting the impression that the city is over budget right now as it stands and asked if this is correct?

Ms. Encinas responded that the the city's budget is presented with a negative balance and is being tapped on reserves for \$4,200,000.00.

Mr. Allen Jr. stated that he just listened to some projects or different things where additional costs were incurred up in the millions. His biggest concern is if they are talking about foregoing things, and pushing things back, whether or not there is, indeed a thing of where the budget is not adequate enough to meet those particular needs.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, answered that some of the expenses she was talking about will be paid this fiscal year. There are some expenses that are allocated for next fiscal year, and there are some expenses that are going to be paid through the grants. She asked if the city needs more funding and remarked that yes, the city does need more funding.

### 4. Close Public Hearing

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/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

## 5. Action on Resolution No. 2319

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2319. 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. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the award of a construction contract to DPE Construction, Inc. for the Merrill Avenue Improvements Phase I (CDBG #122-24). (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, described that the Economic Development Department is seeking approval of the Construction Contract to DPE Construction in the amount of \$1,422,750.00. He added that the Arizona Department of Housing awarded the city a Community Development Block Grant from the regional account in the amount of \$466,638.00 for the Merrill Avenue Improvements Phase One. The work for this proposed project is located all within city limits on Merrill Avenue, and the scope of work consists of the removal of 4,299 square yards of asphalt, the installation of 9,000 feet of sidewalk and sidewalk ramps as well and a scripting and signage. The city received 2 bids for this project, one (1) from DPE Construction, Inc. and the other from Gutierrez Canales Engineering, PC. It was selected competitively, and DPE Construction was deemed to be the lowest bidder and most qualified for performing this contract.

There was some discussion amongst Members of the Council and staff regarding the sidewalks.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Vice Mayor Gloria Torres to approve the Construction Contract to DPE Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,422,750.00, as presented in this agenda 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 Resolution No. 2320. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis authorizing the submission of an application for FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) State Special Projects (SSP) funds, certifying that said applications meet the community's previously identified housing and community development needs and the requirements of the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) Community Development Block Grant Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said applications. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development)**

### **1. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, stated that the Economic Development Department is working on an application for the CDBG Grant, but the SSP, which is a State Special Project fund and the Arizona Department of Housing requires the public hearing to be held at a regular council meeting to allow citizens to provide input in the projects that staff would be applying for. He introduced Mr. Humberto Arcos, Grants Coordinator, to provide a short presentation for any members of the public who would like to comment.

Mr. Arcos explained that as part of the CDBG SSP requirements, the city is required to hold a public hearing for the SSB funding, this would be the second public hearing. The national objectives for the SSP funding to benefit the low to mid modern income persons in the community, prevention and elimination of slums and blight and urgent need. For the benefit, low and moderate income people can apply to direct housing assistance, job creation and retention and public services and facilities; prevention for the elimination of slums and blight, slums are usually substandard housing or unhealthy living conditions; and for blight it is a term for locations that are deteriorating. And with this in mind, that is where the city comes in trying to apply for this grant to reduce or prevent blight in the community. And of course, it is of urgent need to the community, therefore suggesting with the SSB funding to apply and implement it to Merrill Avenue Phase 2. There is also an anti-displacement policy. This is inclusive development, housing, affordability, preservation housing and does not affect the project nor the numbers of the community that are living in that location. He added that an ad for the CDBG Notice was released in May 2024, and the application is due August 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

### **2. Open Public Hearing**

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

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

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, commented that he knows what slums are, what debilitated housing is, urban renewal and asked where are these people going to be placed once the project starts and how much is it going to affect the city in making these moves financially? How long will it take or the place to be there to a point where the people will be able to move in without disrupted lives? Because if they have children, in August, school starts then there will be students that are going to school and not necessarily have a stable living environment, and that is something to take into account.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, replied that the anti-displacement policy is just a regulation that the state asks the city to have in place in case there is a dislocation of residents. In this project there is not going to be any displacement of homes.

### **4. Close Public Hearing**

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

### **5. Action on Resolution No. 2320**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2320. 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. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2024-04. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing joining the Settling States, the Participating Subdivisions, and Kroger in a proposed settlement agreement resolving legal claims against Kroger for alleged misconduct related to opioids. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that this item is an add-on to the national opioid litigation that was approved by Council to join in 2019. The bigger case ended this year, and the city is starting to get the allocations which will come in over 18 years. The city's allocation on the major case is \$200,000.00. These are the pharmacies that are in Kroger supermarkets, and they decided that they would like to settle nationally, as well, and the same court that accepted the national litigation that ended agreed to administer this particular settlement as well. It follows the same pattern that the national one did and the city became eligible to opt into this one when Arizona opted in, so that triggered San Luis to be able to apply for funds. For this one, the funds will come in over a span of 11 years, beginning this year. The city may use the funds for addressing opioid abuse or abuse prevention from a long pages and pages of options. Kroger pharmacies must also comply with a detailed program that sets out an outline of settlement that the settlement designed to safeguard against diversions of opioid prescriptions. This order allows the Mayor to sign an opt-in form to join and authorizes staff to do whatever else is needed to join the litigation.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve Order No. 2024-04, 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

## **7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera shared that, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, the 4th of July Freedom Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4th, beginning at 6 p.m., at Joe Orduño Park. It is an all-ages event, so those listening from home, don't forget to join the city for the best fireworks show in the county.

Council Member Matias Rosales reported he had his YCIPTA board meeting on Monday and presented to them a new concept on what the city hopes better serves the residents for the YCAT transportation. Many of the board members were surprised to see what current routes cover in San Luis, so they are going to go through their testing phase hopefully in the next two (2) months and send out a driver to do the options that Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works and Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, suggested. Hopefully they will be able to get some expanded YCAT service to San Luis residents, and instead of just going down 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, go over to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue or even down to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and do a loop to Urtuzuastegui Street.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated those are really good news, the city does need for them to expand, especially in the East. People are using that service and is much needed.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera added that on his personal time, he is part of the Sunset Health Board of Directors and last week there was a groundbreaking for the Sunset Health Clinic that is going to be located in Somerton. This is going to be a big facility that will address the healthcare needs of South Yuma County not just Somerton itself. It is a big investment that they are making and after that is done, Sunset Health Clinic is looking to building something in San Luis as well. He is happy to serve on that board and and be able to be part of those things as well.

## **8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. James Allen Jr., United States Navy retired 21 years, 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, commented that on the last council meeting held, the public was educated, evidently to the point that there is supposedly supposed to be an increase of property taxes according to the County Assessor's, that they're gonna be increasing rates, and that there is going to be a public hearing or something around the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

He contacted the Assessor's Office, and they said they do not have any record of one coming up, and they do not have any record of an increase to be made on anyone's taxes as of right now. He just wanted to make sure that this is coming directly from the Assessor's Office itself.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, to show the county's page to clarify that issue with the county raising the taxes. She added that they can be called taxes or levy and residents are paying. The Yuma County Board of Supervisors had a meeting Monday and they approved it. So it is not something that the City of San Luis is making up. It is not that the city is lying to the people of San Luis. The information can be accessed from Yuma County's website.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Luis E. Cabrera to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:18 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 26, 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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