

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**September 11, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED** by Council  
Date: 10/9/2024  
Clerks Office: [Signature]

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nieves Riedel  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Council Member Matias Rosales (arrived at approximately 6:07 p.m.)  
Council Member Javier Vargas

**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, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager  
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance  
Christian Cuevas, Translator  
Lucky Hoyos, Resident  
Luisa Arreola, Resident  
Manuel Rojas, Resident  
Maria Gonzalez, Resident  
Mark Concha, Resident  
Martha Ulloa, Resident  
Ruben Walshe, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. PROCLAMATION**

### **4. A. Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2024 – October 15, 2024**

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

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**- Regular Council meeting held August 14, 2024**

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS**

**- From August 16, 2024 to September 4, 2024**

**Total \$1,471,331.15** (One Million, Four Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Fifteen 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 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 establishment of an MOU with CBP to assist in training their Emergency Medical Technicians. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, stated that the San Luis Fire Department was approached by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) indicating they had graduated a class of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and would like for the Fire Department to help with some training for their EMTs. The department works very closely with CBP, since 35% of the calls are to the Port of Entry. Staff recommends establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Customs and Border Protection.

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the MOU with CBP to assist in training CBP Emergency Medical Technicians. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all items to create a Memorandum of Understanding with 1582, LLC, and the City of San Luis to conduct annual physicals. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)**

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, indicated that every year they do physicals for their Firefighters to maintain their health, safety and wellness. Staff is asking for the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the company 1582. They will be doing the same physicals for the Firefighters at the City of Yuma.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the MOU with 1582, LLC, to conduct the Firefighter's Annual Physicals. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2332. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the designation of the Acting City Manager Jenny Torres and Fire Chief Angel Ramirez as Authorized Representatives for the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Roula Encinas, Director of Finance)**

Ms. Roula Encina, Director of Finance, described that this item updates the designation of authorized representatives for the City of San Luis under Arizona law, Arizona Revised Statute 26 and the Arizona Administrative Code, the City Council is required to appoint authorized representatives who can request funds from the Arizona Governor's Emergency Funds, as well as the managed recovery efforts during the governor's declared emergencies.

The last designation of representatives was in 2005, this resolution updates the appointments by assigning the current Acting City Manager Jenny Torres and Fire Chief Angel Ramirez. This will ensure the proper authorization in place for any further emergency recovery effort.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked if it needed to have the name or just the position title?

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, responded that it requires to have a person, a contact.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2332, designating Acting City Manager Jenny Torres and Fire Chief Angel Ramirez as authorized representatives for DIMA, as presented. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. D. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2024-0570 - Barkley San Luis South and Ordinance No. 453. 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 37.14 acres from Rural Area Residential (RA-10) to Community Commercial (C-2) on property located at the northwest corner of Los Oros Street and Main Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

#### **A. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, explained that this is a request to rezone 37.4 acres from Rural Area Residential to Community Commercial C-2. The property is located on the northwest corner of Los Oros Street and Main Street. The reason for the rezoning is for future healthcare related uses. Staff recommends approval of the rezoning request with the conditions that the development shall comply with all the regulations applicable to commercial development, provide a traffic study and make any improvements required by the traffic study including any applicable contributions for future traffic lights. The item was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and they recommend approval with the conditions that staff recommended. The applicant is in agreement with the conditions, the applicant's representative will make a presentation about the project.

Dr. Bob Trenchel, President and CEO of Regional Medical Center, and Mr. Andres Salcido, Local Business Owner and Member of Yuma Regional Medical Center Operating Board, provided a PowerPoint presentation on building a healthier tomorrow. He added that Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) is interested in the land discussed in terms of building a healthcare facility in that location. He provided some background of his organization. They are a not for profit organization with a 406 licensed beds, there is a behavioral health hospital that has 24 beds and as part of that they are also starting a psychiatry residency program which will accept its first residence in July 2025. They have 40+ care locations throughout the county with over 3,600 employees; the average salary of their employees is \$76,000.00. They count with over 450 medical staff and over 350 of those are employed by the organization. They have received quality recognition and accreditations as they strive to provide service to patients that is high quality and safe. Their robotic surgery program is recognized nationally not only as one of the busiest robotic surgery programs, but as the highest quality robotic surgery program. They have been delivering care to the City of San Luis residents since 2018 and will be expanding their location in San Luis this fall. They plan to build the San Luis Medical Center on the corner of Los Oros Street and Main Street, they are acquiring that land with the intent to grow. This facility will count with an inpatient hospital, emergency department, operating rooms, MRI, CT, ultrasounds, x-ray, mammography, lab, walk-in clinic and other clinics. They will be able to bring the cadre of specialists and providers they have at YRMC. They anticipate to complete this project by the first quarter of 2026.

Mayor Nieves Riedel and the City Council thanked YRMC for thinking about San Luis for this project.

#### **B. Open the Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

#### **C. Call to the Public**

Mayor Nieves Riedel called upon the public on this item; there were no comments from the public.

#### **D. Close the Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing

#### **E. Action on Ordinance No. 453 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 453 by title only. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 453 by title only.

#### **F. Action on Ordinance No. 453**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 453 by title only. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. E. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2024-0571 - Barkley San Luis South and Ordinance No. 454. 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 36.15 acres from Light Industrial (L-1) to Community Commercial (C-2) on property located at the southwest corner of County 22nd Street and Main Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

#### **A. Staff presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is a request to rezone 36.15 acres to the north of the previous item for the construction of commercial development or the expansion of the hospital. Staff recommends approval with the same conditions, that the development complies with all the commercial development regulations and that a traffic study be completed for the area and provide any improvements required by the traffic study, including any contribution for future traffic lights. This item was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and they recommended approval as recommended by staff. The applicant is in agreement with the conditions.

#### **B. Open the Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

**C. Call to the Public**

Mayor Nieves Riedel called upon the public on this item; there were no comments from the public.

**D. Close the Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing.

**E. Action on Ordinance No. 454 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 454 by title only. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 454 by title only.

**F. Action on Ordinance No. 454**

**MOTION:** Council Member Matias Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 454. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. F. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of the Liquor License Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control by Juanita Alicia Esparza on behalf of Taqueria Aguilar Mexican Tacos & Guisados, located at 1914 E. Cesar Chavez Boulevard, San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest and asked Council Member Javier Vargas to take over the item.

### **A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation**

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, explained that her office received the application and was posted at the proposed premises for the number of days as required by law. Her office did not receive any comments in favor of or against the application.

### **B. Open Public Hearing**

Council Member Javier Vargas opened the Public Hearing.

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

Council Member Javier Vargas called upon the public on this item; there were no comments from the public.

### **D. Close Public Hearing**

Council Member Javier Vargas closed the Public Hearing.

### **E. Action on the recommendation of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Taqueria Aguilar Mexican Tacos & Guisados**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales to recommend approval of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Taqueria Aguilar Mexican Tacos and Guisados, as presented. Motion passed with three (3) aye votes, one (1) nay vote by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz and one (1) abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
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 the recommendation of an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize La Bodega Kitchen and Bar to sell alcohol on September 27 and 28, 2024, during the Southwest Off-Road Series (SOS) Registration Event and on November 1 and 2, 2024 during the La Bodega Halloween Bash 2024. (Ruben Walshe, La Bodega Kitchen and Bar)**

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest and asked Council Member Javier Vargas to take over the item.

**A. Staff/Applicant Presentation**

Mr. Ruben Walshe, La Bodega Kitchen and Bar, stated that these events are the same events held in the past.

**B. Open Public Hearing**

Council Member Javier Vargas opened the Public Hearing.

**C. Call to the public on this item**

Council Member Javier Vargas called upon the public on this item; there were no comments from the public.

**D. Close Public Hearing**

Council Member Javier Vargas closed the Public Hearing.

**E. Action on Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control**

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Matias Rosales to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control the application for a Temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit for La Bodega, LLC, as presented. Motion passed with three (3) aye votes, one (1) nay vote by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz and one (1) abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
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 Javier Vargas reported that two (2) weeks ago, Council Members Matias Rosales, Maria Cecilia Cruz and himself attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2024 Annual Conference, where Council Members Matias Rosales, Maria Cecilia Cruz and Vice Mayor Gloria Torres were recognized for their years of service. He also thanked and recognized the teachers and students of the Gadsden School District and all city staff that was part of the city's showcase during this event.

Council Member Matias Rosales commented that spectators look for the City of San Luis booth at the showcase since it is very popular due to the students from Gadsden School District participating in the Mariachi and Conjunto. He also added that during this event, he represented Mayor Nieves Riedel in one of the panels regarding border trade issues along with other border community mayors. Furthermore, he reported he was a panelist in Tucson for the Arizona Infrastructure and Projects that are going on in the community and discussed what cross border economic means to border communities.

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya reported that he and other Elected Officials met Colonel Fuentes from the Mexican Port of Entry; he has been on the job for three (3) weeks and stated he will make possible changes that will better the traffic flow into Mexico as they expressed their concerns about the line.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented on one of the sessions she attended during the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2024 Annual Conference adding that some of the points on the REM Managing Community Assets discussed were collaborative strategies on how to make facilities better for the community, state partnerships like Arizona Alliance, Arizona Heritage Fund and the local non-profits.

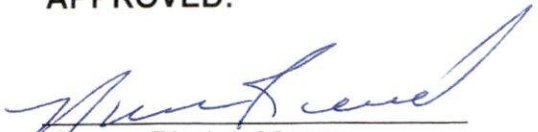
## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

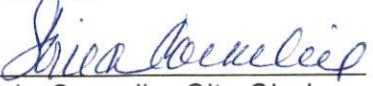
The vote was as follows:

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 Javier Vargas	

**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 September 11, 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