

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
November 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the Special 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 Matias Rosales
Council Member Javier Vargas

ABSENT: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant
Albert Moreno, I.T. Help Desk Technician
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production and Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services
Laura Leon, Administrative Coordinator
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager
Oscar Barnett, Project Manager
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Alberto Leon, Resident
Gabriel Medina, Iglesia De Jesucristo De Los Santos De Los Ultimos Dias
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident

James Allen Jr., Resident
Lizeth Servin, Resident
Mark Concha, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Mr. Gabriel Medina – Iglesia De Jesucristo De Los Santos De Los Ultimos Dias led the invocation.

4. PROCLAMATION

4. A. Proclamation - 30th Annual Dia Del Campesino December 6, 2024

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held October 23, 2024

5. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From November 7, 2024 to November 14, 2024

Total \$1,003,749.03 (One Million, Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Three Cents)

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Yuma regarding equipment received from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (AZDEMA). (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief).

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera 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 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 authorization to purchase annual ammunition for the San Luis Police Department using fiscal year 2025 budgeted funds. (Alan Guevara, Lieutenant)

Mr. Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is requesting approval to use Fiscal Year 2025 budgeted funds for the purchase of ammunition. The purchase will be made from San Diego Police Equipment using a state contract. The total purchase amount will be \$59,225.40, which requires City Council's approval. Bidding is not required because this is a cooperative purchase as described in the San Luis City Code Purchasing Section 3.050.90

MOTION: Vice Mayor Gloria Torres/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the purchase of ammunition for the San Luis Police Department for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

6. B. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Text Amendment Case No. 2024-0835 and Ordinance No. 456. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona, amending Title 18 of the City Code, Zoning Regulations, to revise Section 18.15.030(G) in compliance with updates to the Arizona Revised Statutes by establishing required timeframes for review of rezoning applications; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that the text amendment is to comply with Senate Bill 1162, which requires municipalities to establish specific review timeframes for rezoning applications. The new law is intended to reduce the processing timeframes throughout the state. There were some cities that would take more than 300 days to do a rezoning applications. The City of San Luis on average takes approximately 70 days, which complies with the new law. This item requires a public hearing to obtain input from the public.

B. Open 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 Public Hearing

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing.

E. Action on Ordinance No. 456 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 456 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 456 by title only.

F. Action on Ordinance No. 456

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 456. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2336. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona,

declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held November 5, 2024, in the City of San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, explained that this resolution adopts the results of the General Election that took place on November 5, 2024. The resolution identifies the top three (3) candidates that were elected for the three (3) available Council Member seats. She added that these are Luis E. Cabrera, Esteban C. Rosales and Lizeth Servin. In addition, there were two (2) propositions, the first one was Proposition No. 430 for the Franchise Agreement with Southwest Gas and the second proposition was No. 431 which is the Alternative Expenditure Limitation or Home Rule. Both propositions were approved by the electors. The three (3) Council Members Elect will be receiving Certificates of Election tonight.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera mentioned that the turnout was almost 45% of the community that voted on the General Election. It has been one of the highest turnouts that has been seen in San Luis and he is thankful for everyone who went out and voted.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Gloria Torres/Council Member Matias Rosales to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2336. 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 457, an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, granting to Southwest Gas Corporation, a California corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, maintain and operate upon, over, along, across and under the public rights-of-way of the City of San Luis, Arizona. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)

Ms. Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, said that this was on the ballot and under the Arizona Constitution is a franchise agreement with Southwest Gas and the constitution requires that it go to the voters. It also allows for a 25 year agreement to have business in the community. This agreement will be effective January 1, 2025 and will expire on January 1, 2050. It allows for the city to have revenue of 2% of Southwest Gas' gross revenue within the city's border. The City Council already approved the agreement before it went to voters.

A. Action on reading Ordinance No. 457 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 457 by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 457 by title only.

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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

B. Action on Ordinance No. 457

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 457 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Nieves Riedel reported that several Elected Officials attended the Brew and Asado event. This event was very successful that vendors sold everything, the Rotary Club sold over \$14,500.00. It was a good event and there were no incidents.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, reported that the Salvation Army for the first time in the City of San Luis will be having a free Thanksgiving lunch to all community members that will be cooked by Golden Corral. This will take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, from 12 noon through 2:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center. She invited the community to participate and asked if any Council Member or anyone from the public want to volunteer to serve to sign-up.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Guillermina Fuentes, 1630 N. 9th Avenue, San Luis, AZ, congratulated the new Council Members and added that she hopes that they work for what they got elected for

and represent the city and not to protect personal interests as is currently happening. She also congratulated Ms. Rosa Varela and Mr. Tadeo Azael De La Hoya for their unquestionable victory for the school board.

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, United States Navy Retired, thanked each and every voter that voted for outstanding outcome, he is happy to be at the end of this. He is happy for Esteban Rosales, Luis Cabrera and Lizeth Servin; he challenged them to go outside the box. Going outside the box means putting themselves in the place of their community and reach out. Being better does not mean one has to hate one another, but working together, running is one thing but doing the job is another.

Ms. Rosa Guerra, Campesinos Sin Frontera, announced the 30th Annual Dia Del Campesino, which will be on December 6, 2024, from 2:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. at 670 Main Street, San Luis, AZ. She invited the Mayor and City Council to participate and be there for the farmworker community.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 6:28 p.m. The 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 Matias Rosales	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

APPROVED:

Nieves Riedel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on November 20, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk