

APPROVED by the City Council  
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**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**January 22, 2025**  
**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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales  
Council Member Lizeth Servin  
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  
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Javier Nuño, Police Officer  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Jose Barragan, Fire Battalion Chief  
Jossue Cerda, I.T. Support Supervisor  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager  
Oscar Barnett, Project Manager  
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance  
Tomas Sanchez, Engineer  
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter  
Christian Cuevas, Translator  
Edrel Silva, Resident

Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer  
Eric Jones, Visitor  
Fabher Sanchez, Resident  
Luisa Arreola, Resident  
Maria Robles, Resident  
Mark Concha, Resident  
Matias Rosales, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- 4. A. Proclamation on Education Day - January 24, 2025**
- 4. B. Proclamation on SkillUSA Week February 2-8, 2025**
- 4. C. Proclamation on Career and Technical Education Month February 2025**
- 4. D. Proclamation on Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month February 2025**

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

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. A. MINUTES OF - Regular Council meeting held December 11, 2024**

### **5. B. DISBURSEMENTS From January 1, 2025 to January 15, 2025 Total \$999,009.12 (Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Nine Dollars and Twelve Cents)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	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 appointment or re-appointment of members to serve on the Greater Yuma Port Authority Board (GYPA). (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that she will be presenting the next four (4) items. She added that former Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales, served on some of the different boards and need to be replaced. She included the intent of the organization, meeting dates, meeting times, requirements and the bylaws for the city to be able to appoint someone.

She added that for the Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA), the city is allowed to appoint two (2) directors to the board. Currently, Mayor Nieves Riedel serves as the elected official, and for the position of director it can be an employee of the city, another elected official or an outside person. Mr. Matias Rosales has served on this board for several years and he has expressed his interest to continue serving, however, it is up to the City Council to decide who will serve.

**MOTION:** Mayor Nieves Riedel/Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to appoint Matias Rosales to serve on the Greater Yuma Port Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

### 6. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment to the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) Board. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, indicated that for this board, the appointment should be one (1) representative capable of representing the municipality.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to appoint Council Member Lizeth Servin to the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of members to serve on the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) Board. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, explained that for this board, the city is required to appoint a council member. They also designate the City Administrator as an ex officio, meaning that, that member is a non-voting member, but if there is another council member that wants to serve as a non-voting member to learn, she will be happy to appoint that person. The City Council appoints one (1) elected official.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Mayor Nieves Riedel to appoint Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to serve on the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Board as a director and appoint Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager or her designee as an ex-officio member. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of a member to serve on the Western Arizona Council of Government (WACOG) Executive Board of Directors. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that for this board an elected official must be the one appointed. She added that WACOG has several advisory councils or subcommittees such as the Regional Council of Aging. The Executive Committee is in charge of appointing a representative to the Community Action Board and the Yuma County Advisory Council.

Mayor Nieves Riedel proposed Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to serve on this board.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera stated that unfortunately this board meets in the mornings and he works, therefore he cannot accept the proposal.

Mayor Nieves Riedel proposed Council Member Javier Vargas.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to appoint Council Member Javier Vargas to serve on the Western Arizona Council of Governments Executive Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of one (1) member to the San Luis Economic Development Commission. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs)**

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, mentioned that his department is seeking the appointment of one (1) member to the San Luis Economic Development Commission for a period of two (2) years to fill a vacancy that was created last month by Ms. Audry Morris Sandoval.

He added that Ms. Sandoval was working with Campesinos Sin Fronteras for some time, and she left her position as deputy director to start her own non-profit. Some of the requirements for this commission are that the appointees should be residents of San Luis, Ms. Sandoval is a resident of Yuma, or should have a business located in the city, or should just have a general interest in the quality, development and growth of the community. His department recruited for the vacancy for three (3) weeks and received five (5) applications from community members. The Economic Development Department reached out to the applicants to invite them to be present tonight.

Council Member Lizeth Servin asked if they can be allowed to address the Mayor and City Council to state why they are interested in serving on this board.

Mr. Edrel Silva, applicant, stated he is a resident and veteran adding that he is interested because of professional development through community engagement. He is currently in school for project management, which goes hand in hand with economic development. All the experience he can get will help and would like to get involve with his community.

Mr. Eric Jones, applicant, indicated that his family has been in the San Luis area since 1951 and has a strong heart to be part of San Luis and supports what is being done here. His current business is in fueling and property management, warehousing and other opportunities that they are providing. He thinks it is important that there be a strong economic development program as there a lot of houses and developers in San Luis. There needs to be negotiation opportunities for growth throughout the area and with his experience and background, he can help San Luis grow.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to appoint Eric Jones to complete the two-year vacant term of the San Luis Economic Development Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the selection and purchase of a new Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) process equipment for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that they are seeking approval for the purchase of a membrane bioreactor process equipment for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project. Staff is over 30% design on the overall expansion project with the consultant engineer, Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering. Staff obtained three (3) proposals for the membrane equipment; Kubota Membrane USA, MMBR Systems and Veolia Water Technologies. Based on the Criteria Ranking developed as part of the performance-based specifications, Kubota Membrane USA scored the highest and is the recommended manufacturer to supply the MBR process equipment for the City of San Luis West WWTP Phase 1 MBR Upgrades in the amount of \$2,998,000.00. He added that staff is trying to do this ahead of time just like in other projects as the delivery of equipment is between 38 to 50 weeks.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Kubota Bid Proposal for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$2,998,000.00 to be spent over this and the next fiscal year and authorize appropriate staff to take all actions necessary to finalize contract terms. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis Public Works Department accepting Construction Services from Westmoor Electric, Inc. for the installation of City furnished traffic signal equipment at the intersection of County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Manny Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works).**

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works, mentioned that staff is seeking approval to contract Westmoor Electric for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Recently there have been several severe accidents at this intersection. Westmoor Electric is confident that they can complete the project in approximately one (1) month from the notice to proceed. A traffic signal at this highly trafficked intersection will help improve the safety, efficiency and traffic flow. He added that all the materials have arrived and are ready to be installed.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, indicated that this is for the installation of the traffic signal. Staff was trying to put a temporary solution to this intersection, since it has not been advertised for the actual project construction, the additional lanes and width, as the city is waiting on the right-of-way. Staff received one (1) today and should be expecting the other one in the next couple of days. But for clarification, this is the installation of the actual traffic signal only, the roadway improvements will be coming before the City Council's approval within the next month or so.

Mayor Nieves Riedel mentioned that County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street now counts with street lights and thanked the Public Works Department.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to accept construction services from Westmoor Electric, Inc., for the installation of traffic signal equipment at the intersection of County 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$159,420.00 and to waive formal procurement procedures for the reasons presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2351. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, ordering and calling a Special Election to be held on May 20, 2025, in and for the City of San Luis, Arizona, to submit to the qualified electors of San Luis the proposed amount to be raised by a primary (ad valorem) property tax. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, explained that this resolution is for the call of election and is a good practice to inform the community members of the city's intent to hold a Special Election on May 20, 2025, to add the question on the ballot on whether the city should implement a primary property tax.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commented that people have approached her and asked why voters have not approved this for the second time. She responded that President Abraham Lincoln ran seven (7) times and on the 7<sup>th</sup> try, he became the President of the United States. Property tax is something that is needed in the City of San Luis and if this is something she needs to bring every year while she is Mayor, she will. There are demands or requests from residents for better streets and public safety, however, there is no money. Last year when this was brought up, she became the favorite piñata of all people, but those that worked against the property tax did her a great favor. She was for it knowing it was going to cost her hundreds of thousands of dollars on property taxes. This is now up to the people that say they care and love their community. She was asked to place this item on the agenda and she did as it is a need.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented that it has not been year from the last time it was placed on the agenda and she was surprised to see it on the agenda again. She is not against property tax, however, it is too soon to bring it again. Last year there was a lot of misinformation and if the city is going to bring it again, the city needs to make sure to strategize ways to educate the community and make sure that they have the right information. Even though there was a publicity pamphlet, she does not think citizens really got a hold of that pamphlet, she did not get it and she was not in the City Council. She now understands the needs of the city and employees, but still for her it is too early to put it up again and is not in agreement.

Council Member Javier Vargas asked the community members of the City of San Luis to come to City Hall and get informed. He encouraged citizens to not be misinformed by people who are against this measure and to come in to the office to see for themselves the benefits that come with property taxes. He understands it is too early to bring it again, however, he agrees with the Mayor that it would have to be placed on the agenda every year as it is a much needed source of income for the city.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented she is all for property tax and has supported it every time it has been on the ballot and as everyone knows, it has not passed. The main reason for not passing is because there is no education and misinformation on the topic. She would like to wait for the property tax because there is a new President and he says he is going to bring down costs and inflation. The Executive Order states that it is critical to restore purchasing power to the American family and improve the quality of life, she added that the new President's Administration should be given some time. She also thinks it is too soon for this matter to be placed on the ballot.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that staff did an outstanding job in putting the information together, meetings were held and the public was invited to attend these meetings and only two (2) or three (3) people showed up. The information was there, it was mainly misinformation by some people voting against it because they thought it was her idea. She does not like to pay taxes, but it is her duty to pay them, because taxes is what provides the needs of a city. She has learned about this community that people do not like to pay, but expect top of the line service. Staff was very transparent with the numbers. When former Mayor Gerardo Sanchez placed this matter on the ballot, he got accused of not being transparent. She went beyond being transparent and yet people voted against it. The measure can only be placed on the ballot once a year in the month of May.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz said it is a good idea to give them a year of educating the people more.

Council Member Lizeth Servin remarked that everyone can do its due diligence and be more vocal about it as council members and be out there in the community. She knows the Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, has planned to do some community forums and be out there with directors and staff. She mentioned that they are not putting in question what staff did to bring the information to the community. It is just that the city could not get the community there. Staff was there, but the community was not there. So that is why the city needs to be more focused, more intentional, and have those strategies to make sure that they get there, and agreed with Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales asked how much is it to put it on the ballot again this year?

Mrs. Cornelio responded the cost is close to \$61,000.00, that is what the city paid in May 2024.

Council Member Javier Vargas added that even though President Trump might lower the living cost in the future, one should remember that this was brought up back in 2019, because it was so much needed then and it is much needed today.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that she did not say it was not needed, but the residents need to be educated on this topic, besides when it is not on the ballot, the city can explain it more thoroughly without any hesitations, because when it is in the ballot, the city is limited on what it can be said and share.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that was correct. When the item is placed on the ballot the city can educate, it cannot promote the ballot. If it is not in the ballot, obviously, the city can educate and promote other sources of revenue.

Council Member Javier Vargas commented that the thing is that one never talks about property tax until it is on the agenda. Therefore, once it is not on the agenda, one does not talk about educating the residents, so something has to get done, even though it does not go to the ballot this year. But something needs to be done and not forget about this issue.

Mayor Nieves Riedel expressed that it might be a good idea to get some of the Council Members to form a committee, go and educate the people, take the time and see if they can convince them. That would be great and she would like to see hands up and asked who would like to be part of this committee and come back and report for 12 months and see how people are responding?

Council Member Javier Vargas stated that he could be that person as long as this item gets approved today.

Council Member Lizeth Servin mentioned she can also help with this.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he read through the resolution, basically, the information is the same that was presented to the electors back in 2024. One of the things that people told him when they voted against the property tax was that the amount was too high, the \$2.5 million. They said that the city could possibly start at \$1.5 million or \$1.2 million and not be so aggressive. Then eventually it can increase a little bit every year, but that was some of the feedback he received. Another thing is, he also thinks that it is too soon to put it back on the ballot. One of the reasons is that the majority of the people voted against it. He would understand, if it was like a 45, 55 percentage where it did not pass. But sadly, it was over a 1,000 people who voted against it, and only 200 people voted in favor.

Mayor Nieves Riedel said that maybe the city needed to start lower and another thing that it failed was because she should have been stronger on that issue where people are already paying dues on the new subdivisions.

Those are the people that went out and voted against it, because they were going to get a double whammy, so it will be something to consider when forming this committee and bring this to the table and find ways, even if the city starts with a lower number and get away with those people that are already paying. If the city loses the food tax, the city is going to start with lay-offs.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera added that he also told about the improvement districts and the subdivisions that pay that. And then another thing that he heard a lot was the sales tax. That the City of San Luis has the highest sales tax, and that on top of that, the city wants residents to pay property taxes. This is the feedback he received from the community; that clearly they did not want to continue paying more. And the city, as a community, is always trying to make ends meet to pay bills. He is pretty sure many people out there are living paycheck to paycheck, so it does carry a burden on these families. He thinks that the city needs to reconsider, 1. the amount or 2. does the city take away improvement districts? Will the city make changes to the sales tax? Because, as the way they see it is, the city just wants more, more and more. He told them that the money is needed for all the projects. And then they tell him that the city has been doing so many projects already, and the city has continued to grow and expand. That the city has new vehicles, new roads, lighting and all these things. He tells them, the city could have way more things if this was approved, and that is the point he tries to make. But as they see, it is like, it is going to cost them more, and at this time it is either them feeding their family or them paying more to the city.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya commented that it would be his 3<sup>rd</sup> time that he is part of. If it goes again, the decision today is to ask the voters and most people will not support the city when one (1) tool is popular to support you. And the decision is one of those that you know is not popular, and people will not support it. But one has to understand that they took an oath of office, to protect all residents of the City of San Luis. A property tax creates a stable source of revenue that the city needs for its projects, it does not fluctuate. The city would not be dependent on what the Federal Government will do or what the State Government Legislature might do. It pays for the public services that are much needed. The officers, firemen and the staff in other departments that the city does not have, it gives the city local control because the city can say and dictate how much the city can charge people and that is important. It provides equity to the residents that depending on the home that they have, it is how much they are going to pay. So if you are able to make your house payment for the type of house that you have, that is where the equity is out. It encourages development to have a stable income and it promotes long term planning having a reliable source of income. Yet he knows it is not popular and a lot of people do not understand that. Yes, it is too soon, but again the city has to do what is right.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales commented that he agreed with Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, because knowing that the city never knows what is going to happen this year with legislation, it would be better to be proactive than waiting to the last minute.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that she met with Mr. James Allen, Jr., and he graciously agreed to form a committee and asked him if he will be interested in forming a committee and help the city?

Mr. James Allen, Jr. United States Navy retired, 1549 E. Babbit Lane, San Luis, AZ, said that he listened to everyone else's words, they are very encouraging. He agrees with Luis, Lizeth and the other members. Reason why is because right now one sits in what is called uncharted waters, there is a new president and a lot of things are going to occur which have never occurred in the history of San Luis very shortly. The best thing to do would be to stop all projects that are not necessary, put a hold on, rework the budget for what the city has. Recently, what happened was the city asked for the Home Rule and it went through. That gives the opportunity a teachable moment to look at what the city has. Make sure the services that the city needs to accomplish, it is day to day for its citizens. Take care of that first, anything above and beyond that, wait, tomorrow it could be different. But the city has to deal with reality. There are people on dialysis, older people, one (1) person in a home. These costs can destroy people's lives. If the city wants to be a destroyer which you know, before he was listed as being a destroyer of the city, he is coming to build, but he points out things that do not make sense. He is from Washington, D.C., a place where they have a shadow Senator, a shadow Congressperson, meaning, they do not have a vote on the laws of the country one was born in. Put it on hold for now and see what is before them.

Mayor Nieves Riedel said that she can assure him that every single project that is going on in the City of San Luis is a need, it is not a water park or anything that is not needed, the city covers needs.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to deny Resolution No. 2351. Motion did not pass with three (3) Ayes four (4) Nays by Mayor Nieves Riedel, Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya and Council Members Esteban C. Rosales and Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Nay
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Nay
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria.Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Nay
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Nay

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2351. Motion passed with four (4) Ayes and three (3) Nays by Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Maria Cecilia Cruz and Lizeth Servin.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Nay
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Nay
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

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

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera reported that last week the City Council was invited to attend Eddie's Food and Drink located in the east side of Avenue E, they are scheduled to open up soon. It is a great facility, there are a lot of local vendors selling great food and drinks. He thanked the developers of Eddie's Food and Drink because something like this was needed in the community.

Council Member Lizeth Servin reported she also attended Eddie's Food and Drink, it is a beautiful facility and will give the City of San Luis a plus as it is a different concept. It needs to be promoted as it is not near this area and encouraged everyone to stop by when they have a chance.

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

Mr. James Allen, Jr., 1549 E. Babbit Lane, San Luis, AZ, stated that the thing he gets at about all of what he has seen just now, he had a meeting this morning and for every action that the City Council takes, there are consequences. He cannot stand with any of those that voted for it, but the main thing, the people, will speak. The other thing is, considering always someone else more than themselves is something that all have to understand. He is his brother's keeper, is the City Council? Consider that when they make their decisions on anything in this house of the people.

Mr. Mark Concha, 1310 N. Quintero Avenue, San Luis, AZ, commented that last week a resident of the City of San Luis, came before the City Council to speak about the case going on with Pastor Castro. But this person continues to misinform people, because what this person does not say is that the city is defending itself from Pastor Castro. The city did not file a lawsuit, but is defending and responding to a lawsuit that originated Pastor Castro because he does not want to follow the rules of the City of San Luis. The rules should be followed by everyone as they exist to maintain an orderly city. This person does not want to follow the regulations and that is why he is suing the city. If a cost is being generated is because the city is defending itself from a lawsuit and not because the city wants to spend money unnecessarily. It is enough that people continue to be misinformed, people should be informed correctly as it is vital so they can make decisions such as what the City Council just approved, which are the property taxes.


**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	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 January 22, 2025. 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