

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
December 11, 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 Esteban Rosales
Council Member Matias 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
Adriana Garcia, Human Resources Manager
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant
Albert Moreno, I.T. Technician
Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Coordinator
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Candy Lara, Records Management Specialist
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant
Danae Figueroa, Magistrate
Deborah Luna, Accountant II
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Gilberto Torres, Wastewater Operations Manager
Glenn Gimbut, Assistant City Attorney
Jeremy Humphrey, Fire Battalion Chief
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works

Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services
Juan Leal Rubio, Assistant Director of Development Services
Laura Leon, Administrative Coordinator
Lizette Varela, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Generalist
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager
Oscar Barnett, Project Manager
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance
Teresa Varela, Senior Services Assistant
Yigal Duarte, Economic Development Assistant
Alberto Leon, Resident
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Translator
Columba Nuñez, Resident
David Loo, Developer
Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer
Gary Black, Visitor
Gerardo Anaya, Mayor City of Somerton
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident
James Allen Jr., Resident
Jesus Roldan, Council Member City of Somerton
Joe Harper, Resident
Jorge Lozano, Visitor
Jossue Cerda, I.T. Support Supervisor
Louie Galaviz, City Manager for City of Somerton
Luis Galindo, Council Member City of Somerton
Luis Marquez, Resident
Luis Ramirez, Ramirez International Advisors
Luisa Arreola, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Mark Concha, Resident
Martha Garcia, Council Member City of Somerton
Martin Porchas, Yuma County Supervisor District 1
Omar Duron, Somerton School District Superintendent
Rafael Torres, Resident
Scarlett Harper, Justice of the Peace Judge
Shelly Ostrowski, Realty One Group Gateway
Vianey Vega, Vega & Vega Engineering

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Matias Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Abel Garcia – Church For The City led the invocation.

4. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

4. A. Presentation & Recognition to Gloria Torres and Matias Rosales for their years of public service on behalf of the City of San Luis. (City Council)

Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources, presented a plaque to Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales in appreciation of their dedicated service to the citizens of San Luis.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, thanked Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales on behalf of staff for their years of service and their commitment to the community. She welcomed re-elected Council Member Luis E. Cabrera and newly elected Council Members Esteban Rosales and Lizeth Servin.

Ms. Regina Romero, City of Tucson Mayor and Ms. Mariana Sandoval, Arizona State Representative, thanked Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales and wished them the best via a recorded video.

Mr. Martin Porchas, Yuma County Board of Supervisors Chairman; Ms. Martha Garcia from Congressman Raul Grijalva's Office; Mr. Gerardo Anaya, City of Somerton Mayor; Luis Galindo, City of Somerton Vice Mayor; Mr. Juan Castillo, Mr. Jesus Roldan and Ms. Martha Gonzalez, Council Members; and Mr. Luis Ramirez, President of Ramirez Advisors recognized Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales' hard work and thanked them for their years of service.

Mayor Nieves Riedel and the City Council thanked Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales for their years of service and for representing the City of San Luis community.

Vice Mayor Gloria Torres and Council Member Matias Rosales thanked everyone for their good wishes and their support.

4. B. OATH & SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES

- Oath & Swearing-in of office for re-elected Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to be officiated by the Honorable Danae T. Figueroa, San Luis Municipal Court.

Re-elected Council Member Luis E. Cabrera was sworn-in to office.

- Oath & Swearing-in of office for newly elected Council Members Esteban C. Rosales and Lizeth Servin to be officiated by the Honorable Danae T. Figueroa, San Luis Municipal Court.

Newly elected Council Members Esteban C. Rosales and Lizeth Servin were sworn-in to office.

5. PRESENTATION

5. A. Presentation and recognition of the 2024 - 4th Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program (ERAP) for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Enrique Lopez, ERAP Chair)

Ms. Crystal Ochoa, ERAP Representative, recognized and presented a certificate to the awardees for the 4th Quarter.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held November 13, 2024

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From November 15, 2024 to December 4, 2024

Total \$3,576,996.21 (Three Million, Five Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Twenty-One Cents)

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2338. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, creating a Street Lighting Improvement District and declaring its intention to purchase electricity and maintain poles, luminaries, and underground conduit, together with a charge for the use of lighting facilities, for lighting public streets within the area described as Belleza del Desierto Unit III, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2339. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and directing the city engineer to order the purchase of electricity and to order the maintenance of poles, luminaries, and underground conduit incident to the installation of street lights for lighting public streets serving the area described as Belleza del Desierto Unit III Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2340. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention to provide the Enhanced Municipal Services of operating, maintaining and improving certain retention basins serving the area described as Belleza del Desierto Unit III Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2341. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and directing the city engineer to order the operation and maintenance of certain retention basins for the area described as Belleza del Desierto Unit III Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2342. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention of operating, maintaining, repairing and improving certain landscape improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins and parking and parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures serving the area described as Belleza del Desierto Unit III Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2343. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and ordering the operation, maintenance and repair of certain landscape improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins, parking, parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures of Belleza del Desierto Unit III Subdivision Landscape Improvement District. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2344. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, creating a Street Lighting Improvement District and declaring its intention to purchase electricity and maintain poles, luminaries, and underground conduit, together with a charge for the use of lighting facilities, for lighting public streets within the area described as Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2345. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and directing the city engineer to order the purchase of electricity and to order the maintenance of poles, luminaries, and underground conduit incident to the installation of street lights for lighting public streets serving the area described as Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2 Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. K. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2346. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention to provide the Enhanced Municipal Services of operating, maintaining and improving certain retention basins serving the area described as Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2 Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. L. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2347. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and directing the city engineer to order the operation and maintenance of certain retention basins for the area described as Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2 Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. M. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2348. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention of operating, maintaining, repairing and improving certain landscape improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins and parking and parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures serving the area described as Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2 Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. N. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2349. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and ordering the operation, maintenance and repair of certain landscape improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins, parking, parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures serving of Bienestar Estates 12 Phase 2 Subdivision Landscape Improvement District. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the designation of a Vice Mayor. (City Council)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that although the Robert's Rules have been adopted, if there is an exception in the Code, then the Code can be used.

Under the Robert's Rules, the City Council would nominate a Vice Mayor and would be a messy procedure, however under the Code, the City Council would motion to designate a Council Member. There would be a second as usual or if not, the motion dies. Then another motion will be needed as well as a second and vote as normal.

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Mayor Nieves Riedel to nominate Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya as Vice Mayor. Motion passed with five (5) ayes and two (2) nays from Council Members Luis E. Cabrera and Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2350. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, authorizing and directing the entering into a development agreement between the City of San Luis, Arizona, Von Verde Partners LLC, Somerton School District No. 11, and Yuma Union High School District No. 70 for the development of property located between Avenue E and Avenue D and between County 24th Street and County 24 1/2 Street. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, explained that this is a request by Vega & Vega Engineering, the Development Agreement for Orchidea Park consisting of 320 acres. This item was presented to the City Council last week during a work session. The applicant has agreed to dedicate all the necessary rights-of-way within 90 days of the agreement. The agreement establishes the phase improvements as required by the regulations similar to other development agreements that the city has done. Staff recommends approval of the Development Agreement with the condition on the approval of all the parties involved in the agreement, including the Somerton and Yuma Union High School Districts.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that to prevent illegal lot splits, she suggested that staff can probably send a friendly reminder to developers on how the city operates since it is not the same as the county.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2350, conditioned upon approval of all parties to the Development Agreement. 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 Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2337. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Arizona and the City of San Luis authorizing the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to administer the construction of the Cesar Chavez Boulevard roadway improvements project. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that the city has been working on the Cesar Chavez Boulevard for the past ten (10) years and was able to obtain state and federal funding for the design which will be completed in December 2024. The city also received \$33 million from the State Legislature, \$25 million from a Federal Grant and allocated \$3.2 million from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that will be used for the construction. The Arizona Department of Transportation has been administering the project throughout the process. This Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) allows them to construct and administer the project as well as the ARPA funding to be committed as it needs to be committed by December 2024 and it allows the other funding also to be used. Construction will begin probably April 2025 and will take two (2) years to be completed.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2337, 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 Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

7. D. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2024-0776 for Los Mezquites Unit 5 and Ordinance No. 458. 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 11.83 acres from Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) to Medium Density Residential (R1-6) located at the northeast corner of 24th Avenue and Nadine Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict on this item and asked Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to take over this item.

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, indicated that this is a request from Edais Engineering to rezone 11.83 acres from R-2 to R-1-6. The property was already zoned R-1-6 and was rezoned to R-2 for the construction of a townhome subdivision. But now the plan is to do a single family subdivision of 51 lots to be known as Los Mezquites Unit 5. Staff sent notices and letters and there were no objections or comments. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval as well as staff with the condition that the applicant submits the full application of the preliminary plat in compliance with the city's regulations and that they must comply with the approved Development Agreement.

B. Open Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya opened the Public Hearing.

C. Call to the public on this item

There were no comments from the public on this item.

D. Close Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya closed the Public Hearing.

E. Action on Ordinance No. 458 by title only

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 458 by title only. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 458 by title only.

F. Action on Ordinance No. 458

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve Ordinance No. 458. Motion passed with six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

8. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MOTION TO ADJOURN AS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz /Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to adjourn as City Council and convene as Board of Adjustment. 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 Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

8. A. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Variance Case No. 2024-0876 - Esparza Parking Lot. A request

from Samuel Garcia Jr., P.E, on behalf of Guillermo Esparza owner, for a Variance from the City of San Luis Zoning Ordinance Section 18.75.040 Table No.15 to reduce the required parking spaces from 33 to 22 on properties located at 535 & 541 N Main Street in San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, explained that this is a request to rezone the parking requirements from 33 to 22. Based on the information provided, staff performed an analysis of the request and it does not meet the required criteria for a variance, the lot is larger than the minimum required for a commercial lot. Although these buildings were built a long time ago, the regulations back then required for parking, but they were not constructed and the owner can comply with the current regulations by making an agreement for shared parking with adjacent properties that have excess parking spaces. And whether the variance is approved or not, the owner can continue with the current use of retail. However, granting the variance will set a precedent for future businesses parking in the area. The request from the applicant is attached to the agenda item review form. The current use of the existing building is retail. The parking requirement is one (1) parking space for every 300 square feet and based on the the square footage of the building, it requires 33 parking spaces and they can only offer 22. He added that the City Council has the authority to approve this request.

B. Open Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya opened the Public Hearing.

C. Call to the public on this item

Mr. Samuel Garcia, applicant, 3437 E. Emily Street, San Luis, AZ, stated that he recognizes the conclusion of staff and the recommendations to deny the application for the variance. The building is the same building as it was before and the client wants to improve the dirt road of the parking and pave it. The option that was provided by staff was to demo part of the building to reduce the building size, instead of allowing the variance to reduce the parking lot. As the engineer that was designing the parking lot, he tried different ways to reduce the basin required for drainage to get more parking lots in there, but the shape and size of the parking lot does not allow to add more parking space. Another option provided by staff was to join with an adjacent landowner to get more parking space, but the adjacent landowners will encounter the same issues.

There was some discussion, questions and answers between the City Council and staff.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, indicated that if it was to be approved, he would conditioned that no business is going to be conducted out of an unimproved parking lot, that it will be used just for the stores or retail. But if they are just paving it, why is it a big issue according to engineering standards?

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that the businesses located on Main Street have the parking problem; Project PPEP had the same issue.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked the owner if customers park in the dirt road to go to his store?

The owner responded that customers cannot park in the dirt road as the dirt is very loose and there are mounds of dirt, but normally customers do park on the dirt road to visit his store. Both stores have access through the back entrance.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked the owner is he is willing to reduce his business to be compliant with all the regulations?

The owner responded he is not willing to reduce his building/business.

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, stated that if they are safety codes, they cannot be changed because safety is paramount. If it is a code of special area and it is a business, the City Council does have leadway to approve it, but also it might be a teachable moment for the city to relook at the code and adjust it so it carries over to nay other cases that come up similar to this.

Council Member Lizeth Servin asked when was the last time this code was revised?

Mr. Guzman responded that the Zoning Regulations were adopted in 2012 and have been amended constantly as needed based on the needs or changes of the city.

D. Close Public Hearing

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya closed the Public Hearing.

E. Action on Variance Case No. 2023-0876

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Javier Vargas to deny Variance Case No. 2024-0876, because the application does not meet the criteria for a variance. Motion passed with five (5) aye votes and two (2) nay votes by Council Members Luis E. Cabrera 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	Aye
Council Member Esteban Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Nay
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN AS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as City Council. 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 Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

10. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, introduced the San Luis High School Culinary Arts.

Miss Vanessa Valverde, President of the Culinary Arts for San Luis High School, advocated for the Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), which helps students and the youth be better leaders and do more community service than any other CTSSO at their campus. She asked the City Council to help them fund some of the projects they are working on such as catering events for the city.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera thanked those involved in organizing the employee recognition dinner. He added that the tree lighting ceremony and the Christmas Light Parade were a success and also thanked staff for organizing them.

Mayor Nieves Riedel announced that beginning January 2025, she will dedicate half a day every council meeting Wednesday to residents. Residents will be able to come and provide suggestions, ideas or talk to her and any other Council Member who wants to participate. This is done in an effort to help staff that are overwhelmed with petitions as there are quite a few members of the community that request meetings.

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, publicized that due to the reception following the Council meeting, there will be no Call To The Public.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:30 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 Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	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 Regular City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on December 11, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk