

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
March 26, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: 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

ABSENT: Mayor Nieves Riedel

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
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services
Juan Leal Rubio, Assistant Director of Development Services
Julissa Alejandra Peru, Court Administrator
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Generalist
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Mario Rodriguez, Finance Operations Manager
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance

Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Alberto Leon, Resident
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident
James Allen Jr., Resident
Lilia Quiñonez, Resident
Liliana Arroyo, Resident
Luis Marquez, Resident
Maria Alegria, Resident
Maria Gonzalez, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATION

- 3. A. Proclamation on Cesar Chavez Day March 31, 2025**
- 3. B. Proclamation on National Library Week April 6 - 12, 2025**
- 3. C. Proclamation on Autism Awareness Month April 2025**
- 3. D. Proclamation on Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2025**
- 3. E. Proclamation on National Fair Housing Month April 2025**
- 3. F. Proclamation on Records and Information Management Month April 2025**
- 3. G. Proclamation on Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2025**
- 3. H. Proclamation on Stress Awareness Month April 2025**

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya read the proclamations by title only.

The San Luis Library Representative stated that National Library Week will take place from April 6 to 12, 2025, and invited all to attend the library, where they will be hosting contests and displays. They will have a display from San Luis High School featuring an art project they have created. They will also have available a calendar with upcoming programs.

3. I. Presentation of Mid-Year Progress by Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC). (Greg LaVann, CEO and President)

Mr. Greg LaVann, CEO and President, provided a mid-year report on their performance on behalf of the City of San Luis. They are a well-established organization that attracts a significant amount of business. He added that they bring numerous ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings to local communities.

However, the reality is that 80% of their budget is spent attracting new companies, while 80% of their time is dedicated to collaborating with local stakeholders and partners to create a robust economic development landscape for future investment and growth. They do that through a number of different ways, such as workforce development, utility partners, different software programs, and aerospace and defense food processing, logistics and manufacturing companies, to ensure that they are getting all the support and resources they need to grow in the community and to attract new industries to the local area. His presentation included Key Performance Indicators (KPI), Mid-Year Key Performance Indicators, Email Marketing, Digital Strategy, Outbound Attraction, and GYEDC Partner Initiatives.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz thanked Mr. LaVann for his presentation, adding that she enjoyed learning that the average high-wage salary had increased from \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya stated that before the City Council votes on the Consent Agenda, they need to vote separately on Item No. 4.C. and 4.D.

4. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding strategy for implementing salary adjustments. ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2025. (Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to continue Item No. 4.C. to the next Regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya indicated that this item is an extension, but he consulted with legal counsel, and for next time, when they have an item where they decide to continue with the services, can the City Council obtain a presentation with the relevant numbers and statistics.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the contract extension with Precision Protective Security Services for the year ending June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held February 12, 2025
- Work Session held February 26, 2025
- Regular Council meeting held February 26, 2025

4. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From March 6, 2025, to March 19, 2025

Total \$2,143,452.98

(Two Million, One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

5. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis accepting Construction Services from Westmoor Electric, Inc. for the installation of city-furnished traffic signal equipment at the intersection of County 22nd Street and Sidewinder Road. (Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works, explained that this item is to contract Westmoor Electric for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of County 22nd Street and Sidewinder Road. The project will complete Phase 2 of the intersection improvements. Westmoor Electric has confirmed that they can begin the work as soon as two (2) weeks from the notice to proceed. A traffic signal at this highly trafficked intersection will help improve safety, efficiency and traffic flow. All the materials have arrived and are ready to be installed, such as poles, mast, arms, cabinets, meters and other materials. He added that staff is also seeking approval to waive formal procurement procedures. This purchase falls within the provisions of City Purchasing Code, Exclusive Services.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera inquired whether a streetlight would be installed on 10th Avenue and Cesar Chavez Boulevard once the road improvements are completed.

Mr. Hernandez responded that there are plans for a traffic signal there, but currently not from the city's side, as it is part of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) project.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, added that the scheduled construction project is the installation of a traffic signal as part of the ADOT project. The city had planned to install a traffic signal at that intersection, but the project was put on hold. He added that it is expensive to get the traffic signal up and running now, especially since it will be widening, and the final location of the poles will differ from what the staff will be installing. He clarified that the future signal light will be much larger, longer arms, bigger poles and the city would have to pay to install and then have to relocate and all the ones the city install would not be functional for the future installation, so the big difference here is the location of being installed now and relocating it later.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reminded staff about the payback from developers, where the city will be responsible for 50%, Comite de Bienestar for 25% and Riedel Holdings for 25%.

Mr. Vera mentioned that, as far as payback from developers or future developments, the city is working on how this will be addressed.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to accept construction services from Westmoor Electric, Inc., for the installation of traffic signal equipment at the intersection of County 22nd Street and Sidewinder Road in the amount of \$218,570.00 and to waive formal bidding procurement procedures for the reasons presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya

Aye

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| 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 |

5. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and award of a construction contract for the County 22nd Street and 4th Avenue Roadway Improvements Project. (Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works, mentioned that this item is for approval of accepting and awarding a construction contract to DPE Construction for the County 22nd Street and 4th Avenue Roadway Improvements Project. The project went through the formal bidding process and Gutierrez Canales Engineering PC and DPE Construction Inc. were the two (2) responsive bidders. DPE Construction was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$966,000.00. The roadway improvements will reduce accidents, improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and enhance travel experience. The purchase falls under the bidding provisions of the City Code 30.05.30, 30.05.40 and 30.05.50. DPE has confirmed that they are ready to begin within two (2) weeks after receiving the notice to proceed with and complete the project this fiscal year.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Lizeth Servin to accept and award a contract to DPE Construction, Inc., for the construction of the County 22nd Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$966,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the payment to Yuma County Water Users' Association for extending the East Main Canal pipeline and new storm drain discharge to the Main Drain. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that staff is seeking approval to make a payment to the Yuma County Water Users' Association for the work that needs to be completed to extend the east main canal approximately 250 feet, which crosses Cesar Chavez Boulevard for widening purposes. The City Council approved the

purchase of the material in October 2024, and now it is for the installation of the same. This work is necessary to widen Cesar Chavez Boulevard. Yuma County Water Users' Association is the operator of these facilities. Therefore, they are the sole source as they have the first right to work on their facilities before anybody else.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the payment to Yuma County Water Users' Association as an exclusive service in the amount of \$221,985.97 for the labor and construction of the east main canal pipeline extension and storm drain discharge pipeline to the main drain. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. D. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a budget transfer to fund Phase I of the Historic Survey and Public Art Policy with Designing Local. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, stated that his department is seeking the approval of a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 to their professional services account to fund Phase 1 of the Historic Preservation and Public Art Policy Project. He provided some background on this project.

MOTION: Council Member Lizeth Servin/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the budget transfer of \$30,000.00 from the Merrill Avenue Phase I Account to the Professional Services budget to fund Phase I of the Historic Survey and Public Art Policy, as outlined in the fiscal impact of this agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. E. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club to sell alcohol during the 2025 Arte en la Calle event to be held Friday, April 24, 2025. (Marcos Ramirez, Secretary for San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club)

A. Presentation by staff and/or applicant

Mr. Marcos Ramirez, of the Rotary Club, stated that they have been invited once again by the Parks & Recreation Department to participate in this event. They are excited about this event, as it attracts many local artists within the county. They have submitted the special event liquor license and are aware of the necessary precautions.

B. Open Public Hearing

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

C. Call to the Public on this item

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that she would like to explain why she always votes against liquor license applications, and it is that her Christian values take precedence over all else, and thanked the Rotary Club for all they do for the City of San Luis.

D. Close Public Hearing

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

E. Action on Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Special Event Liquor License application submitted by the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club as presented.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented for clarification purposes, that she is part of the Rotary Club, the organizing committee that puts together this event and does not earn any money from it.

The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and one (1) Nay vote by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

The vote was as follows:

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

5. F. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of a Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to authorize the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club to sell alcohol at the 4th of July Celebration to be held Friday, July 4, 2025. (Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club)

A. Presentation by staff and/or applicant

Mr. Marcos Ramirez, Rotary Club, indicated that this special event liquor license is for the 4th of July festivities and are more than happy to be part of this event.

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 matter.

D. Close Public Hearing

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

E. Action on Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Special Event Liquor License application to the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club as presented. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and one (1) Nay vote by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

The vote was as follows:

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

5. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Subdivision Case No. 2024-0865F - Los Mezquites Unit 5 Subdivision; a request by Edais Engineering Inc., on behalf of Riedel Holdings LLC, for the approval of Los Mezquites Unit 5 final plat, located east of 24th Avenue and south of Los Mezquites Unit 4 Subdivision in San Luis, Arizona. ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2025. (Juan Leal Rubio, Assistant Director of Development Services)

Mr. Juan Leal Rubio, Assistant Director of Development Services, explained that the subdivision comprises approximately 11.83 acres in size and will feature 51 residential lots, ranging in size from approximately 6,000 square feet to 6,375 square feet. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval of this subdivision, subject to three (3) conditions. The first condition is that the developer must comply with all provisions and conditions of the development agreement, as approved by Resolution No. 2204, and any subsequent amendments. The second condition is that the developer must comply with all provisions and conditions of Ordinance No. 458. The third condition is that the developer shall develop and construct any and all improvements needed and necessary for the signalization of the intersections at County 24th Street and Avenue E and County 23 ½ Street and Avenue E in accordance with the Public Works Standards of the city and the standards of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), subject to the payback provisions of Section 15.10.130(C) of the City Code. He added that the first two conditions have been met, and staff has the necessary assurances in place that will guarantee that the traffic signals are constructed, and staff is actively involved with the developer in the installation of the traffic signals. Mr. Leal stated that as far as amenities, this subdivision is part of Los Mezquites Unit 4, where the developer has agreed to install amenities. Therefore, any amenities installed will benefit residents of both Los Mezquites 4 and 5.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve Subdivision Case No. 20024-0865F with conditions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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

5. H. Discussion and possible action of any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2359. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona; amending the City of San Luis Travel Policy Sections HR307-T-1-02(A) AND (B), changing authorization of travel for Council Members; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Council Members Lizeth Servin, Maria Cecilia Cruz and Luis E. Cabrera)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that this item was an initiative of three (3) Council Members and this resolution changes the authorization from the Mayor for travel by Council to where three (3) Council Members are needed to approve travel and that could include the traveler as well as the Mayor as one of the three.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2359. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 461. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, removing San Luis City Code Section 2.30.050 (E) titled Probation Fee, repealing conflicting provisions and providing for severability. (Julissa Alejandra Peru, Court Administrator)

Ms. Julissa Alejandra Peru, Court Administrator, stated that staff is proposing Resolution No. 461 to remove Section E of Local Ordinance 2.30.050 (Probation Fees). This section was remedied in 2016, but inadvertently retained in the City Code and does not reflect current court fees.

To uphold the confidence of constituents, the municipal ordinance should accurately reflect the fees currently levied by the Court. As the City of San Luis does not maintain a probation department, staff is requesting the removal of this subsection. This action is crucial for the Court's plan to update the local fee schedule.

A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 461 by title only

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 461 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 461 by title only

B. Action on Ordinance No. 461

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve Ordinance No. 461, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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 |

5. J. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 462. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the San Luis City Code Section 2.05.440 requiring an opening invocation at Council's regular meetings, repealing conflicting provisions, and providing for severability. (Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that this ordinance designates the opening invocation as part of the regular order of business for the agenda and will be incorporated into the City Code. It encompasses all the best practices for invocations as the current state of the law stands. The purpose of this is to ensure that it does not discriminate on the basis of religion.

It is in keeping with historical tradition, and the purpose is to solemnize the proceedings before conducting public business. This is a policy of the Council that benefits the Council. It is not to be listed anywhere else except after the Pledge of Allegiance; it is not to be part of the Consent Agenda or any discussion item. The invocation may include a prayer, a moment of silence, or another ceremony intended to solemnize the proceedings. There are some guidelines for invocation speakers to direct the invocation to the Council to avoid addressing the audience and not to promote or disparage any other spiritual faith, doctrine, religion, non-religious views, not to advertise the speaker's place of worship, avoid political statements or campaigning and limit the invocation to no more than five (5) minutes. No one, including staff, is to inquire about the invocation speaker or the contents of their invocation. A disclaimer will be included on the agenda

from now on, if the ordinance is approved, explaining that the city is not censoring or reviewing the content of the invocation. Attendees to the Council meeting do not have to participate in the invocation. The invocation speaker will be the city chaplain; if no city chaplain is available, the invocation speaker will be selected on a non-discriminatory basis.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya inquired why this matter is being addressed through an ordinance rather than a resolution.

Ms. Macuil responded that it can be done through a resolution, but an ordinance places it in the City Code, ensuring it appears on the agenda after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that the reason she wanted this item on the agenda is that it is the second time the invocation has been removed by Mayor Nieves Riedel. She added that she had spoken to Mayor Nieves Riedel the first time, stating why it was important to her, as she had asked Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz why this was important to her. She mentioned that the reason the Council prays in its meetings is to invoke God's presence. When one humbles oneself and calls upon His name, one can expect blessings and protection, because He is God. Mayor Nieves Riedel said that she would put it back, and Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz was going to oversee getting the Pastors and Priests in order, thanking Mayor Nieves Riedel. However, they continue to conduct city business without prayer, and this is not just for the city, but also for its residents. She read the verse Jeremiah 29:7—"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile, pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you will also prosper". She also read a prayer from Benjamin Franklin, adding that this is also at the federal level, and not only at the city level. One of the things people say or criticize is that the city should not pray because it violates the separation of church and state, a principle derived from the First Amendment's Establishment Clause, which prohibits the government from establishing a religion. This is not the establishment of a religion, but the invocation of God's power. She mentioned that the City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, which states 'under God,' so even though they are not performing an invocation, they are still calling upon God, whether one likes it or not. She also referenced our money, which bears God's name, and everyone handles money.

A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 462 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve and adopt the Reading of Ordinance No. 462 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya | Aye |
| Council Member Luis E. Cabrera | Aye |
| Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz | Aye |

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| Council Member Esteban C. Rosales | Aye |
| Council Member Lizeth Servin | Aye |
| Council Member Javier Vargas | Aye |

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio read Ordinance No. 462 by title only

B. Action on Ordinance No. 462

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 462, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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| 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. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera reported that he was made aware of a letter sent to Proverbs 31 Home by Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, and he kindly asked to review the matter. He knows that they serve domestic violence victims just like Amberly's Place does as well, so he thinks they need to be fair and have the doors open to both locations, they serve mostly South County, Amberly's Place is all over Yuma County, they use the city's facility and to his knowledge, they do not pay rent, Proverbs Home 31 is paying some rent. He added that, additionally, Amberly's Place receives funding from the city through approved Council contributions and Proverbs Home 31 does not. He asked that it be revised so the city is not targeting non-profit organizations based on directive of one (1) person.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz asked Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya if he could open Call To The Public.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya responded that he will not at the moment since it is not listed on the agenda. He cannot add items; he can only move the order of the items listed on the agenda. He asked Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, to correct him if he is wrong.


Ms. Macuil responded that it is his discretion whether he wants to open it up to the public.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya added he would rather continue the Mayor's direction until she wishes to do otherwise

7. ADJOURNMENT


Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m.

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 March 26, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk