

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**March 12, 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:** Mayor Nieves Riedel  
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Lizeth Servin

**ABSENT:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales  
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  
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Edgar Juarez, Project Coordinator  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Johnny Morris, Fire Battalion Chief  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Generalist  
Mario Rodriguez, Finance Operations Manager  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police  
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance  
Buna George, Greater Yuma Port Authority  
Fabher Sanchez, Resident  
James Allen Jr., Resident  
Manuel Rojas, Resident  
Maria Gonzalez, Resident

Mark Concha, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **3. PRESENTATION**

### **3. A. Presentation of San Luis Police Department Police Officers Samantha Barraza, Javier Benavidez, Luis Lopez, & Alejandro Robledo, Police Chaplains David Reynoso, Joseph Reynoso, & Elida Valenzuela, Transit Enforcement Officers Fabian Navarro & Rahel Pineda, and Communications Officer Yecelin Rodriguez. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, introduced the new members of the San Luis Police Department. The purpose of the Police Chaplains is to provide chaplaincy services to the San Luis Police Department, their families and members of the community upon request. The Chaplaincy Program is responsible for providing critical incident stress management response, post-traumatic counseling, and other necessary support during crisis-related events. The program offers trusted individuals who will provide immediate, confidential, personal and family counseling. He introduced Police Officers Samantha Barraza, Javier Benavidez, Luis Lopez, & Alejandro Robledo, Police Chaplains David Reynoso, Joseph Reynoso, & Elida Valenzuela, Transit Enforcement Officers Fabian Navarro & Rahel Pineda, and Communications Officer Yecelin Rodriguez.

Mayor Nieves Riedel congratulated and thanked the new members of the San Luis Police Department.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. A. MINUTES OF**

**- Work Session held February 5, 2025**

### **4. B. DISBURSEMENTS**

**From February 19, 2025, to March 5, 2025**

**Total \$2,040,004.47**

**(Two Million, Forty Thousand, Four Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents)**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz requested a correction on the Minutes, page 5 to include the word "not" in the sentence reading the gas has been increasing.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction on the Minutes as noted by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz. The 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

## **5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

### **5. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Economic Development Commission's proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Historic, Cultural, and Heritage-Based Economic Development. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs)**

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs, stated that at the first meeting the Economic Development Commission held in October 2024, the commission discussed the items on how can the city work, what can the city do to promote activity, downtown, reactivate buildings that are vacant and create a place for investment in the community to go to. During the meeting held on January 29, 2025, the commission proposed the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to examine historical, cultural, and heritage-based economic development. They had a presentation from the State Historic Preservation Office that discussed strategies that have been successful in other communities, as well as grant programs and federal tax incentives for redevelopment efforts. The committee reviewed the bylaws, and in Article 6, Section B, it states that the commission can propose the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study specific areas. With the Council's approval, the commission can then begin working on that topic.

**MOTION:** Council Member Lizeth Servin/Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the creation of a Historic, Cultural and Heritage Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee to explore historic preservation as an economic development strategy. The 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

### **5. B Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the acceptance and award of a construction contract to Celis Development DBA Southwest Plumbing Air for the B Street City Building Remodel Project. (Edgar Juarez, Facilities Project Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgar Juarez, Facilities Project Coordinator, indicated that this item is to accept and award a construction contract to Celis Development doing business as Southwest Plumbing Air for the B Street City Building Remodel Project. Celis Development was the lowest responsive bidder of three (3) total bids. Mr. Juarez provided a little background on the project. The City of San Luis will lease the facility to the Greater Yuma Port Authority for the next few years and will reimburse the city \$70,000.00 of the expenses incurred. The contract for this project is \$74,929.00 as permitted under the city's Procurement Code, Section 3.05.030 Bidding. The project will be completed in approximately two and half (2 ½) months.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz declared that she would abstain from voting on this item.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to award the contract to Celis Development DBA Southwest Plumbing Air in an amount not to exceed \$74,929.00. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

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	Abstained
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye

**5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval and adoption of Order No. 2025-04. An order of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, to authorize the City of San Luis Police Department to receive funding for equipment by approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing execution of the Agreement Regarding the Local Border Support Grant; between the State of Arizona its Department of Public Safety and the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department. (Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant)**

Mr. Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department has recently been awarded funding for equipment and is requesting authorization to execute the agreement for the funds obtained through the Arizona Local Board Support Grant. The term for which these funds are to be used is from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026. The total amount awarded is \$956,478.50. The adoption of this order will enable the San Luis Police Department to enhance its law enforcement services, allowing it to provide a more effective and efficient service to the residents of the City of San Luis.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve and adopt Order No. 2025-04 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement, as presented. The 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

**5. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase six (6) new 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Explorers using the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety Local Border Support funds. (Emmanuel Botello, Lieutenant)**

Mr. Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is seeking approval to purchase six (6) new 2025 Ford Explorers Police Interceptor model vehicles. These vehicles will be assigned to the Patrol and Investigation Divisions and will help replace older vehicles that have served for 10 years or more and have accumulated over 100,000 miles each. The new vehicles will be purchased from Peoria Ford, which currently holds a state contract.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya inquired whether the local Ford dealer was cheaper than Peoria Ford.

Lt. Botello replied that, pricewise, it was about the same; however, the vehicles were not available.

**MOTION:** Council Member Lizeth Servin/Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to approve the purchase of six (6) new 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors, for a total amount not to exceed \$320,000.00, as presented. The 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 5.E. and asked Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to take over the item.

**5. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 460. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending San Luis City Code section 13.30.010; Setback distance; Wastewater Treatment Plants. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, explained that Ordinance No. 460 modifies Section 13.30.010 of the City Code, which pertains to setbacks. As they proceed with the wastewater treatment plant expansion at the west, they will be applying to ADEQ. During the submittal process, they will be evaluating odor, aesthetics, and noise impacts from the proximity to adjacent development. In 2006, an ordinance was adopted reducing the setbacks from 1,000 feet to 100 feet, which is permitted under the Arizona Administrative Code, which ADEQ follows. The language in that ordinance did not include the language for odor and aesthetics, which, under the Administrative Code, is a requirement in the ordinance. Ordinance No. 460 includes the modification, taking advantage, and changing the setback from 100 feet to 50 feet. This is the distance the city has from the order-generating infrastructure within the east plant to the adjacent property.

**A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 460 by title only**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 460 by title only. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieve 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 460 by title only.

**B. Action on Ordinance No. 460**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 460, as presented. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieve 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 Lizeth Servin	Aye

## 6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no summaries reported at this meeting by the Mayor, City Council, or City Manager.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:27 p.m.

**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 March 12, 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