

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**April 9, 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 Lizeth Servin  
Council Member Javier Vargas

**ABSENT:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources  
Albert Moreno, I.T. Technician  
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant  
Edgar Juarez, Facilities Project Coordinator  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Jose Barragan, Fire Battalion Chief  
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services  
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Generalist  
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager  
Mario Rodriguez, Finance Operations Manager  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Monica Campos, Systems Administrator  
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager  
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer  
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer  
Alberto Leon, Resident

Brian De La Hoya, Resident  
Christian Cuevas, Translator  
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident  
Jahaziel Vargas, Resident  
James Allen Jr., Resident  
Juanita Toledo, Resident  
Lilia Quiñonez, Resident  
Luisa Arreola, Resident  
Manuel Rojas, Resident  
Maria Gonzalez, Resident  
Mark Concha Jr., Resident  
Mark Concha Sr., Visitor  
Perla De La Hoya, Resident  
Yolanda Urias, Resident

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Lizeth Servin, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked the City Council and members from the public to remain standing if they felt comfortable for the **Invocation**, which Pastor Yolanda Urias performed from the Church Centro Misionero Yireh.

Mayor Nieves Riedel also commented that she, as Mayor and in a position of certain powers, would implement a call to the public at the beginning of the meetings after the invocation. She invited members of the public to address the Mayor and City Council if anyone wanted to. She asked that the local governing body be respected, and her pledge to the public is that the City Council will respect them. She also added that speakers will no longer be required to fill out a speaker request form.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. James Allen Jr., United States Navy retired, 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, commented that there are a lot of new things in the news that are happening around them. Many situations have changed with the brand new administration at the White House. He asked Mayor Nieves Riedel if she is bringing back Call To The Public officially again, adding that some of the reasoning is that a lot of people want her to hear their voices. He does not need to talk, he will let them speak for themselves.

## **3. PROCLAMATIONS**

- 3. A. Proclamation on National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 13 – 19, 2025**
- 3. B. Proclamation on PowerTalk 21 Day April 21, 2025**
- 3. C. Proclamation on Denim Day April 23, 2025**
- 3. D. Proclamation on Administrative Professionals Day April 23, 2025, and Administrative Professionals Week April 20 - 26, 2025**

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

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Special Council meeting held March 3, 2025
- Regular Council meeting held March 12, 2025

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

**From March 20, 2025, to April 2, 2025**

**Total \$3,000,630.47**

**(Three Million, Six Hundred Thirty Dollars and Forty-Seven 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:

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
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

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

##### **5. A. 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 City Hall East Wing Remodel Project. (Edgar Juarez, Facilities Project Coordinator)**

Mr. Edgar Juarez, Facilities Project Coordinator, stated that Celis Development was the lowest responsive bidder from a total of four (4) bidders. The project consists of an additional four (4) new offices, a new storage room, and a new restroom. It also covers construction, paint, ventilation, HVAC, electrical work, low voltage wiring, fire alarm system, fire suppression, relocation of partitions and more as specified in the plans prepared by Nicholas Engineering. This remodel will be completed in two (2) phases, the contractor might be able to overlap both phases with a completion date before June 30, 2025. Staff is seeking Council approval of Construction Services from Celis Development DBA Southwest Plumbing Air and the contract for this project for \$149,686.00, as permitted under the city's procurement code section 3.05.030 Bidding.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to award the contract to Celis Development DBA Southwest Plumbing Air in an amount not to exceed \$149,686.00 and to approve the budget transfer as presented in the fiscal impact statement. 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
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**5. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the award of a contract to Consultant Engineering, Inc., for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project Managing Support Services. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, explained that the proposed agreement with Consultant Engineering, Inc. (CEI) is for construction management services for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project. CEI helped staff through the procurement process of the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) and saw the benefits of hiring a subject matter expert. They are seeking the City Council's approval to contract CEI in participation and project management support during the pre-construction phase of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$94,200.00.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to award the contract to Consultant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$94,200.00, 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
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**5. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the line extension agreement with APS for the new well project at Well Site #5. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)**

Mr. Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that this is for the new well and filtration system project, specifically for the purchase agreement and approval to acquire APS services for the power extension to the site. He added that there is currently electricity; however, the project requires an additional transformer and an extension of the existing line. APS is a sole source provider and has provided an invoice with an estimated amount of \$52,050.45.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the contract with APS in the amount of \$52,050.45 for the line extension at the Well Site #5 Project and authorize budget transfer as requested in this agenda item. 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
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye

**6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported that on March 21, 2025, the State Transportation Board had their meeting in the City of Yuma Council Chambers. The State Transportation Board and Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Executive Board visited the Yuma Proving Grounds for an overview of the Proving Grounds. One of the things that most impacted her was a comment from Colonel Nelson about the 80 tests a week that are performed on a weekly basis and the 5,000 to 10,000 visitors annually. They are tremendously appreciative of the road improvements in U.S. 95, which also included the installation of a tank crossing. As the YMPO Chair, she assured him that YMPO and the Board will continue to support and advocate for the rest of the funding for the U.S. 95 Regional Project.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera reported that yesterday, Council Members Javier Vargas, Esteban C. Rosales, Maria Cecilia Cruz, Lizeth Servin and he, along with Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager; Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, attended the Day at the Capitol and had the opportunity to speak to Governor Hobbs' staff, Senate President Peterson, Senator Brian Fernandez, Representative Michele Peña, and the Chief of Staff for the House Democratic Party Lizette Flores. They were joined by Mr. Luis Ramirez and his staff at the League of Cities.

Furthermore, he added that they had the opportunity to advocate for the needs of the community and discussed the bills that are coming and how they could affect the community if they are approved as presented. He thanked Mr. Esparza for organizing this trip. It was a very productive day, busy running from one building to the next, going through security for each different building. They let them know that San Luis is a border community, nothing like the community of Phoenix or Scottsdale. So, when they are coming up with laws, they should think about the cities that are not in Maricopa County.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz added to Council Member Luis E. Cabrera's comment, mentioning the projects on Main Street and B Street traffic signal for \$257,000.00, County 25<sup>th</sup> Street extension to Avenue B for \$750,000.00, Yuma County Avenue D and E Corridor and these are very important projects the city was asking for their support. They all showed their interest and their support. She congratulated newly Elected Officials Lizeth Servin and Esteban C. Rosales for their participation and comments. She mentioned that they finished the meeting with Senator Brian Fernandez, who welcomed them with joy. In addition, she said that Senator Brian Fernandez mentioned some projects he has for South County, and to hear a Senator find interest in South County was very touching.

Council Member Javier Vargas reported that Council Members Maria Cecilia Cruz and Luis E. Cabrera provided a great summary of their Day at the Capitol. He thanked Ms. Torres, Mr. Esparza, and Ms. Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer, for making this possible.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Mayor Nieves Riedel to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m. 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
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 April 9, 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