

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
October 8, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Nieves Riedel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alexis Gomez, Code Enforcement Officer
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Crystal Ochoa, Administrative Coordinator
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant
Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jeziel Banos, I.T. Technician
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services
Juan Tejeda, Associate Planner
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Nancy Juarez, Accreditation and Compliance Coordinator
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Angela Delgado, Resident

Brian De La Hoya, Resident
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident
Jahaziel Vargas, Resident
James Allen Jr., Resident
Lilia Quiñonez, Resident
Lucy Lopez, Reporter
Luisa Arreola, Resident
Manuel Rojas, Resident
Maria Gonzalez, Resident
Mark Concha Jr., Resident
Perla De La Hoya, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lizeth Servin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was performed by Ms. Elida Valenzuela – Police Chaplain.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, stated that Proposition 434 is not a wise step; this country was founded on the principles of God and equal liberties. For people to do their fair share of their jobs, they need assistance from citizens. Otherwise, then what good are the offices that they hold? When the ability to function is taken away, a Russia effect occurs as their ability to extend outward is curtailed. The town is known all over the United States. One needs to be conscious of the fact that what one does every day will affect others. If Proposition 434 passes, it will isolate people who have the means and power to obtain seats of office, while discouraging those who do not. They are leveling the playing field by allowing citizens to support them when they take office financially. They cannot take those things away, or one is no better than Russia or any other communist country. It opens the door for influential people to place their own allies in power; that is how dictatorships typically operate. If they are not getting paid, one discourages half of the people to run, then they step away and say, "I am not running, why run if they are not supporting me, I cannot do my job?", tying the hands of a leader. A leader is only as great as the backing he/she gets from their public. A leader is only a leader because of the public that backs them; otherwise, they are only a leader by name, not in reality.

Ms. Guillermina Fuentes, resident of San Luis, AZ, asked the Administration if there is a person who claims to be the owner of a park from the F Section and as far as she knows, there is no such ownership. Ms. Fuentes stated that they were at the park when this person arrived and video recorded them while they were there. It is Ms. Fuentes' understanding that anyone can be at any city park in San Luis, Arizona. Regardless of who claims ownership of a park, the residents are the owners of the parks. She expressed that she has the right to be at any city park. But, if that is not the case, she asked the city to correct her if there is one person who holds the title of ownership of a city park, which then should be private and for one not to be in that park. If the city does not know who that person is, that person is somehow associated with the Mayor — be it as an employee or associate — she does not know, but she needs a response from the city on this matter.

Ms. Angela Delgado, a resident of Los Alamos Subdivision, San Luis, AZ, stated that at the last council meeting, she was told she would receive a phone call from the city regarding matters related to the road. She wanted to make it known that the Mayor's Office did not contact her on October 3. Another thing: a storm is coming, and every time it rains, it gets very hazardous in the dip. She asked whether the city will sandbag that area tomorrow or if the residents will have to do it themselves. She also mentioned that some people have approached her and asked her to inquire when the retaining wall was last inspected and how often it is inspected. Her other concern is that she was at the park, and there was somebody who came and was throwing gang signs at them, making it very unsafe for the people who were with her. They made it very uncomfortable as they drove around, stating that it was their park, exchanging words in Spanish with the people, and videotaping her as she got out of her car. She does not do that to the Mayor's people, as she is very professional and does not bother them; however, having that environment for the city needs to stop. She will continue to file police reports until it does.

5. PROCLAMATIONS

5. A. Proclamation on Arizona Cities & Towns Week October 19 - 25, 2025

5. B. Proclamation on National Code Compliance Month - October 2025

Ms. Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, read the proclamations by title only.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held September 10, 2025

- Special Council meeting held September 17, 2025

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From September 18, 2025, to September 30, 2025

Total \$1,964,038.86 (One Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Thirty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents)

6. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2376. 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 Orchidea Park Subdivision, San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

6. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2377. 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 within the area described as Orchidea Park 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. 2378. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention to provide the Enhanced Municipal Service Improvement District of operating, maintaining and improving certain retention basins serving the area described as Orchidea Park 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. 2379. 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, maintenance and improvements of certain retention basins for the area described as Orchidea Park 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. 2380. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring its intention to provide the enhanced municipal services with installation, operation, maintenance and repair on certain landscape improvements included within, near, and adjacent to the retention and parking and parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures serving the area described as Orchidea Park 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. 2381. 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 Orchidea Park Subdivision Landscape Improvement District. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

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

The vote was as follows:

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

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Order No. 2025-12. 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 the Impaired Driver/DUI Alcohol Enforcement, STEP/Selective Traffic Enforcement, and Occupant Protection Enforcement Projects by approving Highway Safety Contracts 2026-AL-016, 2026-PTS-062, and 2026-405b-012 between the City of San Luis, Arizona through the San Luis Police Department and the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. (Damian Miller, Lieutenant)

Mr. Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant, explained that the City of San Luis Police Department (SLPD) has been awarded a total of \$50,000.00 to support additional materials, overtime, and employee-related expenses to enhance enforcement for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), traffic enforcement, and occupant protection throughout the City of San Luis. The Police Department will receive \$15,000.00 for the Impaired Driver/DUI Alcohol Enforcement project, \$15,000.00 for the Occupant Protection Awareness and Education Materials & Supplies project, and \$20,000.00 for the STEP/Selective Traffic Enforcement project.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve and adopt Order No. 2025-12 authorizing the Police Department to receive the funding as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters to amend the conditions of approval for Subdivision Case No. 2024-0206F - Los Mezquites Unit 4 Subdivision (Edais Engineering, Inc., for Riedel Holdings LLC) as approved on October 9, 2024. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mayor Nieves Riedel declared a conflict of interest on this item and the following item; therefore, Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya took over the meeting.

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this item removes a condition regarding the installation of amenities for Mezquites 4. Since the new development impact fees, which create a standardized way to fund amenities, took effect on September 22nd, the condition is no longer needed. Therefore, to maintain consistency in this policy and avoid double-charging for development, the staff recommended removing the conditions outlined in the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to amend the conditions of approval for Subdivision Case No. 2024-0206F – Los Mezquites Unit 4 Final Plat by deleting the condition referencing the developer’s voluntary installation of recreational amenities. All other conditions remain in full force and effect. The motion passed with six (6) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters to amend the conditions of approval for Subdivision Case No. 2024-0578F - Orchidea Park Phase 1 Subdivision (Vega & Vega Engineering, PLC, for Von Verde Partners LLC) as approved on August 27, 2025. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mr. Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is a similar item to the previous one, regarding the amenities, as they are covered under the development impact fees. Staff recommended approving the motion as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to amend the conditions of approval for Subdivision Case No. 2024-0578F – Orchidea Park Phase 1 Final Plat by deleting the condition requiring recreational amenities and rescinding the “Not to Exceed \$500 per lot for amenities” language adopted on August 27, 2025. All other conditions remain in effect. The motion passed with six (6) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Mayor Nieves Riedel.

The vote was as follows:

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

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales reported that he, Council Member Javier Vargas, Greater Yuma Port Authority Director Buna George, and Greater Yuma Port Authority Board Member Matias Rosales traveled to the City of Nogales to meet with city officials and their Port Authority, celebrating 20 years. He added that it was great to see the progress and the impact it has had on them in following in the footsteps of San Luis.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera reported that a general election is scheduled for November 4th, and the early ballots were mailed today to the electors’ residences. There is important information from the City of San Luis for electors to consider and decide upon. The last day to mail back the early ballots is October 28th. There will be two (2) voting places in San Luis; the polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Electors can obtain further information at the Yuma County Recorder’s Office website.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(3), and (4))

Discussion and possible action to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(3), and (4) on any and all matters regarding a matter of an inoperable solid waste collection truck for consultation for legal advice with the city attorneys, in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys and representatives about the City Council's position on contracts that are the subject of negotiations, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to resolve litigation (under subsection 4) allowed in executive sessions. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney; and Outside Counsel Fitzgibbons Law)

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to go into Executive Session at approximately 6:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Javier Vargas to go back into Regular Session at approximately 6:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:52 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 October 8, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk