

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
October 22, 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 (left at approximately 6:48 p.m. due to a family emergency)
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
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant
Alvaro Escalante, Parks Grounds Manager
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Claudia Montoya, Acting Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Fernando Corona, Information Technology Manager
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Police Chief
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Yigal Duarte, Economic Development Assistant
Brian De La Hoya, Resident
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter

Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Guillermina Fuentes, Resident
Jahaziel Vargas, Resident
Manuel Rojas, Resident
Maria Gonzalez, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Mark Concha Jr., Resident
Perla De La Hoya, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Antonio Ramirez, Political and Policy Director for Rural Arizona Action, stated that Proposition No. 434 is harmful to San Luis, as representation matters and paying elected officials a living wage is crucial for a functioning democracy. Elections are how one holds elected officials accountable. How can one expect elected officials to make informed decisions about critical issues like water security, transportation, land use and public safety if they cannot afford to put food on the table for their families? The \$10,800.00 that Council Members make is not a living wage. That is a barrier for a broader, more diverse field of candidates. If Proposition No. 434 passes, it would obliterate the salaries for the Mayor and Council. That is damaging to democracy because it exacerbates a system in which only the wealthy can afford to run for office. He added that last June, the Mayor and City Council passed a \$122 million budget. Decisions like that demand full and undivided attention. If Council Members are required to work full-time, they will have less time for these important decisions. He implored the constituents of San Luis to think of Proposition No. 434 not as the pay for the representation they have, but as the pay for the representation that they want. He asked the electors to vote no on Proposition No. 434.

Mr. Brian De La Hoya, 1387 La Madera Drive, San Luis, AZ, stated that on November 4, 2025, a crucial election will take place, for which everyone is informed. It will be about Proposition No. 434, and some are in favor and others are against it. The objective of this proposal is to eliminate salaries and per diem for the Mayor and Council Members. This poses a threat to democracy, as it prevents hardworking council members from representing San Luis, Arizona. He disagrees and he is not the only one who opposes it. He provided an estimate of how much is needed for a trip to Washington for four (4) days, assuming the proposition passes, which would be approximately \$2,870.00 and asked the Mayor and City Council if they were willing to pay that amount.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATION

- 5. A. Proclamation - Red Ribbon Week - October 23 - 31, 2025**
- 5. B. Proclamation - Extra Mile Day November 1, 2025**
- 5. C. Proclamation - Law Enforcement Records and Personnel Appreciation Week November 10 - 16-2025**
- 5. D. Proclamation - Alzheimer's and Caregiver Awareness Month - November 2025**
- 5. E. Proclamation - Lung Cancer Awareness Month - November 2025**
- 5. F. Proclamation - National Diabetes Awareness Month - November 2025**
- 5. G. Proclamation - National Runaway Prevention Month - November 2025**

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

5. H. Promotion of San Luis Police Department Sergeant Ernesto Cardenas and Sergeant Emmanuel Aldama. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, presented the two (2) new sergeants, both with over ten (10) years' experience, Sergeants Ernesto Cardenas and Emmanuel Aldama.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF - Regular Council meeting held September 24, 2025

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS From October 1, 2025 to October 14, 2025 Total \$1,060,596.72 (One Million, Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Seventy-Two 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:

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 item on any and all matters regarding the Employee Recognition Event. (Mayor Nieves Riedel)

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that this is for the Christmas party that has been a tradition for years. The City Council was aware that a list of events would be eliminated due to a lack of funds. From the beginning, it did not seem right. Council Member Esteban C. Rosales brought this event to her attention and asked that this item to be placed on the agenda, along with the following item, the Christmas Light Parade, for consideration. She added that each Council Member represents one (1) vote, and she does not have the power to do so, nor does anybody else. The majority of votes are needed to pass things. City employees work very hard and have been asked to sacrifice events or programs to keep the city moving forward. She asked the City Administrator and Ms. Roula Encinas, Director of Finance, where the city could identify funds to proceed with the employee recognition event and the Christmas Light Parade. There was a suggestion of extra funds in the budget for the Mayor and the City Council that potentially could be used if the City Council agreed to these events. She understands that when the events were removed, it was not done because the City Council did not want them, but because when it is time to make sacrifices and choose, they have to be responsible.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented that, historically, when a department needs financial support to cover an unexpected circumstance, project, or program, it has come to the City Council and requested financial support through the contingency account. She added that the employee recognition event is under the Human Resources Department and the Mayor is now requesting support for this event and not the Human Resources Department. She wanted to know what motivated the Mayor to request the funding from the City Council's salary, travel and conferences, when the Mayor knows there is a contingency fund. The Mayor intentionally added the other accounts so that the community could see them. She said that the contingency fund is there for a reason, but decided to use the different accounts, as currently, there is an initiative against the City Council regarding their benefits and salaries.

Mayor Nieves Riedel responded that she had asked the City Administrator and the Finance Department, and they provided options; it was not her idea.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that staff studied the expense budget performance report and all the accounts. The bigger budget item was the contractual services, but it is all committed to other services. Therefore, some of the funding that becomes available is the contingency, which is usually used for projects. The different accounts were brought up as a suggestion, but it is up to the City Council to decide.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he was surprised to see the items on the agenda and thanked the Mayor for including them, as he believes the hard work of employees should be recognized and celebrated. He witnessed last year the Human Resources Department doing a phenomenal job in organizing the event, as well as seeing that there were over five (5) tables empty due to employees and members of the City Council reserving and not attending. When an event is planned for over 300 people and only 140 people show up, that is a disappointment. He expects that if people reserve, they will be there, as there is meaningful work put behind. Additionally, he stated that to add to Council Member Lizeth Servin's comments, he was surprised to see the accounts used for the items and contacted Ms. Torres to inquire about what she claimed was a directive from the Mayor. He does not know who the liar is, if it is the Mayor or the Acting City Manager, but he did question that action, as the funds are always obtained from the Council Contingency account. He was surprised to see the four (4) line items and does not mind if the funds come from any of those four (4) accounts; he is ok with it and agreed to move forward with the recognition of employees.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that she knows that it takes a lot of time to prepare an event, and it is a lot of added stress to have staff rushed and try to organize two (2) major events; she does not think it is right. She disagrees with using the contingency funds to support the events, as that money should be reserved for a department that needs the funds for a specific project. She appreciates every employee; however, this event was removed from the budget so that the city could save money, as some people claim that the city is wasteful. This approach of placing items on the agenda after removing them from the budget is inconsistent. Additionally, using the four (4) line items for funding has nothing to do with it; somebody wants to put the City Council to shame, but she feels no shame because she works and represents the city with dignity and respect.

Council Member Javier Vargas asked if this item is approved, can the motion be made very clear which account will be used to fund the event? He does not see the necessity of disclosing all those amounts to the public, especially if there is a contingency fund.

Ms. Torres stated that yes, the current motion is to approve adding employee recognition and to approve a budget transfer of \$35,000.00 from the Council.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, added that the City Council can allocate funds from any budget it wants.

Council Member Lizeth Servin stated she would like to hear from Ms. Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources. She added that she supports the city employees.

Ms. Cortez said that her department can organize the event, as there are a couple of weeks left, if that is the decision reached by the City Council.

Ms. Torres stated that Ms. Cortez begins planning this event in June, and it takes her months to organize the event. Can she get it done? Of course, she can, but it adds a lot of stress to her, as she is currently understaffed and trying to fill 34 positions. If the City Council decides to approve the event, it will be planned and executed. She pointed out another potential inconvenience: employees might not be able to attend the event, not because they do not want to, but because they have already made other plans.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve adding the employee recognition event and approve a budget transfer of \$35,000.00 from the City Council Contingency budget to the Human Resources budget, and to give the lead way to staff to decide whether they can put it on or not. If they get quotes or is unable to put it together, that is ok, and to further instruct staff to look into a one-time COLA adjustment for December or January, if possible, to study the matter, not do it. The motion passed with five (5) Aye votes and two (2) Nay votes by Council Members Maria Cecilia Cruz and Council Member Lizeth Servin.

Council Member Lizeth Servin explained her vote by stating that she supports all city employees 150%, but does not think it is fair that Mayor Nieves Riedel is doing this to the Human Resources Department. It is just a reaction of hers because the City Council asked her to bring back the parade, and she initially said no, then changed her mind and came up with this. The Mayor is using this as a political strategy for the initiative underway. She wanted to let employees know that they will find a way to compensate them in the near future, whether it is with a bonus or a stipend. At the moment, the Human Resources Department will be in a challenging position to put this event together, and if by any way, means, or form they are not able to put it together, it is just the way it is coming up, to prove a point from the Mayor, it is not right, therefore her vote is no.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the San Luis December 2025 Holiday Light Parade. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, explained that, as indicated in the previous item, this is one of the events that was removed from the budget.

It was requested to be placed on the agenda based on the calculations submitted in the budget, which indicated that staff would require a transfer of \$12,000.00 for event planning and \$4,000.00 for staff overtime. Staff has contacted the school district and other participants to make sure they will be able to participate. The tentative date for the parade is either December 4 or 11.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that he had requested this item be added to the agenda, which was initially denied but later approved. He spoke to Ms. Esparza, Gadsden School District Superintendent, about their participation and she was very happy, because the district was saddened to hear that the parade had been removed from the Parks & Recreation events. This is an event that brings the community together and the kids deserve to have that joy.

Mayor Nieves Riedel clarified that the only person who asked her to place this item on the agenda was Council Member Esteban C. Rosales and told him it was a great idea.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales commented that it was a collaboration with the rest of the City Council.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented that she wanted to be transparent because when Council Member Esteban C. Rosales asked the Mayor to place this item on the agenda, she had initially said no and refused to add it. Then she came back and said yes. She added that they had done their due diligence and listened to the community, including schools, local businesses, community leaders, and various organizations. They agreed to pitch in and help to put this event together. This is not something driven by ego to prove a point, but rather because the community is requesting it. The Mayor placed the line items for the funding in the item because she has the authority and asked the Mayor not to blame staff, because she is the one who controls the agenda, she asked the Mayor to stop directing the Acting City Manager to give an explanation when the Mayor knows perfectly well that she directed the Acting City Manager to add those items to the agenda when the Mayor knows she has an initiative going on against the City Council that she openly supports.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked Ms. Torres and Ms. Roula Encinas, Director of Finance, if they were asked to use those account line items.

Ms. Encinas stated that staff has a budget performance report and were looking for the available budget with large amounts; therefore, those are the accounts for which there is available budget to transfer from.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya commented that these two (2) items should serve as a teaching lesson as the City Council approves the budget. This is one of the many reasons why he voted against the budget initially when it was first approved. Next year, they need to conduct their due diligence and improve without pointing fingers at the City Council, staff, community, or anyone else.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz noted that this item was also removed from the budget to try to save money, and it is not just about the businesses, but also other organizations, such as APS, which participate. With short notice, they are likely already booked for another event. She loves it and engages because it is Jesus' birthday; she does not do it because of the Christmas tree lights. Adding the other accounts was unnecessary, as the budget had already been created and should be followed.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera mentioned that he understands where Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz is coming from, but the budget is not set in stone. The budget has the flexibility to reallocate funds and has been done in the past when departments require additional money for unexpected expenses. He would rather not travel and have this light parade for the community; he does not mind where the money comes from for this event. He assured that he prefers his money to be used on a parade rather than on a trip approved by the Mayor to Mexicali, Baja California, for an overnight stay for the Vice Mayor and Council Member Javier Vargas to attend a baseball game. The light parade is more important to him because it serves the community, not taking a picture with the Nidos de Las Aguilas for the Mayor's game. A responsibility that the Mayor had to do, and she delegated it to two (2) Council Members. If they, as Council Members, cannot do what they were elected to do, then what are they doing there? He asked to be transparent for the community and be there for them.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve adding the December 2025 Holiday Light Parade and approve a budget transfer of \$16,000.00 from the Council Contingency budget to the Parks budget. The motion passed with six (6) Aye votes and one (1) Nay vote by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Nay
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

Mayor Nieves Riedel left the meeting at approximately 6:48 p.m. due to a family emergency. Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya presided over the meeting.

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of police vehicle routers and antennas using AZDEMA Grant Funds. (Alan Guevara, Lieutenant)

Mr. Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is seeking approval to use funding to purchase routers, antennas and installation from Code 3 Technology. The CradlePoint routers and antennas will provide high-speed cellular and Wi-Fi connectivity for their mobile data computers, MDCs and other electronics. These will be installed in the department's vehicles that are equipped with MDCs computers. Code 3 Technology has provided a quote of \$54,523.62, including tax. Two (2) other quotes have also been obtained from Onpoint Upfitters for \$57,194.00, and from PCS for \$69,390.16. The City of San Luis Police Department (SLPD) has been awarded a total of \$50,761.44 in grant funds to support materials and supplies, including vehicle antennas, from the Arizona Department of Military Affairs. The additional \$3,762.18 needed to complete the purchase will be taken from the General Fund Non-Departmental Department account number 100-999-90000 Capital Outlay-Equipment.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that this demonstrates the city's occasional financial constraints, but due to the staff's diligence in seeking grants, it is possible to overcome these challenges.

MOTION: Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the purchase of routers and antennas for the Police Department 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

7. D. Discussion and possible action on all matters related to the purchase of fire protection gear for fire department personnel. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, stated that this item was discussed during the budget process last year. This is to replace the sets of gear that his firefighters use. Every single firefighter has two (2) sets of gear with a shelf life of ten (10) years. A total of 57 new sets of gear will be purchased for the firefighters. State law mandates that at least two (2) sets be provided because it is a cancer-causing thing, since that is where most of the carcinogens stay when they go out to fires.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the purchase of a second set of fire protection gear for each firefighter in an amount not to exceed \$232,000.00, 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

7. E. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of change orders associated with the previously approved purchases of a communications shelter and a Sabre 60-foot tower, and authorize a budget transfer. (Fernando Corona, Information Technology Manager)

Mr. Fernando Corona, Information Technology Manager, explained that he is requesting approval for proposed changes from Saver Industries regarding the project approved in February 2025 for the construction of a 60-foot tower and a concrete shelter for the new public safety radio repeater acquired by the Yuma Regional Communications Consortium through a state grant. The proposed changes include upgrading to a diesel generator with a longer runtime and strengthening the concrete and tower's load-bearing design. The total cost for these changes is \$68,731.81. He also requested a budget transfer of \$104,242.33 to cover the change orders, as well as the \$35,510.52 in prior-year costs that carried over due to a delay, since the plans were not received from the vendor for staff review.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve change orders totaling \$68,731.81 and to approve the budget transfer \$104,242.33, as stated in the fiscal impact statement. 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

7. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis procuring slurry seal application services from American Pavement Preservation for the application of Slurry Seal as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Pavement Preservation Program. (Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works, mentioned that he is seeking the City Council's approval to accept slurry seal application services from American Pavement Preservation for \$198,300.00. The City of San Luis will be piggybacking on the City of Yuma's Cooperative Agreement with American Pavement Preservation. The cooperative agreement complies with Arizona's Cooperative Purchasing and aligns with the City of San Luis Purchasing Code Section 3.05.090 - Cooperative Purchasing.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to accept slurry seal application services from American Pavement Preservation in the amount of \$198,300.00 for the Fiscal Year 2026 Pavement Preservation Program. 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

7. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the approval of the Arizona Public Service (APS) Company completing electrical distribution and streetlight work in support of the County 22nd Street and Sidewinder Road traffic signal and streetlight project. (Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Public Works Director, indicated that this is to authorize APS to complete an electrical distribution and streetlight work in support of the County 22nd Street and Sidewinder Road Traffic Signal and Streetlight project. The scope includes constructing overhead and underground facilities, installing three new streetlights on Co. 22nd, and providing service to the latest traffic signal meter cabinet. APS has provided a project-specific cost estimate of \$80,911.87, which represents the total city obligation for this work. He also added that Public Works was recently informed that the Los Alamos Curve Project was removed from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for this fiscal year, due to the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) right-of-way and environmental clearances. ADOT expects to complete all clearances by June 2026.

The project is expected to be advertised in July 2026 and awarded in October 2026. ADOT explained in an email that the project's removal from the TIP was due to HSIP funding shortages.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz commented that this is a project that residents of Los Alamos have consistently requested an update on. She asked if this project is not entirely off ADOT's plan?

Mr. Hernandez responded that ADOT does plan to take this project to construction, but due to the shortfall, it had to be removed from the TIP.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, stated that the shortfall is in the fiscal year; therefore, more projects need to be in construction, and this project cannot be on the list while it is in a waiting period for clearances. The reason is that currently, the city is in the acquisition process with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz clarified that the City of San Luis did not remove this project; however, due to waiting for clearances, a project cannot be on the list if it will not be constructed, as explained by Mr. Vera. However, as soon as the right-of-way is obtained and everything is cleared, if funding is available, it will be allocated for the next fiscal year.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve payment to APS for the Co. 22nd and Sidewinder Project in the amount of \$80,911.87, waive formal purchasing procedures, and approve a budget transfer as presented in the financial impact statement. 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

7. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to contract JSA Company for full landscape maintenance of several assessment districts for Fiscal Year 2026. (Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks and Recreation)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Lizeth Servin to move this item to the next Regular Council meeting for November 12, 2025. 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

7. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC Light-Structure System retrofit with Total Light Control using LED lights for the Joe Orduño Park, F1 sports field. (Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that Joe Orduño Park is the most visited park by the community. The softball fields are used year-round to host special events, such as the 4th of July Celebration, as well as annual leagues for baseball and softball. Due to its importance and constant usage, the Parks and Recreation Department sought a lightweight structure system retrofit ("relight structure system") with total light control. With Musco Sports Lighting, staff found that a relit structure system would allow them to keep the existing light pole structures and upgrade the lights to LED. This lighting upgrade will be more cost-effective and help save electricity when in use. This project will also improve the way that staff control the lights. This new lighting system features remote control capabilities that can be activated and deactivated from a cell phone or desktop via the Musco App. Musco will also provide 24/7 customer service with a live representative, in case staff has any questions or concerns. The Department has had positive experiences with Musco Sports Lighting in the past, and another great feature of this lighting structure is that it will enable staff to create light shows. For example, when the city hosts the Baseball Exhibition games, staff will be able to create a light show to showcase when a home run is made. The Joe Orduño lights have never been upgraded and with how often the fields are used, this improvement is essential as it will enhance safety, reduce energy use and cut maintenance costs.

She added that Musco Sports Lighting provided staff with a quote for \$343,225.00. This price includes all materials, installation, and sales tax. The Parks and Recreation Department has an available budget of \$361,900.00, which was budgeted for this fiscal year for the Joe Orduño Park Relight Structure System. This quote utilizes a cooperative agreement, as permitted under Section 3.05.090 of the San Luis City Code, specifically the Purchasing Section. Staff would like to seek authorization from the City Council to move forward with the purchase and installation of the Relight Structure System for the Joe Orduño Park, F1 Sports Field.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales asked if the scoreboards would also be fixed.

Ms. Roldan replied yes, they are already working on that for this fiscal year.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the purchase of a relight structure system for Joe Orduño Park in the amount of \$343,225.00, 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

7. J. 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 Asado and Brew Festival - A Founders Day Celebration on Saturday, November 22, 2025. (Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club)

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Ms. Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation and Rotary Club Member, explained that the San Luis Rotary Club is requesting approval to sell alcohol at the Asado and Brew Festival, a Founder's Day Celebration, on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Joe Orduño Park. The Rotary Club has always supported the community and youth; all proceeds will be returned to programs that benefit San Luis residents.

B. Open Public Hearing

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

C. Call to the Public

Ms. Maria Robles, a resident of San Luis, AZ, inquired whether it is being considered to continue with Miss San Luis?

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya indicated that the call to the public in this instance pertains solely to the item on the Special Event Liquor License application.

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 Lizeth Servin to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Special Event Liquor License application for the San Luis Rotary Club, as presented. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and one (1) Nay by Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz.

The vote was as follows:

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

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented that, sadly, the Mayor and her majority of the people have left. Still, he wanted to let them know that the community has been reaching out to them, including her employee Mark Concha and Luisa Arreola, who are both involved in a recall campaign against him. The community has been reaching out to him because they have been misled into signing the recall petition. Some of the things they are telling people is that he does not attend Council meetings, does not participate in city functions and comes to collect a paycheck. Another thing they are saying is that he wants to eliminate the Parks & Recreation Department. As the Mayor stated, they are all there and are one (1) vote, and he does not have that power and will never have that will either, as he truly values the work that they put in for the kids, the youth, and the seniors; those are all lies. He added that they get personal too, as they have mentioned that he does not reside in the city...

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya asked if this line of summary was ok?

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, responded that the current events are very broad and appear to be current events.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera proceeded to say that they get personal and they are saying that he does not live in San Luis and moved to Blythe because of a divorce. He stated that he has been very transparent and upfront since the day he was elected and continues to work for the people of San Luis every day.

He added that if anyone would like to meet with him, they are welcome to visit City Hall and schedule a meeting with the staff and he would gladly meet with them. If the Mayor and her supporters want to pursue a recall, that is their constitutional right. However, he asked them to do it the right way, not to lie or smear someone's name due to their political vendettas.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales reported that he, along with Council Members Lizeth Servin, Javier Vargas and Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, were judges for the eight (8) local schools in the Gadsden School District for the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), where they prepared a dish, tried it and judged it. First Place was for Gadsden Elementary School and Second Place was for San Luis Middle School.

Council Member Lizeth Servin congratulated the Gadsden School District, from the teachers, the board, the Administration, and parents, on the fantastic work that they are doing in the community. They highlight the community in numerous ways; they are number one at the county and state levels. She also mentioned that they were present for the groundbreaking of the three (3) shades at the schools; they are always thinking about safety for the children.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported that she attended the Arizona Transportation Summit and presented the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Regional Project, which is the Gila River Bridge expansion and reconstruction. She provided a brief summary of the project's scope. The infrastructure projects are costly. She clarified that the gas tax in Arizona has not increased one cent. As the Chair of the YMPO Board, she believes that other states have increased their gas tax, and Arizona should consider doing the same, because the infrastructure for the roads is very expensive and cannot keep up, as some big projects are completed in sections. The road to the ten (10) mile stretch leads to the Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG) and is known as the red snake when it is full of cars due to how long the backup gets in the mornings and evenings. Hopefully, YMPO will get the funding, but other counties are competing for the same purpose.

Council Member Lizeth Servin reminded the community of several events happening in the city, such as the clean-up campaign in area 4, soon coming to area 5, the Mayor's Bike Ride this weekend, the city auction on November 1, 2025, and Community Planning and Code Compliance Month taking place on October 23, 2025.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya reminded everyone about the Trunk-Or-Treat event on October 30, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and people can still register.

Council Member Javier Vargas reported that he and Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya attended the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO) Institute Emergency Preparedness class approximately three (3) weeks ago, where 50 elected officials nationwide received a scholarship. This means that the travel expenses are paid by NALEO and not by the municipality. Elected officials are eligible for these scholarships due to their attendance via Zoom and prompt response to emails.

He finalized by adding that any elected official is eligible to apply for the scholarship. He also added that they are part of different boards.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:22 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 22, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk