

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**January 14, 2026**  
**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:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera (left at approximately 7:05 p.m.)  
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  
Mayor Nieves Riedel (left at approximately 7:03 p.m.)

**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  
Albert Moreno, IT Technician  
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant  
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager  
Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Jeremy Humphrey, Fire Battalion Chief  
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services  
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Nigel Reynoso, Police Chief  
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager  
Richard Bauermann, Fire Inspector  
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance  
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer  
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer

Alex Bejarano, Regional Center for Border Health  
Amanda Aguirre, President/CEO for Regional Center For  
Border Health  
Ana Lomeli, Resident  
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter  
Elida Valenzuela, Police Chaplain  
Eric Jones, Business Owner  
Fabher Sanchez, Resident  
Glenn Gimbut, Attorney/Resident  
James Allen Jr, Resident  
Luisa Arreola, Resident  
Manuel Rojas, Resident  
Mark Concha Jr., Resident  
Matias Rosales, Resident  
Raul Lomeli, Resident  
Vianey Vega, Vega and Vega Engineering

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz 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, commented that there will be three (3) major projects in the City of San Luis. Two (2) projects will commence in March: the Juan Sanchez Boulevard widening, Frontier Health Center, a facility that will break ground, and Onvida Health on Main Street. Many residents are curious to know how this will affect them when construction begins. The other significant situation is the southbound lines to Mexico on Fridays on Main Street. On a separate note, he asked the City Council and staff to support the Special Olympics scheduled for March. The kids with special needs are a jewel and a crown as they work hard along with the educators.

Mr. Francisco Gonzalez, a resident of San Luis, AZ, commented that, as a parent deeply committed to the future of the city's children, he advocates for the creation of a high-level sports complex in the city. A dedicated facility with professional-grade soccer fields where the youth can train, compete, and grow to their full potential. It is often spoken about infrastructure in terms of roads and buildings, and asked the City Council to consider this project as an investment in human infrastructure. The children possess extraordinary talent and a deep passion for soccer. Yet, many lack access to safe, high-quality facilities where the talent can truly flourish.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked Mr. Gonzalez to deliver the information to Ms. Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager.

## **5. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION**

### **5. A. Proclamation on Education Day - January 24, 2026**

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

### **5. B. Presentation of Awards to Officers Edgar Renteria, Abraham Lopez, Jose Encinas, and Supervisor Gaby Guevara. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)**

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, presented awards for three (3) separate incidents. Ms. Gaby Guevara was presented with the Letter of Commendation for her efforts to meet compliance standards during the 2025 Arizona Criminal Justice Information System audit conducted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Officer Jose Encinas Partida received the Letter of Commendation for life-saving efforts during a vehicle rollover on December 5, 2025.

The Life Saving Award was presented to Officers Abraham Lopez and Edgar Renteria for their outstanding performance and action taken in the saving and preservation of a human life on October 14, 2025.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6. A. MINUTES OF - Regular Council meeting held December 10, 2025**

### **6. B. DISBURSEMENTS From December 9, 2025, to January 2, 2026 Total \$6,450,432.51 (Six Million, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty-One Cents)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Consent Agenda. 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. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Minor Amendment Case No. 2025-0273 and Resolution No. 2388. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the 2040 General Plan to change the land use designation of 3.13 acres of land being a portion of parcel located at the northwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Urtuzuastegui Street from Mixed-Use Activity Center (MU) to Medium Density Residential (MDR); Repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas declared a conflict of interest on this item and the next one.

### **A. Staff presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is a request by Comite De Bienestar to change the land use designation of the General Plan. This is not changing the zoning, but the land use, which determines the permitted zoning for that land use. Staff ensure that every request complies with the City Code and state law, and meets the findings required by the General Plan. Staff worked with the applicant to address some of the neighbors' concerns, which will be addressed on the application in the next agenda item. This request was reviewed by staff and determined that it meets the state law, City Code and the 2040 General Plan. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2388 and the amendment.

### **B. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

### **C. Call to the public on this item**

Mr. Eric Jones, a local business owner in the San Luis Industrial Park, mentioned that the location where Comite De Bienestar wants to build homes and apartments was supposed to be a buffer zone, but that is no longer the case. Although the entrance to the housing development is off 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it is right on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Urtuzuastegui Street, which is a commercial corridor for the Industrial Park businesses, the Port of Entry of 16 lanes of traffic and a major thoroughfare for the residents of San Luis. With so much traffic and so many families with children residing in the new housing development, there is a risk of accidents. His clients at Arizona Secure Self Storage are mainly San Luis residents, and they will have trouble accessing their units due to traffic and limited access. This also affects other nearby businesses that work all hours of the day, as this would create a traffic jam. He asked if a traffic study had been done. And if so, was it done before the land was acquired by Comite de Bienestar? He added that Comite De Bienestar is a customer of his and supports what they do for the community, but he strongly recommended that they find other options for the land.

Mr. Jonathan Piceno, 1335 E. Udall Lane, San Luis, AZ, said that the residents within 300 feet, received a letter about the intention of the project informing them of what they were going to be dealing with in terms of at the time, a three (3) story building, then in conversations with Vega and Vega Engineering, Comite De Bienestar and representatives went down to a two (2) story building, then to a one (1) story or just town-homes. He added that all this information has been flowing back and forth in meetings, outside of meetings and conversations. His main concern during the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was parking, and he noticed that Comite De Bienestar has posted signs that say "no parking here," as additional parking has been added on the vacant land adjacent. He can now attest that, while they might meet the parking space criteria for phase 2, they can build a potentially multi-story building. They would still deal with high-density housing, where people have multiple cars in one (1) home. There are already cars parked around his house, as well as in areas without a sign that says "do not park here" within the parcels. Another concern for a multi-story building is privacy for residents in the area affected. He believes the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended that the City Council not approve the rezoning. For the most part, they are not as concerned with medium density as with medium high density, as that opens the door to future projects. He asked what benefits this project will bring to the community.

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, asked: When industrial land is changed over to residential, is there a guideline for how deep you have to dig to remove the previous soil? Is this correct?

Mayor Nieves Riedel responded that the item being discussed is not industrial and Mr. Guzman can provide that information to him.

Ms. Betsy, 464 6<sup>th</sup> Place, San Luis, AZ, stated that the proposed plans have changed significantly since the meetings, to the point that Comite De Bienestar now wants to build townhouses. It is very much appreciated that Comite De Bienestar and Vega and Vega Engineering want to work with the community, but rezoning does not guarantee that they will not want to build the apartments in the future. Comite de Bienestar is saying they will not build apartments, three (3) story buildings, nor lose privacy. However, residents were informed that Comite de Bienestar is seeking additional funding to build more townhomes. This might be in five (5), ten (10), or 15 years, but nothing guarantees residents that Comite De Bienesar will not build those buildings. As Mr. Jones indicated earlier, that area was a buffer zone, but things changed over time. This organization is a non-profit; however, they are looking to build and get back what they have invested, which would make them no longer a non-profit but a for-profit organization. Building in that area takes more away from the city than it gives back. The city does not have the infrastructure and funding needed as the city grows, as San Luis is one of the fastest-growing cities in Arizona. The City of San Luis Police Department currently has approximately 57 Police Officers. According to the 2024 census, San Luis's population is 40,064, which means there are 1.4 officers per 1,000 residents.

She added that, therefore, as a city, San Luis is under the state average of 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents; more homes, more people; she asked, " Where is the safety for the city? Neighbors in that zone want to see more parks, green areas, and recreational areas. There are other options that can be built there other than homes.

Mayor Nieves Riedel clarified that the piece of land could never have been used as a buffer because it is state land, not city property. Federal and state land are sacred, and the City of San Luis has nothing to do with it. The city cannot decide what to do in land that belongs to the state or federal government.

Mr. Barry Olson, 350 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #107, Yuma, AZ, indicated he represented Comite De Bienestar for quite number of years and, like most developers in San Luis, Comite De Bienestar has the interest of the community and can see the efforts Comite De Bienestar went through to come up with a proposal and project that works for this property. He added that Mayor Nieves Riedel made some good comments about this being formerly state property and then the fact that this is not only state property. The City of San Luis is a little unique in that it has so much state and federal property surrounding the city, which has somewhat constricted development, but it can be very difficult. He has heard numerous explanations for why the state has been difficult to deal with in facilitating property sales to local developers for development in San Luis, Yuma County. His concern is that, according to what he has heard through the State Land Department, they do not like to sell property for speculative development. They want something to occur on that property. But if this property is not allowed to develop and Comite De Bienestar paid a very expensive premium for this property, his concern is that if the state sees that the city does not support development on formerly state land that is been sold to private developers, will be used against the city and local developers in trying to have the state free up state property for sale for future development and expansion of San Luis. This is a legitimate concern that needs to be considered to ensure this does not become a negative use against the City of San Luis in the future.

Mayor Nieves Riedel also commented on and clarified the city's growth. There have been 37 new developments in the city in the last 25-30 years. Every single one of those developments in the last 15 years has already paid for the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, sidewalks, and streets. Not only are they paying for those particular 37 subdivisions, but for the rest of the city for all these services. There are people who think that those who build subdivisions, that the city or the government is paying for this, developers are paying for this, and then the residents pay a quota, as they do not pay property taxes. They pay \$190.00 to \$300.00 a year, while the rest of the city receives the same services these new subdivisions are getting.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera thanked the residents present, especially for coming and for sharing their ideas and what intrigues them about this development. He was glad to hear Mr. Piceno say that Comite De Bienestar and Vega and Vega Engineering were willing to work with them and address their concerns, because that truly shows they are here for the community and to listen to what they shared. Sadly, the city does not have a property tax and is one of the few cities in the entire State of Arizona that do not. That property tax could help address the police shortage and many other areas. He provided an example of how development supports the city's growth. Just last month, the City Manager shared an item on the Council where she needed to find \$2.5 million, approximately, for the growth and the expansion of Cesar Chavez Boulevard, and that money came from development fees, which is money that goes into a specific pot and is used for the growth of the community. So, thanks to that, the city was able to get the project approved through the Arizona Department of Transportation Board and the expansion of the Cesar Chavez Boulevard is going to happen. Should the city have no money or the growth that the city experienced in recent years, the city would probably be struggling to find the funding, and then another benefit that Comite De Bienestar gives to the community, although it was mentioned it was more for profit, but they provide affordable housing. Housing America and Comite De Bienestar provide affordable housing and because of Comite De Bienestar, some of his family members can own a home. He knows privacy is important and thanked Comite De Bienestar for not including the apartments and for listening to the community, but on the side of the Council, especially knowing that the community needs these types of programs, it is hard not support them because they are giving the opportunity for many people to become homeowners. They are truly affordable housing, as they work with people from all income levels, and they also support low-income communities and affordable housing, which is a great benefit for the community.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales added that most developers have a certain process in how they go about traffic studies and they have shown that they are willing to work with the community. He asked Mr. Guzman to explain the process that a developer must go through to make something like this happen.

Mr. Guzman explained that part of the process of the rezoning is so the city can implement conditions and every rezoning includes a condition that a traffic study is required to see the impact that the project is going to have on the area and any recommendation that is made based on that impact study, then the developer has to construct them at their cost.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya stated that he personally met with the neighbors about their concerns. He asked Mr. Guzman for the record to read what the rezoning will be conditioned on.

Mr. Guzman replied that the conditions are:

1. Development shall comply with all city zoning regulations, subdivision regulations, building codes, and applicable state and federal requirements.

2. A Traffic Impact Study shall be submitted during subdivision or site plan review. The developer shall construct or fund all roadway improvements required by the Traffic Impact Study.

3. Townhome buildings adjacent to the northern property boundary shall be limited to one (1) story to protect privacy for existing homeowners.

4. The developer shall comply with all dust control, grading, compaction, and construction vibration standards.

Mayor Nieves Riedel also added that, usually, a traffic study is not requested beforehand. She was able to talk to the people from Comite de Bienestar, and they got together with the city, and they came to an agreement. Because she requested that Comite De Bienestar order the traffic study, they went out of their way to show good faith and order it even though they did not have to. However, it is going to be up to Comite de Bienestar to continue, or not, once they obtain the results from the traffic study. Comite de Bienestar showed their willingness to listen to the community's concerns as they want to be good neighbors.

#### **D. Close Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Abstentions by Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas.

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	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Abstained
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

#### **E. Action on Resolution No. 2388**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2388. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Abstentions by Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas.

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	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Abstained
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**7. B. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Rezoning Case No. 2025-0274 and Ordinance No. 475. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of San Luis by changing the zoning classification of approximately 3.13 acres from Rural Area Residential (RA-10) to Medium-High Density Residential (R-2) on property located at the northwest corner of 6th Avenue and Urtuzuastegui Street; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas declared a conflict of interest on this item and abstained from participating in any discussion and decision.

#### **A. Staff presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, said that this is the rezoning for the project. Staff recommended conditions addressing the traffic study, any applicable regulations, and the limitation of one (1) story buildings in the northern portion of the property. He added that on R-2, there is a maximum number of townhomes they can build under the zoning, which is a density maximum. In the area where the apartments were proposed, the zoning will remain as it is now, meaning no apartments are allowed. If they decide to build apartments in the future, they will have to go through the rezoning process, including notifying neighbors, holding public hearings, etc.

#### **B. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

#### **C. Call to the public on this item**

Mr. Jonathan Piceno, 1335 E. Udall Street, San Luis, AZ, stated that he would never oppose the City of San Luis expanding or developing. He thanked the City Council and staff for clarification regarding his concerns.

#### **D. Close Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Abstentions by Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas.

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	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Abstained
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

#### **E. Action on Ordinance No. 475 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 475 by title only. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Abstentions by Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas.

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	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Abstained
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 475 by title only.

#### **F. Action on Ordinance No. 475**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 475. The motion passed with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Abstentions by Council Members Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas.

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	Abstained
Council Member Javier Vargas	Abstained
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that when there is a protest to a zone change, it requires  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the remaining votes after abstentions; therefore, four (4) votes were needed to pass. There were a total of five (5) votes, so it passed.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to preside over the meeting, as she has a conflict of interest regarding some agenda items.

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya moved Item No. 7.G. to be next on the agenda at the request of Ms. Amanda Aguirre. There was no opposition from the City Council.

**7. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2390. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending Resolution No. 2334, as previously amended by Resolution No. 2375, concerning the issuance of debt by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of San Luis, Arizona, the proceeds of which are to be used for the construction of the Regional Center for Border Health, Inc.'s new hospital facilities, and declaring an emergency. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

**(6 votes in favor are required to pass immediately as an emergency per A.R.S. § 19-142.)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that on October 2025, there was a bond issue through the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) for \$80 million. The IDA is a vehicle to be able to sell bonds so that the interest on the bonds that the bondholders have is tax free through federal income tax regulation. And then it came back again on September 10, 2025 to up the amount of the loan to \$100 million and today for \$110 million due to the cost increase. So this is just to issue the bonds and it has to go through the City Council, as part of the regulations.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2390 and declare an emergency. 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 regarding Resolution No. 2389. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving the El Corazon de San Luis: Cultural & Economic Revitalization Plan; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Josh Lapp, Designing Local)**

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, mentioned that staff has been working on the Cultural and Economic Revitalization Plan with the Economic Development Commission for about a year. The San Luis Economic Development Commission previously recommended the formation of a historic, cultural, and heritage-based Economic Development Committee, which the San Luis City Council created on March 12, 2025. This plan was paid for by the Thriving Communities Program, and along with the Commission and staff, has engaged with local and statewide partners to explore heritage-based revitalization efforts. This plan was put together by Designing Local, and they will provide a brief presentation on it. This plan proposes a framework to revitalize downtown San Luis through revitalization, adaptive reuse, public art, and placemaking. Mr. Esparza introduced Mr. Josh Lapp from Designing Local, who will be providing a presentation remotely.

Mr. Lapp gave a brief presentation of his team and introduced Ms. Megan Adornetto. Ms. Adornetto spoke about the plan overview, which included the introduction, historic context, engagement report, community revitalization, and public art.

Mr. Esparza stated that staff is requesting approval of the plan through Resolution No. 2389 so the department can begin seeking grant funding for a public art program. Staff will work with Parks & Recreation and other departments to identify sites and involve local community artists in submitting proposals. He also spoke about historic preservation to build a toolkit for property owners.

Members of the City Council thanked Mr. Esparza and expressed that they like the idea and the name of El Corazon de San Luis.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2389, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase annual ammunition for the San Luis Police Department using fiscal year 2026 budgeted funds. (Alan Guevara, Lieutenant)**

Mr. Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant, stated that the San Luis Police Department is requesting to use Fiscal Year 2026 budgeted funds to purchase ammunition. The purchase will be made with the vendor, San Diego Police Equipment. San Diego Police Equipment is the sole source authorized distributor of federal ammunition for the state of Arizona. The total purchase amount is \$71,316.23 and requires the City Council's approval because it exceeds the \$45,000.00 purchasing limit. Bidding is not required because this falls under Exclusive Services of the City Code - Purchasing § 3.05.020.

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the purchase of ammunition to the San Luis Police Department for a total amount not to exceed \$72,000.00, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 authorization to purchase uniform items for the San Luis Police Department using fiscal year 2026 budgeted funds. (Emmanuel Botello, Lieutenant)**

Mr. Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant, mentioned that the San Luis Police Department is requesting to use Fiscal Year 2026 budgeted funds to purchase uniforms, specifically bulletproof vests from the vendor Precision Uniforms. The total purchase amount will exceed the \$45,000.00 purchasing limit with multiple purchases. Staff asked the City Council to waive the formal bidding procedure, as allowed under Procurement Code 3.05.010 (F), for vests and to ratify previous uniform purchases that exceeded the threshold.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to waive formal bidding procedures, ratify uniform items already purchased, and allow the purchase of police uniform vests from Precision Uniforms to exceed the \$45,000.00 purchase limit. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the recommendation of the Liquor License Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control by Rivan Saad Nona on behalf of Habibi Spirits, located at 1922 Cesar Chavez Boulevard, San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

**A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation**

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that the City Clerk's Office received this application and the notice, and they were posted at the proposed premises for the 20 required days, as indicated by state law. Her office did not receive any comments or phone calls in favor of or against the application. Staff recommended approval of the recommendation for this liquor license application.

**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 item.

**D. Close Public Hearing**

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

**E. Action on the recommendation of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Habibi Spirits.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to recommend approval of the Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for Habibi Spirits, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 Ordinance No. 471. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending certain San Luis City Codes to conform penalties with Ordinance No. 466; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025). (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that the municipal judge requested that fees be added to the ordinances in the City Code. There are fees and surcharges the state requires, and the current penalty section states that the fine amount shall not exceed a specific dollar amount. Staff is amending the previous ordinance to conform to the penalties. It is a clean-up of the previous ordinance.

**A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 471 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 471 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 471 by title only.

**B. Action on Ordinance No. 471**

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 471, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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 Ordinance No. 472. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending and restating City Code sections 8.25.010 and 8.25.020(A) to include hazardously large mud clods on roadways as a nuisance; repealing conflicting provisions, and providing for severability. (ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2025) (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, mentioned that she received feedback from a Sergeant in the Police Department and a Council Member that mud, by itself, did not address the mud clods that formed and and that fall off the farming equipment. Therefore, she reworded it to be clearer. Mud clods are so large that they obstruct or otherwise affect ordinary public use, and the streets cause traffic to swerve from lanes, or traffic to suddenly stop or slow down to avoid them. This will be in the nuisance section and would be enforceable as a civil offense. In the definition section, it reads "A party shall not allow large mud clods and dirt and other debris to obstruct the traffic on any part of the public right of way". The party responsible is the property owner or another responsible party, if they can be found, such as the person driving the truck. But if all they can see is a big clod of dirt, then it is the adjacent landowner. She also included the definition of a responsible person.

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, added that it will depend on the investigation who receives the citation, but whoever the Police Department finds responsible, of course, in some cases, they may not be able to find someone responsible. If it is appropriate or obvious, they will use their discretion, and it could start with a warning citation or an actual citation.

**A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 472 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 472 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 472 by title only.

#### **B. Action on Ordinance No. 472**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 472, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 476. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, Adding Chapter 9.40; Drunk and Disorderly to the San Luis City Code (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, informed that the Police Department requested this ordinance because they were having difficulty with drunken activity in downtown. This ordinance includes disorderly conduct while drunk.

There was some discussion, comments, questions and answers amongst the City Council and staff.

#### **A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 476 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 476 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 476 by title only.

#### **B. Action on Ordinance No. 476**

**MOTION:** Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 476, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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. K. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 477. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending city code section 7.05.010 to add park hours and update references. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, explained that the Police Department requested this ordinance regarding park hours. The park hours are in policy and on signs, but are not in an ordinance. It is trespassing, and the Police Department found it difficult to enforce and remove people from the park at night. This ordinance sets the hours for the parks and allows people to be removed at night. The section on the City Code is near the beginning of San Luis in 1982 and mentions Friendship Park, which no longer exists, so it is being removed from the City Code.

#### **A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 477 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 477 by title only. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 477 by title only.

#### **B. Action on Ordinance No. 477**

**MOTION:** Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 477, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

#### **8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported that some members of the City Council attended a tour at the state prison. She learned about the Dakota Unit Wildland Fire Academy, which aims to instill discipline, educate participants about a healthy lifestyle, and provide wildland firefighter training. Another thing is that they have a building there dedicated to making uniforms for all the state's inmates. The state prison is a huge facility. She thanked the state prison for inviting the City Council to the tour.

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales added that visiting the state prison is an eye-opening experience because the facility is very big. The Warden informed them that, of the 900 employees, 650 live in the City of San Luis. He said that the City Council now has a better understanding of its day-to-day operations.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented that it was surprising and amazing that the Deputy Warren is someone she has known for 25-30 years. He is running the Arizona State Prison, and she feels very proud of him. Seeing people from the community grow within the community is rewarding. She also found out that his brother works for the San Luis Police Department.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:44 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 January 14, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk