

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
December 10, 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: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera (via Teams)
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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager
Kay Macuil, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Claudia Montoya, Acting Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jeziel Baños, IT Help Desk Technician
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
Angela Delgado, Resident
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Elida Valenzuela, Police Chaplain
Elizabeth Carpenter, Developer
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
James Allen Jr, Resident
Luisa Arreola, Resident

Manuel Rojas, 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

Ms. Arlyn Galaviz introduced herself as the Community Relations Representative for OneAZ Bank. Ms. Galaviz stated that she will be in the Yuma area, including San Luis to provide services, answer questions, and participate in future events.

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, stated that while driving to Los Alamos for a church event, he observed standing water on the roadway in the curve area while going downhill. Mr. Allen Jr. later contacted the city and requested a meeting with the Chief of Police to express his concerns regarding the area. He also requested an appointment with Mayor Nieves Riedel; however, her assistant informed him that the earliest available time to meet would be in January. Mr. Allen Jr. stated that, as a citizen of this city, he believes it is the responsibility of those in leadership positions to address concerns when residents reach out. He also expressed concern on behalf of himself and other residents of the Los Alamos area, requesting information on when action will be taken, especially since another fatality occurred in the area this year.

Ms. Angela Delgado, a resident of Los Alamos, thanked the Maintenance Department for their efforts during the recent rains, stating that they responded by placing sand and barriers and doing their best under the circumstances. She expressed appreciation for the maintenance staff who went out during the storm, but requested that they be more vigilant when weather advisories are issued. Ms. Delgado also noted that a young driver was speeding and performed a donut in the area, creating a safety concern. Additionally, she requested the installation of bumper pads or similar safety measures along the roadway, as buses and other vehicles traveling downhill often cross into the opposite lane, nearly causing collisions and forcing drivers to move into the sand.

5. PRESENTATION

5. A Presentation by Policy Development Group on the Proposed Yuma Pipeline Project. (Rob Ober, Policy Development Group)

Mr. Daniel Alzada made a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Yuma Pipeline Project, which contained the following slides: About Grupo Clisa, Grupo Clisa Energy, Yuma Pipeline, Yuma Pipeline Routes and Yuma Pipeline-Yuma Location.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Work Session held November 5, 2025
- Regular Council meeting held November 12, 2025

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From November 12, 2025 to December 2, 2025

Total \$2,059,434.63 (Two Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/ 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. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of one (1) member to the San Luis Economic Development Commission. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, stated that the San Luis Economic Development Commission currently has one (1) vacant two (2) year term. He noted that Mr. Eric Jones previously held the position, but submitted a letter of resignation in August. Mr. Esparza explained that the department conducted recruitment earlier this year and has four (4) active applications on file. The applicants were contacted to confirm continued interest and were invited to attend the Council meeting for possible appointments. One of the applicants, Mr. Octavio Ramirez, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Octavio Ramirez introduced himself and expressed enthusiasm and excitement for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to appoint Octavio Ramirez to complete the two (2) year vacant term of the San Luis Economic Development Commission. 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 regarding renewal of the Lease Agreement with Gemini Property Holdings, Inc. for the San Luis Police Department Substation located in East San Luis. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, sought approval to renew the contract currently held with Gemini Property Holdings. He explained that they provide services for the public and is used for training purposes since it's a big warehouse area. The Lease Agreement is for \$3,000.00 a month. The renewed lease will commence on June 1, 2026, for an additional three (3) years, with the option to extend it to an additional three (3) years.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/ Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement with Gemini Property Holdings, as presented. The motion passed with six (6) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Council Member Lizeth Servin.

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	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase one (1) fully marked and equipped new 2026 Ford Explorer using Arizona Department of Public Safety Local Border Support Grant budgeted funds. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, requested approval for the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Ford Explorer. Funding for this purchase was approved under the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Capital Projects Grant Funds. The vehicle will be purchased from Peoria Ford, which holds an Arizona State Contract and has submitted a bid of \$50,096.85, including tax.

The Ford Explorer will be fully equipped and marked by Waltz Outfitting using a City of Chandler contract, which provides a cost reduction compared to the state dealership contract. The total cost to fully equip the vehicle is \$32,384.08. The total cost for the vehicle and equipment is \$82,480.93.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Explorer, to approve the marking and equipping of the vehicle for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. 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. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the engagement of engineering services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the design of Union Street and 4th Avenue Intersection. (Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer)

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer, asked for approval of a professional services proposal from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of Union Street and 4th Avenue intersection. The scope of work includes design services for intersection improvements, such as traffic signals, street lighting, and roadway and sidewalk improvements on the approaching streets. Project limits extend approximately one-half mile along 4th Avenue from Cesar Chavez Boulevard to the County 22 ½ Street alignment, and along Union Avenue from 4th Avenue to McCain Avenue. The Engineering Department is requesting Council's approval to accept the \$150,382.00 proposal.

MOTION: Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the Professional Services Contract by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of Union Street and 4th Avenue intersection improvements in the amount of \$150,382.00. 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

Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya stated that yesterday he had the opportunity to attend the Arizona Congressional Briefing along with Council Member Javier Vargas, Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA) Executive Director Buna George, Mr. Matias Rosales (GYPA), Council Member Esteban C. Rosales (participated online), Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz, and Acting City Manager Jenny Torres. He reported that they presented to the 11 offices of the Arizona Federal Delegation, with representatives from all offices in attendance, as well as representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and counterparts from Douglas and Nogales. During the briefing, they presented data showing an increase to 8.14 million border crossings since 2014, representing approximately a five (5) percent increase.

Mayor Nieves Riedel stated that while Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya attended the Arizona Congressional Briefing yesterday, she shared that a company from California is seriously considering acquiring 80 acres in the industrial park, which would bring a significant economic development opportunity to the City of San Luis.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz added to Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya's presentation, stating that participation in these meetings is very important, as they provide updates on the progress of the Port of Entry and allow participants to hear the needs and priorities of other Ports of Entry.

Council Member Lizeth Servin reminded the community that the Holiday Lights Parade will take place tomorrow and encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Luis Cabrera stated that three (3) years ago, when he was appointed Vice Mayor, there was an understanding that the Vice Mayor position would be revisited annually. He noted that it is that time of year again to review the position and expressed concern that the item was denied placement on the agenda. Council Member Cabrera stated that he would like to formalize the process by having the Vice Mayor position reviewed annually and requested that staff modify the City Code through a Resolution or Ordinance. He explained that this would eliminate political considerations related to the position and ensure that all Council Members have an equal opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor. He concluded that establishing this process in the City Code would reflect best practices.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz stated that she, along with Council Member Javier Vargas and Council Member Lizeth Servin, participated in the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Foodie Tour. She reported that they visited three (3) local businesses: La Bodega, Rolls and Bowls, and Eddie's Food and Drink. She congratulated the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce on hosting a successful tour.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Mayor Nieves Riedel adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:45 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

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 December 10, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk