

**MINUTES**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**December 17, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera  
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Council Member Lizeth Servin  
Council Member Javier Vargas  
Mayor Nieves Riedel

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager  
Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources  
Alexis Gomez, Code Enforcement Officer  
Alvaro Escalante, Parks Ground Manager  
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief  
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development  
Damian Miller, Police Lieutenant  
Edgar Esparza, Billing and Collections Manager  
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works  
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer  
Israel Lara, IT Technician  
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services  
Jose A. Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist  
Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager  
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager  
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager  
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police  
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager

Richard Bauerman, Fire Inspector  
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  
Manuel Castro, Pastor for Gethsemani Church  
Nydia Mendenhall, Resident  
Shelly Kreger, Transit Director for Yuma County  
Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority) YCIPTA  
Vianey Vega, Vega and Vega Engineering  
Tori Bourguignon, Executive Director for Amberly's Place

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. INVOCATION**

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

## **4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Beatriz Muñoz, 1211 N. Villareal Ave., San Luis, AZ, commented that she wanted to address the Mayor and City Council on the application for a senior at the Senior Center. She asked them to review and approve the application. The application contains controversial and non-applicable questions, is long, contains contradictory statements and is demanding. The seniors feel intimidated by a city employee's statements when asked about the application, as the employee told them an attorney had reviewed it. She added that the Senior Center is for seniors to attend, socialize, and have a good time with other participants. Seniors were told that this change is due to a list of over 150 people. The center is for seniors residing in San Luis who can provide proof of residency. She is happy to meet with the elected officials to discuss this matter further. She may be reached at 928-919-2037.

Mr. Luis Marquez, 1254 America Street, San Luis, AZ, thanked those who donated bicycles to the Gadsden School District. He clarified that last year, the Honorable Judge Juan Manuel Guerrero came to his house to complain that Mr. Marquez did not want to accept bicycles that Ms. Riedel and Ms. Nydia Mendenhall wished to donate and that if Mr. Marquez did not want them, they were going to donate them to Somerton. He had no idea what Mr. Guerrero was talking about. He also contacted Ms. Esparza, the Gadsden School Superintendent, and she had no idea what this was about.

He added that this occurred on a Wednesday, and three (3) days later, on a Friday, he saw a post on social media stating that the bikes were donated to Somerton. He contacted Mr. Duron, the Somerton School District Superintendent, and confirmed that they had been notified a week before receiving the bicycles. This was a plan of lies and publicly stated that people should not be sold for a few dollars.

Ms. Angela Delgado, a Los Alamos resident, stated that many people in this community voted for Mayor Nieves Riedel because, in their hearts, they believed there would be a change. Ms. Delgado withdrew the application to recall the Mayor and clarified that news and the paper reported that she did not collect enough signatures; however, she has over 1,000 signatures. She does not like lies, and collected enough signatures, but out of the kindness of her heart and for her community, she withdrew her signatures, because the dates had changed and she was informed by the state that the Primary Election would be in August, therefore, it defeats its purpose. She wanted to save the city, \$65,000.00 to \$75,000.00, since the Mayor calls this city poor. Ms. Delgado added that she has been a resident of San Luis for a long time, is a responsible voter and will fight for her community.

## **5. PROCLAMATION/ PRESENTATION**

### **5. A. Proclamation on National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month - January 2026**

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

### **5. B. Presentation on the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA)/Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) Annual Performance Report. (Shelly Kreger, Transit Director for YCIPTA)**

Ms. Shelly Kreger, Transit Director for YCIPTA, explained that YCIPTA is a political subdivision of the state that oversees and operates the transit system. They are comprised of Yuma County, City of Yuma, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, Town of Wellton, Cocopah Tribe, Quechan Tribe and Arizona Western College. Transportation has been provided to this community since 2000. She provided a PowerPoint presentation on their Yearly Performance Assessment Report, which is attached to the agenda item and included in the complete agenda packet filed at the City Clerk's Office.

Some comments, questions, and answers ensued between Ms. Kreger and the City Council.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### 6. A. MINUTES OF

- Joint Work Session held November 18, 2025
- Special Council meeting held November 19, 2025

### 6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From December 3, 2025 to December 8, 2025

Total \$1,196,581.00 (One Million, One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-One Dollars)

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera 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
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 contract with Yuma Community Food Bank for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that during a June 25, 2025, meeting, the City Council approved the budget, which included a \$40,000.00 contribution to the Food Bank. This formalizes the agreement with them and does not change from last year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the contract with Yuma Community Food Bank in the amount of \$40,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	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 the contract with Amberly's Place, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, indicated that this is another Council contribution; \$50,000.00 was allocated in the Council's budget approved on June 25, 2025. Amberly's Place provides and coordinates services to respond to and advocate for victims of domestic violence. There has not been a change in the amount requested from last year.

Ms. Tori Bourguignon, Amberly's Place Executive Director, answered questions from the City Council about the facility's use and the services it provides.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the contract with Amberly's Place in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the Cesar Chavez Boulevard widening project. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)**

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, detailed that staff has been working on this project for the past 12 years and were able to obtain an allocation of \$4 million from the state and the federal government to design the project. Staff was also to get a \$25 million federal grant and \$33 million from the state legislature. As part of the grant, the city had to commit \$3.2 million toward the match, bringing the total to \$61.2 million for the project's construction. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is the agency that is overseeing the project. They went out to bid and opened bids on November 7, 2025. Two (2) bids were received from DPE and Fann Contracting, Inc.; the lowest bidder came in at \$57 million, but that does not include other costs that are allocated as part of the overall project, which consists of the construction engineering, the post-design construction and construction contingency, leaving a shortfall of almost \$2.3 million. Under the intergovernmental agreement (IGA), if the bids were higher, the city was responsible for funding the shortfall. The city was able to find the funding within the impact fees. Staff asked the City Council to approve the budget transfer of \$2,354,531.80. Initially, she had the ratification on the agenda because funds were going to be transferred immediately, but it was necessary, so the ratification was removed.

She added that the city has already invested almost \$10 million, with construction not even begun, in addition to the \$5.5 million the city has invested in this project.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked for clarification to explain the impact fees.

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, explained that impact fees are a one-time fee people pay when they request a building permit, and that these fees are used to fund the impact construction has on the city's infrastructure, including drainage, water, parks, and police. It is collected over the years, and once the city has enough funds to complete a specific project, those funds can be used.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked Ms. Torres to inform the community about this project, as there will be traffic issues.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to approve the budget transfer of \$2,354,531.80 for the project to improve Cesar Chavez Boulevard due to the circumstances presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	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 Resolution No. 2386. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, providing for a Call of Election for 2026 Primary and General Elections, designating the election dates and purpose, designating the deadline and location for candidates to file Nomination Petitions, and designating the deadline for voter registration. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2386, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**7. E. 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 City Code Sections 8.25.010 and 8.25.020(A) to include mud, dirt, and debris on roadways as a nuisance; repealing conflicting provisions, and providing for severability. (Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, requested that this item be continued and provided a brief background. Every year, there are difficulties with the large mud clods that come off the tractors and end up on the streets, creating hazards because people must go around them. The Public Works Department contacted her to check if the city could do something about this. Staff has a flyer from the county containing several statutes that did not quite fit this problem; therefore, staff prepared this ordinance. When she was working with the Police Department on other ordinances, it was brought to her attention that this ordinance is not significantly clear that the mud is the great big clods. A Council Member also brought this to her attention, so she wants to work on the ordinance to clarify it.

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to continue this item to a future council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**7. F. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any all matters regarding Conditional Use Permit Case No. 2025-0412, a request by Gethsemani Church, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a religious institution at 1010 E. B Street in San Luis, Arizona. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

**A. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, explained that this type of use is permitted in an R-6 zoning district but requires a conditional use permit. This case is part of a federal court order that required the church to apply for a conditional use permit and for the city to approve it within 120 days. The church applied for the conditional use permit in October 2025. The order also sets out the rules by which the food ministry must operate, so the city cannot add or change the conditions at this point. He clarified that the enforcement process was never intended to stop the food ministry.

He added that the goal has always been to help the church continue to provide the services while ensuring the activity does not impact the neighbors. Staff recommended approval with a consent decree serving as the full conditions of approval.

## **B. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel 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**

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing.

## **E. Action on Conditional Use Permit Case No. 2025-0412**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve Conditional Use Permit Case No. 2025-0412 as required by the Consent Decree, with the Consent Decree serving as the full conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**7. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2387. A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled “City of San Luis Subdivision Regulations” of the San Luis City Code, relating to the update of the rules and regulations relating to subdivisions within the City of San Luis and amending the San Luis City Code by repealing and replacing Title 17. (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)**

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this is the first step for the approval and adoption of the Subdivision Regulations. This item was presented to the Mayor and City Council during a work session in July 2025. However, since then, a new state law has taken effect, changing the approval of preliminary and final plans from the commission and City Council to administrative staff to speed up the process. Therefore, those approvals will no longer go to the commission or City Council.

He added that the changes have been incorporated into the resolution for the City Council's approval, which also makes it a public record and is required to approve and adopt the Subdivision Regulations in the next agenda item through an ordinance.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked what is going to happen now, if previously they were presented to the City Council when there were conditions and the City Council would approve or deny the conditions. Who will now have the authority to approve or deny, and to accept, what conditions?

Mr. Guzman responded that they would go through the same approval process, but it would be approved once all the comments are addressed. If the applicant does not agree with a specific requirement, there is an appeal process that goes through the City Engineer and if the appeal is not approved by the City Engineer, it will then be presented to the City Council for approval for any deviation or change to the regulation, but they will have to follow all the regulations established for approval.

Council Member Lizeth Servin asked if she had a conflict of interest on this item.

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, responded that these are regular subdivisions.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrea/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2387. The motion passed with four (4) 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained

**7. H. Public hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis Subdivision Regulations and Ordinance No. 473. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, adopting "City of San Luis Subdivision Regulations" by reference which repeals and replaces Title 17 of the San Luis City Code and providing for the severability and the effective date thereof. (Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services)**

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

Mr. Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services, indicated that this is the adoption process of the Subdivision Regulations. They have been working with subdivisions approved and adopted in 2002, based on the Yuma County Standards of 1992.

He added that the new subdivision regulations set standards that residents demand and that the city handles new developments. As explained in the previous item, the Subdivision Regulations incorporate House Bill 2447, a new law that requires city staff to review and approve preliminary final plans. They will no longer be going to the Planning & Zoning Commission or the City Council. Development Services will handle the subdivision process, but the final approval will be done by the City Engineer. They held stakeholder meetings on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to inform them about these changes from the House Bill.

## **B. Open Public Hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Vianey Vega, of Vega & Vega Engineering, commented that they feel there is one thing that can still be adjusted before the adoption of the Subdivision Regulations: the construction of half-width roads in the subdivision. This is currently allowed in the subdivision design when there are different phases. The other surrounding cities allow it and he would like to see that San Luis also permits it.

Mr. Tejeda added that the staff met and chose not to have those half streets around the city, in the city's best interest. However, staff added a modification section to the Subdivision Regulations, allowing developers to apply for a modification to deviate from the standards. The modification might be for something like the half streets. This request would then go to the City Engineer, who will determine whether it is approved.

Further discussion took place on this topic amongst the City Council, staff, Mr. Vega and Ms. Carpenter.

## **D. Close Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**E. Action on Ordinance No. 473 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 473 by title only. The motion passed with four (4) 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 473 by title only.

**F. Action on Ordinance No. 473**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 473. The motion passed with four (4) 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained

**7. I. Public Hearing followed by discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Text Amendment Case No. 2025-0420 and Ordinance No. 474. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of San Luis, Arizona, amending Title 18 of the City Code, Zoning Regulations, to revise Section 18.10.020 (C) and Section 18.70.040 (A) & (B) in compliance with updates to the Arizona Revised Statutes by authorizing administrative personnel to review and approve site plans, development plans, land divisions, lot line adjustments, lot ties, preliminary plats, final plats and plat amendments without a public hearing; repealing any conflicting provisions; and providing for severability. (Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services)**

**A. Staff Presentation**

Mr. Juan Tejeda, Acting Assistant Director of Development Services, stated that this text amendment to the zoning ordinance is in response to the previously mentioned House Bill 2447, which will take effect on January 1, 2026.

He added that this ordinance authorizes administrative personnel to review and approve preliminary and final plats without a public hearing. The preliminary final plans will no longer be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Council for approval; they will be reviewed and approved by staff. Development Service will continue to handle the subdivision process, and the final approval will be issued by the City Engineer without a public hearing.

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

Mayor Nieves Riedel opened the Public Hearing.

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

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission would continue to exist.

Mr. Tejada responded that it would continue to exist, as the commission is needed for land use processes, zoning conditions, use permits, other variances, subdivisions, except for the preliminary and final plats.

### **D. Close public hearing**

Mayor Nieves Riedel closed the Public Hearing.

### **E. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 474 by title only**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 474 by title only. The motion passed with four (4) 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 474 by title only.

### **F. Action on Ordinance No. 474**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 474. The motion passed with four (4) 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Abstained

## 8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Lizeth Servin commented on the leveling of the Joe Orduño Park soccer field. She saw a video of the Mayor addressing residents as the Mayor and discussing a surprise donation from Riedel Construction and Evans Concrete. Indeed, it was a surprise donation because they were unaware it was happening, nor were they invited to that presentation or the surprise. And she asked the staff, Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting Manager, to have transparency on this donation. She would like to know how much this in-kind donation was for. Was the proper process followed, and when was the donation approved and by whom? The video states that Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya accepted the donation. Not sure if he was the one who approved of it. She wants transparency for the community because it was surprising, and she knows it was a good thing. Her other issue concerns trash collection. The City of San Luis continues to evaluate its programs and services to ensure that not only does the city provide the best programs and services to its citizens, but also that what is brought to the community is sufficient and effective. She is aware that many residents were affected by the trash collection this week. The city's goal is not only to provide the best service, but to make sure that staff is being efficient and effective when it comes to operations and management. She asked for the community's support and cooperation in following the rules. The constituents have a huge impact on operations in this service, and more than anything, it is a matter of culture and education. She asked Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, to explain why this rule is being implemented.

Mayor Nieves Riedel added that a presentation can be included in the next Council meeting in January 2026, so residents know and can attend to ask questions. The residents received flyers, and the Public Works Department tried to inform everyone about this change.

Council Member Lizeth Servin added that this is happening because the sudden change had already been established, but was not really being followed. It caused trash to flow from the containers, broken lids, damaged containers, longer routes, more time and overtime for staff. So, this is one of the reasons the city is trying to implement this and is asking for the community's collaboration. As Mayor Nieves Riedel stated in the future meeting, additional information will be provided.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented on the Holiday of Lights Parade, thanking staff for working together to make it happen and to the participants for being there and preparing their floats at such short notice; it was a magical time for them and for the community. He also added that regarding the trash collection, he was one of the Council Members who received numerous phone calls, messages, and pictures. Those are rules that already exist and need to be followed by residents, employees, staff, Council Members and by everyone that resides in the city. This way, people will know there is uniformity and a process, and that their trash will not be picked up if the lid is not fully closed. Now, if they have a problem with their trash container, they need to report it to utilities so the container can be replaced. He asked the community to work with the city so they can continue to provide better service. They can continue to thrive together because they are enforcing a rule that has been in place for many years. Lastly, he stated that today is the last Council meeting of this year, 2025 and thanked everyone for their support.

**9. Vote to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A), (1), (3), and (4).**

**Discussion and possible action to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A), (1), (3), and (4) on any and all matters relating to the position of Chief of Police and the employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salary, disciplining, or resignation of the position of Chief of Police, and consultation with the attorney or attorneys of the city regarding the same. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager and Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney)**

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to go into Executive Session at approximately 7:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

## 10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SPECIAL SESSION

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Javier Vargas to go back into Special Session at approximately 8:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

## 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

### 11. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the employment contract of Chief of Police Nigel I. Reynoso. (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, explained that the contract for the Chief of Police is presented with no changes unless the City Council decides otherwise. But the Administration is recommending approval of the contract.

The Mayor and City Council thanked Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, for serving this community and doing an excellent job. Mayor Nieves Riedel expressed that he has been, so far, the most decent human being, Police Chief. People are very happy with the way he manages the Police Department.

Chief of Police Reynoso thanked God, the Mayor and City Council, his wife, family and Department Heads for their support. He added that his job is easier because of the great team he has and that he will do the best that he can.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Mayor Nieves Riedel to approve the employment contract with the Chief of Police Nigel I. Reynoso, as attached to this agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera /Council Member Javier Vargas to adjourn the Special Council meeting at approximately 8:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

**APPROVED:**

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Nieves Riedel, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on December 17, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk