

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
February 25, 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
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Azael De La Hoya (arrived at approximately 6:40 p.m.)
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales
Council Member Lizeth Servin (via Teams)
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas
Mayor Nieves Riedel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager
Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney
Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant
Albert Moreno, IT Technician
Ana Camacho, Custodian
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production &
Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Danya Carrasco, Human Resources Coordinator
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services
Juan Tejeda, Assistant Director of Development Services
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Michelle Boucher, Police Administrator
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Administrative Services Manager

Oswaldo Rodriguez, Lead Custodian
Roman Pacheco, Planning Coordinator
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Yolanda Dueñas, Facilities Supervisor
Buna George, Resident
Cesar Neyoy, Reporter
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Greg LaVann, Greater Yuma Economic Development
President and CEO
Hugo Garcia, Resident
Joseph Reynoso, Police Chaplain
Marco Pinzon, Resident
Marcos Ramirez, Rotary Club
Veronica Zavala, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was performed by Mr. Joseph Reynoso, Police Chaplain.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. James Allen Jr., United States Army Retired, 1549 E. Babbitt Lane, San Luis, AZ, commented that on 6th Avenue and Babbitt Lane, there used to be a four-way stop, which should be brought back, as he indicated approximately one (1) year ago. The reason is that no one can safely cross 6th Avenue, including children going to school. The removal of the four-way stop was not a very knowledgeable thought, as there is a high level of speed. There are probably 10 or 15 calls about people driving through residential areas at speeds over 25 miles per hour. Citizens on Babbitt Lane are concerned and would like speed bumps to be considered in those areas. Secondly, he mentioned that last Sunday, he was going around the city to collect signatures because he is running for Mayor. When he arrived at old San Luis, in an area some people might call dilapidated, a vehicle outside suggested that someone might be at home. He opened the gate and saw no animals. He went in no more than about 10 feet away from the door, turned around and what greeted him were two (2) Great Danes and latched on to his right forearm. He does not blame the animals; that is the animals' territory, but situations like this should be looked at. Why? Because what if a child had walked in? That could have been a fatal type of situation. He is not upset with the owners, but ensuring people have safe homes is his concern.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. A. Proclamation on Read Across America Week, March 2-6, 2026

5. B. Proclamation on International Women's Day, March 8, 2026

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

5. C. Presentation and recognition of the 2025 - 4th Quarter Awardees by the Employee Recognition and Awards Program (ERAP) for their outstanding work with the City of San Luis. (Enrique Lopez, ERAP Chair)

Mr. Enrique Lopez, ERAP Chair, presented the awards and recognized the exceptional contributions of some of the most dedicated employees. The Employee Recognition Awards Program is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, integrity and commitment of these individuals who consistently go above and beyond in serving the community and upholding the mission of the organization. The awards presented were the Achievement Award, the Award of Excellence, the Customer Service Award, the Employee of the Quarter, the Safety Award, the Rookie of the Year, and the Employee of the Year.

5. D. Presentation on the economic value of Arizona Western College (AWC) in Yuma and La Paz Counties. (Susanna M. Zambrano, AWC Dean of Regional Centers and Adult Education)

Ms. Susanna M. Zambrano, AWC Dean of Regional Centers and Adult Education, stated that 60% of their students are first-generation college students, meaning they are the first in their families to attend college. 73% of their students are Hispanic or Latino, making AWC a Hispanic-serving institution from the day it opened its doors. 29% of their students are early college students, meaning they are taking college classes as dual-credit or concurrent-enrollment students under the age of 18. They had a fabulous decade of growth at AWC, while community colleges across Arizona have been experiencing declining enrollment. She also spoke about the Early College Experience, the Economic Impact for Yuma and La Paz Counties, and the Investment Analysis.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Ms. Zambrano for the presentation and noted that she wished AWC could move to a larger building because there is not enough parking spaces for all the students at their current location.

Ms. Zambrano added that AWC is strategically planning for growth and supporting South Yuma County communities.

The City Council thanked Ms. Zambrano for the presentation and added some remarks.

5. E. Presentation by the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) on the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). (Amber Shek, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation)

Ms. Amber Shek, Chief Operations Officer for the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, presented the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)). Her presentation included the Purpose of the Approved CEDS and Why It Matters, The CEDS as a Funding & Coordination Tool, Current Projects Added to the CEDS, Next Steps: How We'll Use the CEDS. She stated that the CEDS is a practical funding tool as it strengthens San Luis' ability to compete for investment, align regionally and move priority projects forward.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Ms. Shek for the presentation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held January 28, 2026

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From February 3, 2026 to February 17, 2026

Total \$1,849,451.16

(One Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Sixteen Cents)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera 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
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

Mr. Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney, asked if the Executive Session could be next on the agenda.

Mayor Nieves Riedel moved Item No. 9 to be next on the Agenda; there was no opposition from the City Council.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 City Manager to discuss or consider employment, assignment, appointment of Jenny Torres and/or discussion of approval of terms and/or conditions pursuant to San Luis City Code § 34.20, and consultation with the City Attorney or City's attorneys regarding the same. (Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney)

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to go into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 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 Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

10. MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Luis E. Cabrera to go back into Regular Session at approximately 6:40 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding an employment contract for Jenny Torres as the City Manager. (Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney)

Mr. Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney, stated that whoever makes the motion, if it could move to approve the contract with one (1) slight amendment: the severance period, from three (3) months to six (6) months.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to approve the contract with a minor amendment: instead of three (3) months of severance pay, be six (6) months. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Ms. Torres for accepting the job, adding that the past three (3) years have been a learning experience, and that she has learned a lot from Ms. Torres. The Mayor added that she is committed to continuing to work with Ms. Torres, not interfering with her daily operations or micromanaging.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of a San Luis representative to serve on the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees. (ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2026) (Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager)

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, explained that at the last Council meeting staff was directed to try to find a candidate for the Yuma County Library District, Ms. Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation, has volunteered to serve on this board. Ms. Roldan will fill the vacancy left by Council Member Luis E. Cabrera and serve the next term.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Mayor Nieves Riedel to appoint Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation, to the Yuma County Library District Board of Trustees, whose term will expire on June 30, 2026, and appoint her to serve the next three-year term, which expires on June 30, 2029. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the re-appointment of three (3) City of San Luis residents to serve on the City of San Luis Planning and Zoning Commission. (ITEM CONTINUED FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2026) (Jose A. Guzman, Director of Development Services)

Mr. Jose Guzman, Director of Development Services, stated that this matter was continued as staff was directed to advertise the openings. Since then, staff has promoted the year-round application process, and two (2) applications were received from Ms. Kelsey Moraga and Ms. Buna George. The current commission members, Mr. Marco Pinzon, Mr. Hugo Garcia, and Ms. Veronica Zavala, whose term expired, have expressed their interest in continuing to serve on this commission.

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked the commission members for the years they have served on the Planning & Zoning Commission, who were present at the meeting. She added that they have helped with the growth, and every issue that came before them is a very difficult position, and they do not get paid for serving; they volunteer their time.

Mr. Pinzon said he has served on the commission for 11 years and decided to serve as the commission was lacking a quorum and projects were being delayed. He provided some feedback on why he served on this commission and thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Garcia stated he has served on the commission for 13 years and also wanted to serve on this commission due to the lack of quorum and projects being placed on hold. He liked being part of the commission and cares about the city and its growth.

Ms. Veronica Zavala stated she has served on the commission for eight (8) years. She was invited to fill a vacancy, and it was important to her to have female representation on the commission. She is a resident of San Luis and a businesswoman and cares about her city, adding that they look forward to continuing serving if so desired and allowed by the City Council.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to reappoint Mr. Garcia, Mr. Pinzon and Ms. Zavala to continue serving for the next four (4) years in

the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion did not pass with two (2) Ayes and four (4) Nays by Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Maria Cecilia Cruz, Esteban C. Rosales and Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked those who submitted applications.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to appoint Marco Pinzon to the City of San Luis Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiring on January 31st, 2030. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Mayor Nieves Riedel to appoint Hugo Garcia to the City of San Luis Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiring on January 31st, 2030. 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
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to appoint Buna George to the City of San Luis Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiring on January 31st, 2030. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Nieves Riedel thanked Ms. Veronica Zavala for her years of dedication; this is not a reflection of her work, as she has done an outstanding service to the city. She mentioned that she does not expect anything less from Mr. Pinzon, Mr. Garcia, and Ms. George and asked them to continue working, helping, and standing on their ground when they see something that is not right, to be fair and honest.

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the City of San Luis accepting the proposed change order No. 3 from Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE) pertaining to the design and construction phases of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. (Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, indicated that this is Change Order No. 3 for the PACE contract, which was originally awarded to design the expansion of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant. A few meetings ago, he provided an update on this project, and the design efforts are reflected in this change order. To facilitate this transition, the city requested a proposal from PACE to provide the additional professional services necessary to support bidding and construction under the Design-Bid-Build (DBB) delivery method. These services include revisions to the plans and specifications to accommodate competitive bidding, administration of the bidding process, and construction-phase engineering and support services.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve Change Order No. 3 from Pacific Advance Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE) in the amount of \$272,687.00, 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the award of a contract to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for design and professional services for Well Site #3 Water Tank and Hydropneumatic Tank Rehabilitation. (Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer)

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer, stated that, on behalf of Public Works, he is seeking the City Council's approval to award Kimley Horn the design contract for the Well Site No. 3 tank rehabilitation. He added that this site was inspected by Kimley Horn on November 23, 2025, and that several items needed to be addressed, including the tank requiring rehabilitation and some of the piping.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas to approve the Professional Services Contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of Well Site #3 water tank rehabilitation in the amount of \$656,940.00, 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. E. 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, April 11, 2026. (Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Frontera Rotary Club)

A. Staff and/or Applicant presentation

Mr. Marcos Ramirez of the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club said this is a follow-up to the Asado and Brew Festival, which was originally scheduled for November 22, 2025, but was rescheduled due to weather conditions to April 11, 2026. He added that they have partnered with the City of San Luis Parks & Recreation in other events throughout the years to raise funds for scholarships, as this is a way for the Rotary Club to give back to the community. They will meet with the Police Department to ensure that every event they participate in is safe.

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

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

E. Action on Special Event Liquor License Application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the Special Event Liquor License application for the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club, 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

7. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding authorization to purchase 13 portable handheld radios for the San Luis Police Department using Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Budgeted Funds. (Alan Guevara, Lieutenant)

Mr. Alan Guevara, Police Lieutenant, indicated that the San Luis Police Department is requesting approval to purchase 13 new handheld portable radios, complete with chargers, antennas, speakers, and microphones. Most of their current radios have reached the end of their support dates. They are officially obsolete and cannot be repaired if damaged. Funding for this purchase was previously secured through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Projects budget.

He added that they intend to procure this equipment from Motorola Solutions via Gila Electronics, utilizing the Arizona State Contract Number CTR 046830. The total bid for the radios and all necessary equipment is \$98,195.22, including tax.

There were some questions and answers among some Members of the City Council and Mr. Guevara.

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the purchase of 13 portable handheld radios not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$100,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

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

7. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 481. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, repealing San Luis City Code Section 5.15.070, and amending Sections 5.15.010, 5.15.020, 5.15.030, and 5.15.990 to remove references to taxi stands and taxi waiting stands; repealing conflicting revisions and providing for severability. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, explained that as GSA/CBP port-of-entry construction continues, the public right-of-way portions of Urtuzuastegui Street currently used as taxi stands will no longer be available for this purpose. In preparation for this construction, the city met with various taxi companies to reach a compromise that would allow their businesses to continue operating during construction. Unfortunately, the proposed taxi stand locations in the surrounding areas are inadequate and would pose a traffic hazard if used for that purpose.

Because the city cannot provide an adequate public right-of-way for taxi stands in the area, the staff is seeking the repeal of San Luis City Code Section 5.15.070 and the amendment of Sections 5.15.010, 5.15.020, 5.15.030, and 5.15.990 to remove taxi stands from the city code. Overall, this decision will alleviate traffic hazards in the downtown area and still allow taxi companies to make arrangements with private property owners to conduct their business.

He added that it is the city's posture that taxi companies work with other businesses to find a new location with less impact on the right-of-way, or one completely off the right-of-way, for a taxi stand.

Discussion, questions and answers ensued among the City Council and Chief Reynoso.

A. Action on reading of Ordinance No. 481 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 481 by title only. The motion did not pass with two (2) Ayes and four (4) Nays by Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Tadeo Azael De La Hoya, Esteban C. Rosales and Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Jenny Torres, Acting City Manager, stated that the ordinance requested the removal of the taxi stand. The city still has to remove them from the location due to the request of the federal government. If the City Council has a solution to address this, this is the time to discuss it, because the staff's recommendation was to remove them due to the federal government's request.

Mayor Nieves Riedel mentioned that this is a request from the federal government, and they will remove it whether the city agrees or not, as it is their request. The city does not want to do it, but it is the federal government's call, as they want to secure the perimeter. This is outside the city's control.

Mr. Reynoso, Chief of Police, clarified that, in a previous resolution, this taxi stand was designated as a temporary location.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked if the city had approved a temporary location for the taxi stand. Can the Administration resolve this matter?

Mr. Joe Estes, Interim City Attorney, responded that he needed some time to investigate what language was specifically used when that was done. He does not know how it was done, but typically, if the City Council approves something, the Administration cannot override that without Council action. The other option is that, if there is concern that the initial ordinance was not fully understood, the City Council can move to reconsider the ordinance if desired, so the city can come into compliance with federal requirements.

He reviewed the code, and it does not specify the location of any taxi stand. That area can be amended, and the taxi stand area can be removed; if there is no designated area, the ordinance is essentially moot, or the code is moot because there is no designated taxi stand.

Ms. Torres provided some history of a meeting with the taxicab owners one (1) year ago regarding relocating from the temporary taxi stand.

There were comments from some Council Members and Mayor Nieves Riedel regarding taxis and Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) and added that YCAT is a public transportation organization and obtains municipal, county, and state grants. They provide a public service, and taxis are a private enterprise.

Mayor Nieves Riedel asked if she could entertain another vote on how to proceed.

Mr. Estes responded that if any Member of the City Council who voted Nay for the motion, which was the prevailing side of it, wishes to make a motion for reconsideration, then the City Council can vote on the motion for reconsideration and then can reconsider the presentation of the ordinance again.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to reconsider the item. The motion failed with three (3) Ayes and three (3) Nays.

The vote was as follows:

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

B. Action on Ordinance No. 481

Since the previous item failed, no action was taken on this section.

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported that on February 23, 2026, she attended the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing in support of House Bill 2304, a priority project totaling \$57,748,800.00. Also, in support of House Bill 2760 for the continuing grant for the AZ Smart Program, which funds \$15 million for the city's transportation needs. A total of 25 rural officials attended, each from a different county, supporting both bills and speaking to their county's needs. There is \$6.5 billion in

underinvestment in roads each year. It was her first time presenting to the committee, and she spoke on the US 95 Gila River Bridge, a \$107 million project. She elaborated on other projects and the amounts for Somerton, Yuma, and the County of Yuma. She added that, as the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Chairperson, it is not just her duty to represent the City of San Luis, but also to represent all of Yuma County. She wanted to make sure that the State Representatives know how severely underfunded the greater rural areas are for transportation needs.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera reported that a few days ago, Vice Mayor Javier Vargas shared on social media the road improvements coming to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. As he was driving in town, he noticed one of the communication boards used to display messages and it read "Construction to begin on March 2, 2026", which is next week, and asked the community to be alert to what construction is happening and where it is happening, and how it is going to impact the community. He asked the city's communications team to share which areas will be affected, so that one can plan accordingly. He also reported that Ms. Elizabeth Carpenter invited him to attend a meeting with Council Member Luis E. Cabrera hgreater accessibility of the U.S. Postal Service in the community.seriously and said he is going to work with his colleto advocate for funding for either a second post office location in the community or to work with the city to get cluster boxes can place some mail. Also, Congress, and if the community can help by sending letters to elected officials, so they can see, listen, and read from everyone that this is a struggle the City of San Luis faces daily. He lives on the east side of the city, and every time he needs to go to the post office, it is unacceptable that it takes an hour to retrieve the mail and packages. He also reported that tomorrow, the Parks & Recreation Department will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the baseball field lights, an upgraded systembe at 7:00 p.m. following a baseball game. They are excited about this development

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales for the invitation to the board meeting last week. It is great to see the things being done in South County and to notice that many local students are educating themselves and that there is a lot of potential.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Nieves Riedel/ Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:33 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 Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Vice Mayor 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 February 25, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk