

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
April 8, 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: Mayor Nieves Riedel (left at 6:15 p.m.)
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Azael De La Hoya
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales (6:02 p.m. via Teams)
Council Member Lizeth Servin (via Teams)

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, City Manager
Jon Palidini, Interim City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Angelica Roldan, Director of Parks & Recreation
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production &
Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Emmanuel Botello, Police Lieutenant
Enrique Lopez, Assistant Fire Chief
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Gabriela Guevara, Police Communications Supervisor
Javier Nuño, Police Officer
Jeziel Banos, IT Help Desk Technician
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Acting Assistant City Manager
Rogelio Martinez, Administrative Coordinator
Roula Encinas, Director of Finance
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer

Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
Gloria Torres, Resident
Marco Santana, Resident
Maria Robles, Resident
Ruben Walshe, Resident

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. Maximo Arvizu, a resident of San Luis, Arizona, addressed the Council to reiterate the previous petition requesting the placement of two (2) taxi units at the border entrance. He emphasized this request for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Enrique Fletes, a resident of San Luis, Arizona and taxi driver for 20 years, addressed the City Council to present the same concern as his colleague, Mr. Arvizu. He stated that not having taxis in front of the port of entry has made things difficult. Mr. Fletes submitted this request, along with those of his fellow colleagues, for the Council's consideration. He further noted that the situation has caused hardship, as he is the primary provider for his household.

Mr. Antonio Ramirez, Political and Policy Director for Rural Arizona Action, addressed the City Council regarding voter accessibility in San Luis, Arizona. Mr. Ramirez referenced statements made at the March 25th Council meeting by Yuma County Recorder David Lara concerning requirements for cameras at early ballot drop boxes. He stated that, after consulting with partner organizations, no supporting statute or reference in the Election Procedures Manual could be identified to substantiate those claims. Mr. Ramirez requested that the County Recorder provide documentation supporting the statements. In the absence of such documentation, he requested the City of San Luis to ask the County to consider the following five (5) actions: maintain the early ballot drop box at the San Luis Library; add an additional drop box at the Cultural Center; establish an in-person early voting location in San Luis; add an additional voting center location; and implement a wait-time reduction plan for the 2026 elections.

Mr. Ulises Heredia, a resident of San Luis, Arizona, addressed the City Council regarding concerns in the Los Portales, Los Jardines, and Rancho Los Oros areas related to agricultural operations and the use of air cannons during nighttime hours.

Mr. Heredia added that the noise has caused sleep disturbances. He further noted that he spoke with one of the agricultural operators and was informed that they were relying on the Right to Farm law. Mr. Heredia requested follow-up on his previous request, as he was advised that the air cannons may be activated again in November or December.

Mayor Nieves Riedel left the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m. and asked Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya to take over the meeting.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

5. A. Proclamation on National Public Safety Telecommunications Week - April 12-18, 2026

5. B. Proclamation on National Public Safety Week- April 19-25, 2026

5. C. Proclamation on Powertalk 21 Day – April 21, 2026

5. D. Proclamation on Proclamation Administrative Professionals Day- April 22, 2026 and Administrative Professionals Week- April 19-25, 2026

Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya read the proclamations by title only.

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera commented/asked that since the Mayor stepped out, shouldn't it be the Council decide who the Acting Mayor is for this meeting?

Mr. Jon Paladini, Interim City Attorney, responded that yes, the Council should decide who the Acting Mayor will be.

MOTION: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to appoint Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz to lead the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye

5. E. Retirement presentation to Joel Saucedo, Police Sergeant, for his 23 years of dedicated service to the City of San Luis. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, recognized and presented an award to Police Sergeant Joel Saucedo in honor of his retirement and dedicated service to the City of San Luis.

5. F. Presentation by Proverbs 31 Home "P31" on child abuse and sexual assault awareness and statistics. (Anna Dina Evancho, Proverbs 31 Home "P31" Board Director)

Ms. Maria Cecilia Cruz, Proverbs 31 Home "P31" Board President, read the proclamations on Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness.

Ms. Anna Dina Evancho, Proverbs 31 Home "P31" Board Director, made a presentation on child abuse and sexual assault awareness and related statistics.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A MINUTES OF

- Regular Council meeting held March 11, 2026

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS

From March 18, 2026 to April 1, 2026

Total \$2,176,508.48

(Two Million, One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye

7. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera thanked those who attended the "Conversations with Council" event on Saturday and for sharing their concerns and ideas to improve the city.

Council Member Lizeth Servin informed the community that the upcoming Asado and Brew Event will take place this Saturday at Joe Orduño Park from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Acting Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at approximately 6:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	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 April 8, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk