

MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
August 5, 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
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales
Council Member Lizeth Servin
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas (via Teams)
Mayor Nieves Riedel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, City Manager
Matthew P. Podracky, Of Counsel, Pierce Coleman PLLC
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
Edgar Esparza, Billing & Collections Manager
Emmanuel Botello, Lieutenant
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Alonso, Public Information Officer
Humberto Arcos, Grants Coordinator
Jeziel Banos, IT Help Desk Technician
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Maria Sabori, Risk Manager
Olivia Jenkins, Acting Assistant City Manager
Roula Encina, Director of Finance
Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Alberto Leon, Resident
Angela Delgado, Resident
Brian Alaniz De La Hoya, Resident

Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Fabher Sanchez, Resident
James Allen Jr., Resident
Maria Gonzalez, Resident
Perla De La Hoya, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION

3. A. Presentation by the City of San Luis Police Department on Automatic License Plate Readers and Video Surveillance in the City of San Luis, Arizona. (Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, provided a presentation regarding the Police Department's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR), Flock Safety, video surveillance, and Axon Fleet camera systems. He explained that the technology is primarily used as an investigative tool to identify vehicles associated with criminal investigations, locate stolen or wanted vehicles, assist in locating missing or at-risk individuals, and enhance public safety.

Chief Reynoso reported that the Department currently operates ALPR cameras at seven (7) locations, video surveillance cameras at 17 locations, and Axon Fleet camera systems in 26 patrol vehicles. He provided examples of camera footage demonstrating how the technology assists officers in identifying vehicles and investigating criminal and traffic-related incidents. He also highlighted several successful investigations in which the systems assisted in locating a kidnapped juvenile, missing and at-risk individuals, stolen vehicles, and suspects involved in various criminal offenses.

Chief Reynoso addressed privacy, access, data retention, and oversight procedures. He explained that ALPR technology captures license plates and vehicle characteristics but does not identify drivers or passengers or continuously monitor individuals. Access is limited to authorized personnel for legitimate law enforcement purposes, and users are required to provide a case number and investigative justification before conducting searches. The Department conducts quarterly audits of system activity, and any complaints regarding improper access to ALPR information are handled internally by the Police Department through an investigation, with potential disciplinary action up to termination and revocation of an officer's certification. Information associated with specific investigations is retained in accordance with applicable records-retention requirements, while information not accessed for an investigation generally remains available in the system for approximately 30 days. Information may also be shared with other law enforcement agencies for legitimate investigative purposes.

He further explained that video or photographic information that remains in the system but was not accessed by the Department for a specific investigation would not be provided in response to a public records request, as it was not retrieved or used as part of a case.

The Chief provided an overview of program expenditures since the systems were established in September 2021, including General Fund and grant funding for Flock Safety and Axon Fleet systems. He noted that the Department currently prepares quarterly ALPR activity reports and indicated that an annual public report could be provided to further promote transparency and accountability.

Mayor Nieves Riedel commended Chief Reynoso and the Police Department for their continued efforts and advancements and expressed appreciation for their commitment to the community and use of technology to enhance public safety.

Council Members expressed support for the Department's use of the technology and discussed its effectiveness in assisting with criminal investigations, locating suspects and vehicles, documenting traffic incidents, and enhancing officer safety. Council Members also raised questions regarding privacy, public records, data retention, information sharing, system access, potential misuse, and the Department's oversight procedures.

Chief Reynoso addressed each concern and confirmed that the Department had received no formal complaints regarding misuse of the systems since their installation in 2021.

Council Members also discussed the potential use of additional technology to detect reckless driving and other traffic-related violations, as well as establishing a community forum to provide residents with more information about Flock cameras and the city's surveillance systems.

Chief Reynoso reiterated that the Department currently has ALPR cameras at seven (7) locations and 17 additional video surveillance cameras, primarily at intersections and city parks. The cameras were strategically placed based on calls for service, traffic collisions, border-security considerations, and other identified priority areas. He noted that additional cameras could provide greater coverage, as the existing system does not cover the entire city.

Regarding funding, Chief Reynoso explained that the existing systems are supported through a combination of General Fund and grant funding. Grant funding is expected to cover the current video surveillance systems for approximately three (3) years, after which continued operation would require additional city funding unless further grant funding is obtained. The Department intends to continue pursuing available grant opportunities.

Chief Reynoso further explained that sworn officers and dispatch/communications personnel have access to the systems, and all authorized users are required to complete appropriate training before accessing or utilizing the technology.

Mayor Nieves Riedel suggested that the Police Department coordinate with the local high school to provide students with a presentation regarding the Department's camera systems and related public safety efforts. She noted that such an outreach effort would provide an opportunity to reach a large audience, encourage students to share the information with their families, and help address questions and misinformation within the community, particularly regarding traffic safety and student driving.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

4. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 2410. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 21, 2026, in the City of San Luis, Arizona. (Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk)

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that the Resolution formally adopts and certifies the results of the Primary Election. She explained that the Resolution also authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Nomination to the candidates who received sufficient votes to advance to the General Election and whose names will appear on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, General Election. For the office of Mayor, the candidates advancing to the General Election are Mr. James Allen Jr. and Mr. Matias Rosales. For the office of Council Member, the candidates advancing are Ms. Luisa Areola, Mr. Octavio Ramirez, Mr. Javier Vargas, and Mr. Ruben Walshe Peralta. She added that the Resolution authorizes the issuance of a Certificate of Election to Mr. Eric Luzanilla, Council Member-Elect, formally recognizing his election to the position.

MOTION: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya/Mayor Nieves Riedel to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2410. 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
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Council Member Javier Vargas	Aye
Mayor Nieves Riedel	Aye

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nieves Riedel adjourned the Special Council meeting at approximately 6:40 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 Special City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on August 5, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk