

**MINUTES**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chambers**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**San Luis, AZ 85349**  
**January 16, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, stated that with the Mayor and Vice Mayor being absent, and as authorized by City Code Section 2.05.440(A)(1), she would call the Special Council meeting to order. An Acting Mayor will now be selected to preside over the meeting, and a motion to appoint one is needed. After the Acting Mayor is selected, he/she may proceed with the roll call and the remaining agenda items.

**MOTION:** Council Member Javier Vargas/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to appoint Council Member Luis E. Cabrera 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

Acting Mayor Luis E. Cabrera called the Special Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Luis E. Cabrera  
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales (via Teams)  
Council Member Lizeth Servin  
Council Member Javier Vargas

**ABSENT:** Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz  
Vice Mayor Tadeo Azael De La Hoya  
Mayor Nieves Riedel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kay Macuil, City Attorney  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Albert Moreno, IT Technician  
Domingo Sosa, Graphics and Media Specialist

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lizeth Servin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

### 3. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the appointment of a Vice Mayor. (Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas)

Acting Mayor Luis Cabrera stated that the Council had previously agreed to revisit the Vice Mayor position every December to provide each Council Member the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor for at least one (1) year during their term. Unfortunately, this item was not included on the agenda this past December. He stated that the Council is present today to designate a new Vice Mayor. He further stated that Council Member Javier Vargas has served the Council for over three (3) years and expressed his desire to designate him as Vice Mayor.

**MOTION:** Acting Mayor Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to designate Council Member Javier Vargas to serve as Vice-Mayor. 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 Javier Vargas	Aye

### 3. B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 478. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, repealing Section 2.05.250. (Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas)

Ms. Kay Macuil, City Attorney, stated that the item was improperly agendized and that the public was not properly noticed, and suggested a motion to continue the item.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to continue the item to a Regular Council meeting later this month. 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
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye

**3. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 479. An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, amending and restating the San Luis City Code Section 2.05.020, providing that the City Council designate a Vice Mayor every year. (Council Members Luis E. Cabrera, Lizeth Servin and Javier Vargas)**

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera stated that this is a good ordinance because it automatically adds the Vice Mayor position to the agenda each December, without singling out or politicizing the position.

Council Member Lizeth Servin stated that this is a great initiative, as it provides more structure and stability for this rotating position. She believes this is the best way to handle the Vice Mayor role and agrees that it should be addressed every December.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas also expressed his agreement with the ordinance, adding that it ensures every Council Member can serve the community as Vice Mayor.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the reading of Ordinance No. 479 by title only. 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
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 479 by title only.

**MOTION:** Council Member Luis E. Cabrera/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve Ordinance No. 479 as presented. 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
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Aye

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas adjourned the Special Council meeting at 6:08 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 January 16, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk