M I N U T E S
Regular Council Meeting
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
October 28, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Member Luis E. Cabrera – via Teams; left at 6:50 p.m.
Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales – at 6:04 p.m.
Council Member Lizeth Servin
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas

ABSENT: Council Member Tadeo Azael De La Hoya
Mayor Nieves Riedel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Torres, City Manager
Joe Estes, City Attorney
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk
Adela Cortez, Director of Human Resources
Albert Moreno, IT Technician
Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief
Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Production & Operations Specialist
Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development
Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works
Francia Valdez, Public Information Officer
Gilberto Torres, Wastewater Operations Manager
Humberto Arcos, Grants Coordinator
Jessica Potts, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jorge Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Lucia Zavala, Finance Operations Manager
Luis Gallegos, Acting Facilities Supervisor
Maria Barajas, Human Resources Manager
Michelle Boucher, Police Administrator
Miguel Ramirez, Finance Accounting Manager
Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police
Olivia Jenkins, Acting Assistant City Manager
Osvaldo Rodriguez, Lead Custodian
Rodolfo Dueñas, Crew Leader Supervisor

Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer
Vanessa Iturbide, Graphics and Media Specialist
Victor De La Torre, Safety Officer
Xochitl Lopez, Office Supervisor
Yadira Bobadilla, Police Sergeant
Yigal Duarte, Economic Development Assistant
Christian Cuevas, Meeting Interpreter
Elida Valenzuela, Police Chaplain
Greg LaVann, Greater Yuma Economic Development CEO/President
James Allen Jr., Resident
Yolanda Dueñas, Resident

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lizeth Servin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. James Allen Jr., 1549 E. Babbit Lane, San Luis, AZ, addressed the City Council regarding concerns with pedestrian safety, inadequate street lighting, and accessibility for residents with disabilities. He reported a recent incident near Udall Lane and E Street in which a six-year-old child nearly was struck by a vehicle. He also expressed concerns about speeding in residential neighborhoods, including vehicles traveling at approximately 40 miles per hour on Babbitt Lane. Mr. Allen additionally highlighted poor street lighting in neighborhoods such as Los Alamos and the lack of safe pedestrian crossings, particularly along 6th Avenue for individuals using wheelchairs. He requested increased traffic enforcement, improved street lighting, additional four-way stops and traffic-calming measures, and safer, accessible pedestrian crossings. He emphasized the importance of taking preventive action to protect children, seniors, pedestrians, and families before a serious accident or loss of life occurs.

Mr. Christian Cuevas, stated that his address was on file with the city for the record, if needed. He added that he interprets City Council meetings and explained that he would deliver the public comment in Spanish for the benefit of the Spanish-speaking audience. He shared a recent incident involving teenagers who went to a local park. Families typically use mobile location-sharing services to monitor their safety while they are away from home. However, due to poor cellular reception and network connectivity, one teenager's location signal became stuck at an incorrect address, causing significant concern for the family. Mr. Cuevas emphasized that reliable mobile service is essential for public safety, emergency communications, medical needs, and security systems. He was unsure where to seek assistance regarding this concern.

He added that although telecommunications infrastructure is managed by private service providers, he encouraged the city to take a proactive role in addressing connectivity concerns, particularly in the rapidly growing eastern section of San Luis, including the F area. He stressed that as the city continues to attract new businesses and residential development, reliable cellular coverage must also be a priority.

Mr. Francisco Javier Gallardo introduced himself as a first-year Master of Social Work student at Arizona State University (ASU), an intern with Chief Human Services, and a member of the Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness. He addressed the City Council on behalf of the Coalition and invited Council Members and city representatives to attend its annual event on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the Yuma Main Library. He explained that the event would include a homelessness simulation to increase awareness and understanding of the challenges and structural barriers faced by individuals experiencing housing insecurity. The event would also feature presentations by two (2) university doctoral researchers specializing in homelessness and related issues. Mr. Gallardo explained that the Coalition brings together organizations and community partners throughout Yuma County to improve coordination, identify service gaps, and strengthen regional efforts to address homelessness. He emphasized the importance of including San Luis in the regional discussion, noting that the city's experiences and perspectives could contribute to a better understanding of housing instability throughout Yuma County. He also noted that invitations had been extended to the Yuma and Somerton City Councils to encourage regional collaboration among local governments, organizations, and service providers. Mr. Gallardo concluded by encouraging San Luis representatives to attend the event, participate in the simulation, and contribute to the ongoing regional conversation about homelessness.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas thanked Mr. Gallardo for the invitation and requested that the event information be shared with city staff so they could receive the invitation and coordinate their schedules accordingly.

Ms. Jenny Torres, City Manager, introduced Ms. Jessica Potts as the city's new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Jessica Potts shared that she began her position the previous Monday, expressing enthusiasm about joining the City of San Luis. She noted that she previously worked for the City of Soledad, California, where she spent five (5) years establishing and developing a Recreation Department. Ms. Potts expressed excitement about the opportunities ahead, complimented the staff for being welcoming and supportive, and shared her positive experience getting acquainted with the team. She acknowledged that she was still learning names and faces but looked forward to the department's future growth and success. She concluded by thanking the city for welcoming her and providing her with the opportunity to serve.

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, informed the Vice Mayor and Council Members that, at staff's request, Item No. 7.E. would be moved forward on the agenda, provided there were no objections.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas then declared a conflict of interest regarding Item No. 7.E.

Mrs. Cornelio further explained that, due to the Mayor's absence and the Vice Mayor's declared conflict of interest, City Code Section 2.05.440(A)(1) required the Council to appoint an Acting Mayor to preside over the consideration of Item No. 7.E. She clarified that the Vice Mayor would resume presiding over the remaining agenda items upon completion of the discussion and consideration of Item No. 7.E. She then requested a motion to appoint an Acting Mayor.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to appoint Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz as the Acting Mayor for this item. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Acting Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Abstained

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

7. E. Discussion and possible action on adopting a Notice of Intent to establish new rental rates, application fees, shared facility service fees, and facility use fees for the San Luis Business Incubator. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, presented the proposed rental rates and fees for the San Luis Business Incubator (SLBI). He explained that staff had reviewed the facility's policies and fee structure to address increasing operational costs and ensure long-term financial sustainability. The proposed three-year rental rates were $0.55 per square foot for year 1, $0.65 for year 2, and $0.80 for year 3, respectively, along with application processing, shared facility service, and conference room rental fees. He noted that the proposed rates would remain below regional market rates during the first two (2) years.

Acting Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz inquired when the fees were last updated.

Ms. Jenny Torres, City Manager, indicated that the last adjustment was approximately 13 years ago.

Mr. Esparza explained that staff intended to review the rates every five (5) years to keep them aligned with market conditions.

Council Member Lizeth Servin commended staff for developing a reasonable proposal that allows businesses to benefit from below-market rental rates during their initial years.

Mr. Esparza further explained that the facility's purpose was to provide businesses with an opportunity to grow, establish financial stability, and eventually transition into private commercial facilities. He requested Council approval of the Notice of Intent to proceed with the proposed fee adoption process.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to approve the Notice of Intent to increase San Luis Business Incubator rates and establishment of new fees for the reasons presented. The motion passed with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Vice Mayor Javier Vargas.

The vote was as follows:

Council Member Luis E. Cabrera	Aye
Acting Mayor Maria Cecilia Cruz	Aye
Council Member Esteban C. Rosales	Aye
Council Member Lizeth Servin	Aye
Vice Mayor Javier Vargas	Abstained

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. A. Proclamation on Extra Mile Day - November 1, 2026

5. B. Proclamation on Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Week – November 9-15, 2026

5. C. Proclamation on Family Court Awareness Month - November 2026 and Hot Pink Day – November 18, 2026

5. D. Proclamation on Alzheimer's and Caregiver Awareness Month - November 2026

5. E. Proclamation on Lung Cancer Awareness Month - November 2026

5. F. Proclamation on National Diabetes Awareness Month - November 2026

5. G. Proclamation on National Runaway Prevention Month - November 2026

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

5. H. Presentation by Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) on their End-of-Year Report. (Greg LaVann, President/CEO)

Mr. Greg LaVann, President and CEO, provided an overview of the organization's economic development accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and future priorities, emphasizing regional partnerships, business attraction, quality job creation, and investment opportunities. Regarding San Luis, Mr. LaVann reported that approximately 250 jobs had been supported over the past two (2) years.

He also highlighted efforts to identify a new tenant for the former Myers Power facility, secure grant funding, promote the city's industrial park, and attract investment in infrastructure, semiconductor manufacturing, and agricultural technology. He clarified that GYEDC had no official position on data center development and that the City Council would retain final authority over any proposed projects.

During the discussion, Council Member Lizeth Servin requested clarification regarding jobs benefiting San Luis residents and grant funding allocated to the city.

Mr. LaVann identified a $1 million EDA grant for waterline expansion and approximately $500,000.00 in infrastructure funding through the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Council Member Lizeth Servin emphasized the importance of ensuring measurable economic development benefits for San Luis.

Council Members Esteban C. Rosales and Maria Cecilia Cruz commended Mr. LaVann for his continued efforts to promote San Luis, attract businesses, and support regional economic development.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas also thanked him for the presentation.

5. I. Presentation of the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) 2026 Golden Prospector Awards to the City of San Luis. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development, announced that the city's Economic Development Department and the City of San Luis received the 2026 Golden Prospector Award from the Arizona Association for Economic Development for its Corazon San Luis Cultural and Economic Revitalization Plan. The city also received an Award of Merit for its 928 Day marketing campaign in the Multimedia Promotion category. The awards recognize excellence and innovation in economic development programs, processes, and promotional initiatives. He thanked his staff for their hard work and support, as well as the Communications Team for creating the 928 Day marketing campaign.

5. J. Presentation of retirement plaque to Yolanda Dueñas for her 34 years of service to the City of San Luis. (Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works)

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Director of Public Works, presented Ms. Yolanda Dueñas with a retirement plaque in recognition and appreciation of her years of dedicated service to the City of San Luis and its residents.

Ms. Dueñas thanked the Mayor and Council, City Management, and her colleagues for their support and for the opportunity to serve the City of San Luis for 34 years. She expressed gratitude for the recognition, the meaningful relationships she developed throughout her career, and her family's support.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas and Members of the City Council thanked Ms. Dueñas for her years of dedicated service and congratulated her on her retirement.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6. A. MINUTES OF
- Regular Council meeting held September 23, 2026

6. B. DISBURSEMENTS
From October 7, 2026 to October 20, 2026
Total $2,260,902.51 (Two Million, Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Fifty-One Cents)

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

7. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the annual physicals for fire department personnel with the company 1582, LLC. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, explained that the item was a routine annual request for approval to conduct the Fire Department's required physical examinations. He stated that Company 1582 has provided these services to the department for the past several years and is in the Yuma area. He further noted that the company was originally scheduled to conduct the examinations the previous week; however, because the item was not included on the agenda, the examinations were rescheduled for the following week. He clarified that the approval was necessary to proceed with the department's annual physical examinations.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to approve the purchase of annual physical medical evaluations from the Company 1582, L.L.C., for Fire Department personnel in the total amount not to exceed $58,845.00. 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

7. B. Discussion and possible action on all matters regarding the renewal of the Expertcare Extended Warranty and Preventive Maintenance Contract with Zoll Medical Corporation. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, explained that the item requested approval to continue preventative maintenance services for the Fire Department's ZOLL defibrillators and cardiac monitors. He emphasized that this equipment is essential to emergency medical response and requires regular maintenance to ensure proper operation. He noted that ZOLL provides annual maintenance and repair services whenever equipment malfunctions or requires servicing.

MOTION: Council Member Lizeth Servin/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales moved to approve the renewal of the expertcare extended warranty and preventive maintenance contract with Zoll Medical Corporation, in the amount of $45,733.50. 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

7. C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Regulators and Air Packs from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief)

Mr. Angel Ramirez, Fire Chief, presented a request for approval to purchase additional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units and regulators, as previously discussed at the April budget retreat. The purchase is necessary to accommodate the department's growth and ensure that each firefighter is assigned a regulator and SCBA rather than sharing. The Department intends to maintain consistency with its existing equipment by purchasing Scott brand, represented in Arizona by Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES).

Council Member Esteban C. Rosales asked how many units were needed.

Chief Ramirez estimated that the purchase would include approximately eight (8) regulators and 12 SCBA units to equip newly hired firefighters. He emphasized that SCBAs are among the most critical pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighters.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz moved to approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus regulators and air packs from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. in the amount not to exceed $102,937.58, as presented. 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

7. D. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the reappointment of two (2) members and the appointment of one (1) new member to serve on the San Luis Economic Development Commission. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, reported that the Commission had three (3) vacancies. He requested the reappointment of Ms. Linda Padilla and Mr. Octavio Ramirez, whose terms had expired, to full four-year terms, as they submitted letters of interest. He also advised that the department had advertised the remaining vacancy and received three (3) applications from interested community members.

During the discussion, Council Members asked whether any applicants were present, whether the department had a recommendation based on specific qualifications, and whether the applicants had previously applied.

Ms. Jenny Torres, City Manager, asked whether the department had specific qualifications or skill sets it was seeking to fill the Commission vacancy, to help the City Council determine which applicant to select.

Mr. Esparza indicated that the three (3) applicants had comparable qualifications and expressed interest in serving the community. He also noted that, under the Commission's bylaws, applications remain valid for one (1) year and must be resubmitted after expiration.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to reappoint Linda Padilla and Octavio Ramirez to the San Luis Economic Development Commission for four-year terms expiring July 24, 2030, and to appoint Skelsey Moraga to the San Luis Economic Development Commission for a four-year term expiring July 24, 2030. 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

7. F. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding approval of a Professional Services Contract with TIP Strategies, Inc. for the preparation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. (Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs)

Mr. Armando Esparza, Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, requested Council approval to award a professional services contract to TIP Strategies, Inc., to develop a new five-year strategic plan for the city. He explained that Arizona Public Service (APS) had committed $50,000.00 toward the project, with the total cost estimated at $100,000.00 and an anticipated 10-month planning process. He noted that the city's previous strategic plan was completed in 2015 and that updated goals and strategies were needed to address the city's growth and changing economic conditions.

During the discussion, Council Members inquired about the project timeline and community involvement.

Mr. Esparza indicated that work could begin in January, with completion anticipated by October of the following year. He also explained that a steering committee would be established, including representatives from the Economic Development Commission, businesses, and community partners, to provide input and help guide the planning process.

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas acknowledged APS's continued support and investment in the city's growth, including infrastructure improvements, and requested that appreciation be extended to APS for its partnership.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Javier Vargas/Council Member Esteban C. Rosales moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with TIP Strategies, Inc. for the preparation of the City of San Luis Economic Development Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, as presented. 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

7. G. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the award of a construction contract to TF Contracting Services, LLC for the Well Site 6 Booster Pump Station Expansion Project. (Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer)

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer, requested Mayor and City Council approval to award the construction contract to TF Contracting Services, LLC, in the amount of $3,865,202.44. He explained that the project will expand the existing booster pump station by installing additional pumps, electrical equipment, control systems, and a backup generator to increase pumping capacity and improve the reliability of the city's water distribution system. He added that the city received two (2) bids from TF Contracting Services, LLC and Taylor Engineering, with TF Contracting Services, LLC submitting the lowest responsible bid of $3,865,202.44. He noted that the original engineer's cost estimate of approximately $2.1 million was revised to $3 million due to increased construction costs. The current fiscal year budget includes $900,000.00, with the remaining funding to be requested in Fiscal Year 2027. Project completion is anticipated in December 2027.

During discussion, Council expressed concern over the significant increase in project costs but acknowledged the importance of proceeding to avoid further cost increases.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved award the contract to TF Contracting Services, LLC for the construction of the City of San Luis Well Site 6 Booster Pump Station Expansion Project in the amount of $3,865,202.44, as presented. 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

7. H. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the award of a construction contract to Nu-Wave Innovations for the Well Site #3 Electrical Upgrade Project. (Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer)

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, City Engineer, requested Mayor and City Council approval to award the construction contract to Nu-Wave Innovations in the amount of $620,215.00.

He explained that the project involves upgrading the electrical system at Wellsite No. 3, including power distribution equipment, pump motor controls, electrical panels, and installation of a backup generator to improve operational efficiency and reliability. Three (3) bids were received from Nu-Wave Innovations, Merrill Development and TF Contracting Services, LLC, with Nu-Wave Innovations submitting the lowest responsible bid of $620,215.00. The current fiscal year budget includes $300,000.00, with approximately $220,000.00 to be requested in Fiscal Year 2027. Project completion is anticipated in December 2027. He noted that the bid came in below the city's preliminary cost estimate of approximately $1 million.

The City Council acknowledged the cost savings and noted that, although some projects exceed estimates, others provide opportunities for savings.

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz expressed concern over the rising cost of goods and the impact of inflation on the community. She noted that, as of July 2026, the purchasing power of the dollar had declined to approximately $ 0.39, compared to $0.44 in July 2022, highlighting the continued decrease in the dollar's value.

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to award the contract to Nu-Wave Innovations for the construction of the City of San Luis Well Site #3 Electrical Upgrade Project in the amount of $620,215.00, as presented. 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

7. I. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Ordinance No. 488. An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, declaring the following document a public record "San Luis City Code Updates October 2026"; amending City Code Title 6 and Section 8.25.060 to update and define Animal Control Enforcement; repealing conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing for penalties; and providing for an effective date. (Emmanuel Botello, San Luis Police Department Lieutenant)

Mr. Nigel Reynoso, Chief of Police, presented Ordinance No. 480, requesting approval of amendments to the City Code that would authorize Animal Control Officers to enforce applicable state animal control statutes in addition to city ordinances. The amendments address gaps in the existing code by expanding enforcement authority to cover all animals, not just dogs, including animal cruelty, abuse, unlawful feeding, and sanitary conditions.

Council questioned whether the existing code had caused any issues or confusion within the community.

Chief Reynoso explained that the previous City Code limited Animal Control Officers' enforcement authority to violations involving dogs, preventing them from addressing certain violations involving other animals. The proposed amendments expand their authority to enforce applicable regulations covering all animals, not just dogs.

During discussion, Council asked for clarification regarding unlawful feeding and how the amendments would affect residents who feed stray cats.

Chief Reynoso explained that feeding animals is not prohibited; however, issues may arise when feeding attracts multiple animals, creates neighborhood nuisances, or results in responsibility for the animals.

Council also discussed the importance of informing residents how to report animal abuse and other animal-related concerns.

Chief Reynoso confirmed that residents should contact the Police Department, while complaints may also be submitted through the city's website, public relations email, and social media platforms.

Staff said a public education campaign would run during the proposed 30- to 60-day grace period. Additionally, the city is working on a new reporting system that will allow residents to submit concerns directly to the appropriate department.

Mr. Joe Estes, City Attorney, clarified that the proposed ordinance supplements existing state law, under which animal abuse is already prohibited. He explained that the amendments provide Animal Control Officers with additional authority to become more directly involved in investigating and addressing animal-related violations, including issues involving the feeding of stray animals.

Chief Reynoso emphasized that the ordinance supplements existing state law and allows Animal Control Officers to investigate and address violations more efficiently, reducing the need for police officers to handle these matters.

Mr. Yonnuen Roberto Oropeza, Animal Control Officer, provided additional clarification regarding the proposed amendments, explaining that expanding the definition of animals at large beyond dogs would allow Animal Control to address complaints involving other domesticated animals, including stray cats and chickens. He noted that the department receives complaints involving roaming cats, property damage, unsanitary conditions, and residents feeding stray animals without assuming responsibility for their care. He further explained that leaving food and water outdoors without maintaining sanitary conditions can attract pests and create neighborhood nuisances. The amendments would provide Animal Control Officers with additional enforcement tools to address these concerns.

He also clarified that residents may contact the Police Department's non-emergency line at 928-341-2420 to report animal-related concerns, which will be referred to Animal Control for follow-up. He encouraged residents and Council to direct any additional questions to the Department.

Council asked whether the proposed ordinance would also apply to turtles.

Animal Control Officer Oropeza confirmed that the amendments would cover turtles and other animals, not just dogs and cats.

Council briefly discussed similar concerns involving turtles in neighboring communities, including Somerton and Yuma.

A. Action on Reading of Ordinance No. 488 by title only

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Vice Mayor Javier Vargas moved to approve the Reading of Ordinance No. 488 by title only. 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

Mrs. Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 488 by title only.

B. Action on Ordinance No. 488

MOTION: Council Member Esteban C. Rosales/Council Member Lizeth Servin moved to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 488. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cornelio recommended a roll-call vote on Ordinance No. 488 to ensure a clear, official record of the Council's vote on its passage.

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

8. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Maria Cecilia Cruz reported on her attendance at the Arizona Transportation Policy Summit alongside Council Members Lizeth Servin, Esteban C. Rosales and Vice Mayor Javier Vargas. She shared highlights from the 2026 Arizona Infrastructure Report Card, which gave the state's infrastructure an overall grade of C, with roads receiving a D+. She also noted an estimated $162 billion infrastructure funding gap by 2050. She emphasized the need for increased investment in transportation infrastructure, including raising the state gas tax, which she noted has not been increased in approximately 30 years. She stressed the importance of addressing infrastructure needs, particularly given the city's continued growth and demand for additional roads.

Council Member Lizeth Servin reminded residents that the city's cleanup campaign is ongoing and encouraged the community to check the calendar for scheduled cleanup dates in their respective areas. She also highlighted recent visits from state and federal officials to the region and invited residents to attend the upcoming meet-and-greet with Senator Ruben Gallego in Yuma. Additionally, she reminded the community that Election Day was six (6) days away and encouraged residents to exercise their right to vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Javier Vargas adjourned the Regular Council meeting at approximately 7:53 p.m.

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 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, held on October 28, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held in accordance with applicable law and that a quorum was present.

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk