

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**San Luis City Council**  
**San Luis Council Chamber**  
**1090 E. Union Street**  
**March 11, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED** by Council  
**Date:** April 8, 2015  
**Clerk's Office:** /s/ S. Cornelio

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor G. Sanchez called the Regular City Council meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gerardo Sanchez  
Vice Mayor Matias Rosales  
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.  
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco  
Council Member Maria C. Ramos  
Council Member Gloria Torres  
Council Member Ruben Walshe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Eads, City Manager  
Tadeo De La Hoya, Assistant to the City Manager  
Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk  
Andrea Moreno, Police Department  
Daniel Paz, IT Director  
Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director  
Geraldine Gutierrez, Asst. to Mayor and Council/PIO  
Hank Green, Fire Chief  
James Neujahr, Police Chief  
Jennifer Cisneros, Asst. Parks & Recreation Director  
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director  
John Starkey, Building Safety Director  
Jose Guzman, Assistant Planner  
Kay Macuil, Assistant City Attorney  
Katie St. Louis, Finance Director  
Olivia Jenkins, Utilities Director  
Victor Figueroa, Police Department  
Francisca Guzman, Simultaneous Translator  
Gregg LaVan, GYEDC  
Miguel Alvarez, Police Department  
Jose Leonardo Suarez, Resident  
Alan Guevara, Police Department  
Joe Johnson, Police Department  
Ernesto Prieto, Police Department  
Alfredo Campa, Police Department  
Diane Umphress, Amberly's Place

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member M.C. Ramos.

## **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was made by Mr. Hank Green, Fire Chief.

## **PRESENTATION**

- **Presentation of the mid-year update by Ms. Julie Engel, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation**

Ms. Julie Engel, Executive Director of the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) made a power point presentation to Mayor and Council. This presentation included the following slides, New Job Creation, Projects Lost (2012-2015), Food Processing Profile, Fruit and Vegetable Processing, Location Decision-Making Factors, Arizona Infrastructure Improvement: Key Commerce Corridors, Leads by Industry 2011-2015 (to date), Range of Interest by Size Requirements (2011-2015), Bi-National Update and Logo/Brand.

Ms. Jenny Torres, Community Development Director, commented that GYEDC and herself have spent a lot of time in meeting and reviewing the logo and the marketing and working with different companies.

Mayor G. Sanchez asked if it has been easier to market the region compared to just one town.

Mr. Engel replied that it is more attractive for the end-user to be able to look at a bigger community than just one.

- **Presentation by the San Luis Police Department to Detective Ernesto Prieto for meritorious service involving an incident on November 14, 2014**

Mr. James Neujhar, Police Chief, commented that almost every day the police personnel perform mass of absolute heroes, everyday heroes are barely recognized and many do not want to be, many will call their heroic actions as part of the job, but looking from the outside end, one can see that there is training, dedication to the profession and their commitment to the community they serve is unwavering. Each day people gives back 110% to the community. Sometimes it cost them personal leave from injuries, miss family events, and other job commitment which affect them personally. He stated that it is very important that the community is aware what this people do for the community as it is for people to be recognized for their actions, from time to time staff will be recognized for their actions, and how they have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Neujhar presented a Meritorious Service Award to Detective Ernesto Prieto.

This award is to recognize a great job performed on November 14, 2014 in assisting a possible suicidal subject. Detective Prieto was able to build a rapport with the subject who had climbed up a power pole. Detective Prieto worked with the subject for approximately two hours and successfully convinced the man to come down with him into a bucket lift. Mr. Neujhar stated that the success of the operation and the saving of the subject life is credited to all personnel in that day.

Mayor G. Sanchez thanked Detective Prieto.

This presentation was followed by a round of applause.

Detective Ernesto Prieto, thanked the San Luis Police Department and the City of San Luis. He commented that the San Luis Police Department is a great team to work with, he thanked all those that worked together during that day.

Council Member M.C. Ramos stated that this is a very special day, and everybody is proud of the Police Department. Mr. Prieto sacrificed his life and now he is a great hero. She thanked the Police Department for all they do for the community.

Mayor G. Sanchez added that the Council has always thought that there is, a lot of potential in the Police Department. He commented that they have always worked hard and to continue to make the community proud of the department.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MINUTES OF**

- Regular Council meeting held February 11, 2015
- Public meeting held February 18, 2015

### **DISBURSEMENTS from February 16, 2015 to February 27, 2015**

Total disbursements \$873,771.13

(Eight-Hundred, Seventy-Three Thousand, Seven-Hundred, Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents)

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor M. Rosales/Council Member M.C. Ramos to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters pertaining to the purchase of a new Bobcat, 24" Asphalt Planer, High Flow in the amount of \$14,578.96 and a new Titan Line Striper with LazyLiner Elite driver system in the amount of \$13,876.74 for Public Works Department-Highway Users Division, for a total purchase of \$28,455.70.

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, stated that the Highway Users division is requesting approval to purchase a new Bobcat, 24" Asphalt Planer and a new Titan Line Striper with LazyLiner Elite driver system. He stated that funds were approved during Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the purchase of a Broce Broom Brand. He added that after re-assessment of street maintenance and rehabilitation program, staff recommends the purchase of a new Bobcat Planer and a new Titan Liner Striper, which will be more beneficial to the community.

Council Member M.C. Ramos stated that she appreciates the Public Works Department, because she wants the City of San Luis streets to look good.

**MOTION:** Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco/Council Member M.C. Ramos to allow the Department of Public Works to purchase a new Titan Liner Striper with LazyLiner Elite Driver System and a new Bobcat 24" Planer equipment for Highway Users Division in the total amount of \$28,455.70. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters pertaining to the approval to enter into contract with a contractor in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the replacement of 120 lineal feet of 15" ductile iron pipe with new 15" PVC sewer pipe.**

Mr. Eulogio Vera, Public Works Director, informed that the sewer line replacement has been in the books for a couple of years. He added that now that Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in charge of Main Street, the City has been working at the time that is more convenient for them. He stated that when the Agenda Item Review Form was submitted to the City Clerk's Office, there was no specific amount to the project. He added that staff went out to bid and the lowest bid came out at \$67,411.00. Furthermore he added, that the original intent was to replace 700 feet of sewer line, and when the final plans came in it was found that the whole line is ok, and only a little section needed to be replaced. He mentioned that the original cost estimated for this project was \$200,000.00, once the line to be replaced was reduced, staff only needs \$67,411.00.

**MOTION:** Council Member R. Walshe/Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to enter into a contract with a contractor to replace the "C" Street Sewer Line for the Amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 and to waive formal bidding requirements pursuant to section 36.1(H) of the City Code. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1088. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of San Luis and the City of Yuma for use of the Public Safety Training Facility.**

Mr. Jim Neujahr, Police Chief, stated that this resolution is to authorize the San Luis Police Personnel to use the City of Yuma Public Safety Training Facility specifically the driver training course.

**MOTION:** Council Member M. Buchanan Jr./Council Member G. Torres to approve Resolution No. 1088. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding Resolution No. 1089. A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, approving Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of San Luis and Yuma County, regarding bomb disposal services.**

Mr. Jim Neujhar, Police Chief, stated that staff is requesting approval of Resolution No. 1089, for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office for Bomb Disposal detail, to be used for any type of explosive devices that may be found, be planted or may even be something that is left over from the bombing range.

**MOTION:** Council Member G. Torres/Council Member M.C. Ramos to approve Resolution No. 1089. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Summary of current events by Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and/or City Staff pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (K).**

Mayor G. Sanchez reported that Vice-Mayor M. Rosales, Council Member M.C. Ramos and himself attended the Borders Congressional Briefing. He added that other entities also attended this briefing, where it was a good time to promote the San Luis Port of Entry II for private vehicles. He mentioned that other entities were in support of this request.

Vice-Mayor M. Rosales stated that Mayor G. Sanchez gave a great report and caught everybody's attention. He added that Council will continue pushing forward.

Council Member M.C. Ramos stated that this project will go forward, because San Luis has the support from other entities.

Mr. Tadeo de la Hoya, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that the Senior Center will be closed from March 23 to April 3, 2015 due to the re-flooring and replacement of the ceiling. He added that seniors will be transported to the Somerton Senior Center if they wish and it will be up to them.

Mr. Jennifer Cisneros, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, gave a brief report about the Welcome to San Luis signs. She informed that the ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 18, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Council Member G. Torres reported that she attended the WACOG meeting in Yuma, Arizona.

Council Member M.C. Ramos informed that the Relay for Life event is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Joe Orduño Park.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jim Neujhar, Police Chief, 1030 E. Union Street, San Luis, Arizona, informed that the San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico, Police Chief asked for assistance.

He added that they bought some brand new motorcycles, and they have contacted the San Luis Police Department to get them trained as the local department has a Certified Motorcycle Instructor. He mentioned that his staff has gone, surveyed and agreed to assist them, they will be placed in a two (2) week training course. Furthermore, he added that the Mayor of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico has thanked for assisting his department. He mentioned that this is a professional training exercise and they will get the same certification as a local officer will get in Arizona.

Ms. Diane Umphress, Executive Director for Amberly's Place, thanked Mayor, Council and Police Chief for recognizing Detective Ernesto Prieto. She also thanked them for providing a place in the San Luis Police Department to store items that are needed for victims.

## **6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Council Member G. Torres/Council Member A. Luna-Carrasco to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



### **Certification of Council Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the San Luis City Council held on March 11, 2015. I further certify the meeting was dully called and held and that the quorum was present and that the City Council approved these minutes at their Regular Council meeting held on April 8, 2015.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

/s/ Sonia Cuello, City Clerk