



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

- TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem (absent)
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee
- STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Enrique Salas, Lieutenant
Gloria Maya, Recorder
- PUBLIC:** Mary Helen Ratje Diana Davidson
Victor Sakalys Julie Phillips
Ralph Geck Cecilia Vigil
Becky King Alyssa Myrick
Vanessa Lara Susan Krueger
Sam McBurney Krista Wahlen
Marisol Diaz Michael Milam

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Nora L. Barraza, Trustee Carlos Arzabal, Trustee Jesus Caro, Trustee Veronica S. Garcia.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Mayor Barraza requested removing Case #06098 and Case #060957 from the agenda.

1 **Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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3 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

4 **Trustee Carlos Arzabal Yes**

5 **Trustee Jesus Caro Yes**

6 **Trustee Veronica S. Garcia Yes**

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8 **4. PRESENTATION:**

9 1. A presentation regarding developing and possibly adopting a Social Host Ordinance (SHO).
10 – **Chief Vanessa Lara, City of Anthony Police.**

11 Ms. Myrick and Police Chief Lara gave a presentation regarding developing and possibly adopting a
12 Social Host Ordinance. They addressed the liabilities to property owners. They recommended being
13 thoughtful and careful (i.e. verbiage) when putting the ordinance together in order to give the whole
14 picture.

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16 Ms. Myrick stated it is important to take steps to protect our community for a healthy future.

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18 Mayor Barraza stated years past parties were held in vacant homes in Mesilla. SHO discussion has taken
19 place; it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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21 **5. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

22 Ms. Ratje stated she petitioned the trustees to reconsider the fee they will be charged for the use of the
23 auditorium. The Pilates instructor is a volunteer and only the lights on the stage are on during the class.

24 Ms. Parra, who we scheduled the class with and who was in charge, would let us know if there was an
25 event; we were very flexible. It is a Community Center and we need to do things for the community to
26 avoid being in risk with the population. We do try to give the instructor a donation. We have been told
27 that we will have to pay \$50 an hour; \$100 a week. She is asking that the cost be reconsidered.

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29 Ms. Vigil stated she echoed what Ms. Ratje has said.

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31 Ms. King stated Ms. Sellers walked into the Pilates class and asked for the keys. She came to speak to
32 Ms. Sellers who told her about the fees. She was not given the courtesy of a phone call prior to walking
33 into her class. She was told that the class which takes place after her class does not pay a fee. We serve
34 the community.

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36 Ms. Krueger commented on Case #262957 – 8 ft. wall; Case #060968 – northern New Mexico style; and
37 street scape. Recommended looking carefully at maintaining our historic character.

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39 Mr. Geck stated Case #060968 was voted on a blink of an eye. He counted seven (7) apartments within
40 yards of his house. He objects to apartments being built in Mesilla as a whole. The Kane family could
41 bring a proposal for a modest home that goes with our neighborhood. He hopes the board is listening and
42 carefully considers this request.

1 Ms. Phillips stated she feels it is a good thing for Mesilla to have Pilates.

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3 Ms. Davidson stated the class was very beneficial for Mesilla.

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5 Ms. Diaz stated on October 26th Mesilla will hold the Prescription Take Back Program at the Town Hall
6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in collaboration with DEA. Thanked Mesilla for their partnership. There are drop
7 boxes in Hatch, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and Dona Ana County Sheriff's office.

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9 Ms. Myrick stated the Town of Mesilla's Marshal Department will man the site this year.

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11 **6. CLOSED SESSION** - pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion of limited
12 personnel matters relating to the Marshal's Department. – *Nora L. Barraza, Mayor*

13 **Motion: To enter Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10.15.1(H)(2): discussion of**
14 **limited personnel matters relating to the Marshal's Department, Moved by Trustee Arzabal,**
15 **Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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17 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

18 **Trustee Carlos Arzabal Yes**

19 **Trustee Jesus Caro Yes**

20 **Trustee Veronica S. Garcia Yes**

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22 **Entered Closed Session at 6:47 p.m.**

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24 **Motion: To enter Regular Meeting after limited discussion limited to personnel matters relating to**
25 **the Marshal's Department - pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10.15.1(H)(2); no action taken,**
26 **Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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28 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

29 **Trustee Carlos Arzabal Yes**

30 **Trustee Jesus Caro Yes**

31 **Trustee Veronica S. Garcia Yes**

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33 **Entered Regular Meeting at 7:11 p.m.**

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35 **7. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – (The Board will be asked to approve by one**
36 **motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is**
37 **marked with an asterisk *):**

38 Trustee Arzabal requested placing New Business item 9b on the consent agenda.

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40 **Motion: To approve consent agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
41 **Garcia.**

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Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).

Trustee Carlos Arzabal Yes

Trustee Jesus Caro Yes

Trustee Veronica S. Garcia Yes

- a) ***BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting & Work Session on September 23, 2019. *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***PZHAC Case 060968** – SW corner of Calle de Colon and Calle de Tercera; submitted by Samuel Kane; a request for a zoning permit to allow the construction of four rental units on a property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). *Removed from agenda*

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **PZHAC Case 060957** – 2782 Calle de San Albino, submitted by John Wright; a request for a zoning permit to remodel and build an addition to a dwelling at. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). *Removed from agenda*

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **For Approval:** action on limited personnel matters following closed session relating to the Marshal’s Department. – *Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.*

Mayor Barraza recommended termination of Marshal Presha.

Motion: To approve termination of Marshal Presha, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).

Trustee Carlos Arzabal Yes

Trustee Jesus Caro Yes

Trustee Veronica S. Garcia Yes

- b) **For Approval:** An agreement between the Department of Finance and Administration and the Town of Mesilla in the amount of \$132,130 in Capital Outlay Funding for La Llorona Trail. – *Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director. Approved by consent agenda*

10. *STAFF REPORTS:

- Community Development
- Community Programs
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Marshal’s Department
- Public Works Department

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1 Trustee Arzabal stated Chief Elected Official meeting will be held on December 13th in Hatch.
2 Mayor Barraza stated the MPO was cancelled. She attended Blue Ribbon Ceremony for the National
3 Guard units that are being deployed to Egypt; NMML Board of Directors meeting; Taylor/Reynolds
4 Museum Board meeting; Walk to School Day; Dona Ana County Clean and Beautiful meeting; SCCOG
5 meeting. We will be looking at starting a recycle program. She will be attending the RTD meeting on
6 October 25th. NMML Infrastructure Conference will be held at the Convention Center on 23rd through the
7 25th. The Jazz Happening and the Los Leones Car Show took place. Ms. Sellers has been working
8 diligently on the Halloween Carnival which will take place on October 26th. The entrance charge will be
9 one can good.

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11 **12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

12 Trustee Garcia stated she will not be in attendance for the October 28th Board Meeting.

13 Trustee Arzabal asked if the board will be working on the Sign Ordinance.

14 Mayor Barraza responded there will be two (2) different ordinances.

15 Trustee Caro stated he understands the Pilates groups concern. We may want to look at lower fees. This
16 is good for the community; believes we need to work with them.

17 Lieutenant Salas stated the Prescription Take Back Program is a good opportunity to dispose stale,
18 outdated drugs. This will take place October 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

19 Mayor Barraza stated the town did not know the classes were still being held; they were not on the
20 schedule. The key was originally issued to Ms. King's daughter who filled out the form. Ms. Sellers
21 asked Ms. King to come into the office which she did on Tuesday. She became upset and walked out
22 when she was told there would be a charge. Due to the anti-donation clause we cannot allow anyone to
23 use the center for free; even staff is charged a fee. The non-profit fee is \$50 a day. Centers around the
24 community charge a fee. Since Ms. Ratje is a resident that is the fee that was offered. We cannot do it
25 for one without doing it for all and everyone that is currently using the center is paying a rental fee.

26 Trustee Garcia asked her to reach out to the group.

27 Mayor Barraza responded she would be happy to meet with them. She did reach out to Ms. Ratje to
28 discuss the fees prior to this meeting.

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30 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

31 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**

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33 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 P.M.**

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35 **APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.**

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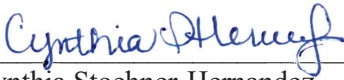
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Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

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ATTEST:



Cynthia Stochner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

